



it's your City!

February 4, 2020

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Recruiting Now for 2020!

Do you have what it takes to be a volunteer paid on-call firefighter?

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 regional recruitment for 2020. New recruit classes begin in the spring and applications are being accepted until March 6 at 4 pm.

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, challenged and your life will change. Applications available from the fire hall and parksvillefirerescue.ca or stop by Parksville Fire at 160 Jensen Avenue West (weekdays, 8 am to 4 pm) to chat with an officer.

Practice Night Open Houses

Residents considering applying are welcome to attend a regular practice night; a great way to see firsthand what is 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



Beach Closures to Dogs

The Black Brant geese along our beaches at this time of the year are on a remarkable journey of migration from California and Mexico to nesting grounds in Alaska. Our beaches provide an abundant food source for the geese which need to gain weight and strength before the last part of their flight. To limit disturbance, our beaches are subject to seasonal "no dog" restrictions. This applies to dogs both on-leash and off-leash. (All dogs must be on leash year round on beaches within the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area). Beach closures to dogs are as follows:

- Rath Trevor Beach February 15 to April 15
- Parksville Bay Beach March 1 to April 30



Licensing

- **Business licences** were due January 31 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. [Business/Licences].
- **Dog licences** were also due by January 31 and may be purchased from City Hall and the BC SPCA. The cost to renew is now \$25 for spayed/neutered and \$35 for not spayed/neutered.

Things to Know

Residential Family Water Rates

Large families with five or more immediate family members consisting of parents and dependent children less than eighteen years of age may qualify for modified water rates. Application deadline is February 27 at 4 pm. Information and application forms available from City Hall and from the website [Residents/Utility Billing].

Watermain Flushing

The City's annual watermain flushing program begins February 10 and will run through first week in April. Flushing is an important part of our ongoing maintenance program to ensure the integrity of the water supply system. Flushing occurs mainly between 7 am and 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday. During these times, residents can expect some discolouration of water and intermittent drops in pressure and should keep a fresh supply of drinking water in your fridge. Check for discolouration of water before doing laundry and should water be discoloured, run an outside tap (after 3:30 pm) until the water runs clear. Please direct questions to 250 248-5412.

Understanding Your BC Property Assessment Notice

Parksville property owners recently received their 2020 assessment notices based on market values at July 1, 2019. The average assessment increase in the City for residential properties was 1.5%, 9.9% for business and 15.2% for light industry. We encourage property owners to visit the bcaassessment.ca to search your property, compare assessments and review recent sales of nearby properties. Should you have questions or concerns about your assessment, contact BC Assessment at 1 866 825-8322.

Spring Grant-in-Aid Applications

Subject to the provisions of the City's grant-in-aid applications policy, the City may provide financial assistance to community groups and organizations for events that benefit our citizens and visitors. Community non-profit organizations in the arts, cultural, recreational or social services fields are eligible applicants. Deadline is 4 pm, February 28. Information on the program, policy, application and instructions may be obtained at City Hall or from the website [Mayor and Council/Grant-in-Aid Applications].

City Dates

February 6	Coffee with the Mayor
February 17	Family Day (offices closed)
February 19	Council Meeting
February 20	Coffee with the Mayor
March 2	Council Meeting
March 5	Coffee with the Mayor
March 16	Council Meeting
March 30	Council Budget Meeting
April 8	Council Budget 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. Council meetings from October 1 to March 31 start at 3 pm and April 1 to September 30 at 6 pm

How To Reach Council

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We're 75 in 2020!

Parksville is the place to be this summer! Here are some of our 75th events planned for the community with more details on the website as they become available.

Historic buildings display – the Parksville Museum and Parksville Community Centre have joined together to provide a display for the month of February in the PCC lobby. Check out the historic models of local landmarks built by Paul Rozek. Each model took about 200 hours and includes thousands of hand-cut shingles.

Friday, June 19 – is the day in 1945 Parksville became a village. A community celebration of our 75th is set from 5-7 pm at the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre, 100 Jensen Avenue East. Event will feature special guests, entertainment, birthday cake and Parksville Fire's pop up water park.

Saturday, July 4 – join us at the Parksville Community Park for a "Beach Party," all about the lazy hazy days of summer and a celebration of our world-famous beach. This family-friendly event will include activities such as an amateur sand sculpting competition, bocce and croquet tournaments, and entertainment.

Saturday, August 22 – will wrap up summer birthday celebrations with a City hosted "Street Festival" at the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre. Everyone welcome to join the festivities and enjoy live entertainment with children's band, The Kerplunks and for the adults, Dinah D's Contraband Swingclub. Bring your dancing shoes! Activities will include children's bike parade, community vendors, food trucks and more.

