



City of Parksville

it's your City!

December 17, 2019

Enjoy the Holiday Season!
Council and staff wish you and your family a most Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous 2020.

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Recruiting Now for 2020!

The Parksville and Qualicum Beach fire department are recruiting for 2020, looking for positive, energetic and community minded women and men to join their team of volunteer paid on-call firefighters. The two departments have joined efforts to conduct a more regional recruitment for firefighters for 2020. New recruit classes begin in the spring and applications are now being accepted.

For Parksville Fire, you will need to live within our fire protection area (ideally within City boundaries), be reasonably fit, available for weekly fire practices, have a good driving record and between the ages of 19 and 60 for regular members. You will be trained, you will be challenged and your life will change. Details and application forms are available from the fire hall and the website [parkvillefirerescue.ca] or stop by Parksville Fire at 160 Jensen Avenue West (weekdays, 8 am to 4 pm) to chat with an officer. Application deadline is March 6 at 4 pm.

Fire Services Review

Parksville and Qualicum Beach recently announced their intention to conduct a comprehensive fire services review which will focus on the feasibility of creating a fire commission for the joint management and operations of the two fire rescue departments. This review will provide recommendations for the optimal governance structure for an Oceanside Protective Services Commission, including a terms of reference for the commission as well as appropriate funding model options. The process will include dialogue with the RDN and the regional fire departments with whom we share valuable mutual aid and automatic aid agreements. The review will identify benefits to our communities and also address potential operational efficiencies that may be gained through shared resources.

2020 Business Licences

Existing business licence holders may now renew for the 2020 calendar year. 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 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 if lost.

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



Practice Night Open Houses

The public is welcome to attend a regular practice night; a great way to see firsthand what's involved in training to be a volunteer firefighter, ask questions and chat with members and officers. Practices run from 7-9 pm, please arrive by 6:45 pm and stay as long as you wish.

- Parksville Monday, February 24
- Qualicum Beach Thursday, February 27



Food and Toy Drive Thank You Parksville!

Parksville Fire was thrilled with the results of the 2019 annual food and toy drive held last month. Upwards of 29,500 pounds of food and \$34,000 in cash donations were collected door-to-door in the Parksville fire protection area for the Salvation Army food bank and Society of Organized Services. The success of this year's drive and the generosity of the community and food drive volunteers was truly overwhelming. Thank you Parksville!

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. 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

City Dates

December 19	Advisory Design Panel
December 19	Coffee with the Mayor
December 25, 26	City offices closed
January 1	City offices closed
January 16	Coffee with the Mayor
January 20	Council Meeting
February 3	Council Meeting

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.

Seasonal Things to Know



- **Mistletoe Trail** - Mistletoe balls are now placed in five of the Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region's "Amazing Places" for visitors to snap their photo under and it just so happens the Parksville Community Park is one of the Amazing Places chosen to be part of the Mistletoe Trail. Take a moment with friends, family, loved ones or pets to enjoy the outdoors with this fun holiday trail. Visit mabr.ca/amazingplaces to learn more and upload your photos. #amazingplacesmabr
- **Holiday closures** - City offices and operations will be closed on December 25, December 26 and January 1. For after-hours emergency, phone 250 248-6144 (4 pm to 8 am, Monday to Friday, weekends and holidays).
- **10,250 lights** were installed by our crews throughout the downtown to spread Christmas cheer and brighten these winter nights.

Other Things to Know

- **December 31, 2019**, is the deadline to claim a retroactive Home Owner Grant for 2018 (subject to qualifications) and also the deadline to defer 2019 property taxes. For info, contact finance department.
- **In 2020**, It's Your City page will move to the first Tuesday of each month, with the next issue on February 4.
- A **sandwich board**, is a portable sign made up of two panels attached at the top. These signs must provide a continuous unobstructed pedestrian walkway space of 1.6 metres (5.2 feet) and must not be placed more than 3 metres (10 feet) from the frontage of the business to which it refers. Where a number of sandwich boards and other portable signs are in close proximity to one another, the City asks for consideration in coordinating the alignment of signs to allow an unobstructed pedestrian space. This will reduce interference for people with mobility issues and for pedestrians in general.

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