



City of Parksville

# it's your City!

November 19, 2019

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## Cookies & Carols Christmas Light Up at the City

On December 3 from 12.30 to 1.30 pm, City Council and staff invite the community to the first *Cookies & Carols Christmas Light Up* in the Atrium, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre.

This is a free, community event for everyone and a chance to celebrate the goodwill of the season.

Along with the light up, there will be cookies and carols performed by local choir, Oceanside Consort and we invite the public to bring their voices to sing-along.

Oceanside Consort is a six member, acapella group led by musical director, Ann Barber. Oceanside Consort's

Christmas program offers songs ranging from early English, Spanish, French and German carols to more modern favourites.

- Who: Oceanside residents
- What: *Cookies & Carols Christmas Light Up*
- Where: Parksville Civic and Technology Centre (100 Jensen Avenue East)
- When: Tuesday, December 3 from 12.30 to 1.30 pm
- Why: To spread Christmas cheer!



## Did You Know...

- **REDress Project** - the City will again participate with a display of twelve red dresses which serve as a visual reminder of the more than 1,000 missing and murdered Indigenous women in Canada. Dresses will be on display in the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre from November 25 to December 10. The public is welcome to attend a formal blessing on November 25 at 1.30 pm, in the Atrium, 100 Jensen Avenue West.
- **Council appointments** - to committees, boards, commissions and associations from November 5, 2019, to November 2, 2020, may be viewed on the website [*City Hall/Mayor and Council*]
- **Home Owner Grant** - December 31, 2019, is the deadline to claim a retroactive Home Owner Grant for 2018 (subject to qualifications) as well as the deadline to defer 2019 property taxes. For information, contact the finance department.
- **Winter conditions** - info about monitoring of road and weather conditions by the City is on our website [*Quicklink/Winter Conditions*]. The website has info on how residents can be prepared and how they can help.

## City Budget Process

Budget discussions will continue in December to determine the City's financial plan for 2020 through 2024. Residents are encouraged to attend budget meetings at 2 pm in the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre on December 3 and if required, December 10.

Public input is an important part of the financial planning process and Council wishes to receive comments and suggestions from residents. Here are a few options to contribute and learn about the budget process:

- Comment in person at the meetings. Council will provide opportunities for questions and comments.
- Watch the meeting live online through the City's webstreaming. Video from the meeting will be archived and may be viewed at another time as well.
- Email comments/questions to [council@parksville.ca](mailto:council@parksville.ca) by November 26 for the December 3 meeting. Comments will form part of the public record.
- If not familiar with the City's budget information, municipal budgets and financial plans are available from the website.



## 2020 Special Events

The City's special events policy is under review. If you wish to submit an event application for 2020, please email a letter of intent, including contact information, desired venue and date/time of event to [ops@parksville.ca](mailto:ops@parksville.ca). Once the review is complete, an event application form will be emailed.

Where conflicting dates occur, annual events will be given priority provided the request is received no later than January 31, 2020. First-time events will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis depending on venue availability. After January 31, applications must be submitted at least thirty days prior to the event date, subject to the same terms and conditions as those applications received prior to January 31, 2020. For information and a list of City-owned venues, refer to the website [*City Hall/Special Events Procedures*] or contact operations at 250 248-5412 or [ops@parksville.ca](mailto:ops@parksville.ca)

## 75 in 2020

In 2020, the City celebrates its 75th birthday, officially incorporated as a City in 1945. Lewis and Sears Event Management will coordinate and manage two signature events for the community during summer 2020 - a street festival and a beach festival. Stay tuned for the details! As well, we received Council approval to place 75th birthday banners along the Jensen and Corfield sides of the PCTC building. Council appointed the select committee with co-chairs June Beaman and Rhonda McLellan and members Patrick Jiggins and Jennifer Bate. Councillors Wilson and Patterson will alternate their participation on the committee. Suggestions and/or questions welcome; contact Deb Tardiff, [dtardiff@parksville.ca](mailto:dtardiff@parksville.ca).



## 2020 Business Licences

Existing business licence holders may now renew for the 2020 calendar year. Renewal invoices will be mailed the first week in December. Fees are due by January 31, 2020, and may be mailed or paid at City Hall. Bylaw 1483 requires all businesses obtain a valid licence if carrying on business in the City. More info including details about the Inter-Community Business Licence may be found on the website [*Business/Licences*].

## 2020 Dog Licences

Dog licence fees are due by January 31. Current dog licences will receive a reminder notice; if you do not receive a notice and currently own a dog, licences may be purchased from City Hall and the BC SPCA. The main benefit of licensing is the quick return of dogs should they become lost. As well, fees collected help to offset the cost to maintain our off-leash dog park, provide bags and dispensers throughout the City and provide bylaw enforcement to handle public safety concerns of stray, off-leash and dangerous dogs.



By Jan. 31 Spayed/neutered \$20, not spayed/neutered \$30  
After Jan. 31 Spayed/neutered \$25, not spayed/neutered \$35

## Recruiting Now for 2020!

Parksville Fire is gearing up for recruitment 2020. The department is looking for enthusiastic men and women to become volunteer firefighters; the recruitment campaign will begin in January. For info stop by the Parksville Fire Department at 160 Jensen Avenue West, call 250 248-3242 or visit [parksvillefirerescue.ca](http://parksvillefirerescue.ca)

## City Dates

November 20	Special Closed Council Meeting
November 21	Coffee with the Mayor
November 21	Advisory Design Panel
November 25	ERWS Management Board
November 25	REDress Opening Ceremony
December 2	Council Meeting
December 3	Council Budget Meeting
December 3	Cookies & Carols Light Up
December 5	Coffee with the Mayor
December 10	Budget Meeting (if required)
December 12	Coffee with the Mayor
December 16	Council Meeting
December 19	Advisory Design Panel

Please note: On a trial basis for November and December, meetings of Council will be held at 2 pm.

The public is encouraged to attend Council meetings held on the first and third Mondays of the month and may observe advisory committee meetings. Refer to the website for agendas, meeting highlights and minutes.

## How To Reach Council

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