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City Delivers Balanced Budget Penalty Date Extended

Parksville residents will have until September 30 to pay their property taxes without penalty. Although Council is providing more time for property owners facing financial difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic, property owners in a position to meet the annual July 2 tax payment due date are encouraged to do so, to help keep City programs, projects and services in place and to meet the City's mandated August 1 obligation of \$6.6 million to the Regional District of Nanaimo.

The due date for property taxes will remain July 2, 2020, with penalties adjusted as follows:

- No penalties applied to payments and/or homeowner grants received by end of business on September 30, 2020.
- A 5% penalty applied to any current year property taxes owing after September 30, 2020.
- A further 5% penalty applied to any current year property taxes owing after November 30, 2020.
- Penalties are also applied to any unclaimed homeowner grants.



The City's 2020 budget, adopted on May 4, delivered a balanced budget for the 2020 financial year and

established the 2020 property tax increase. Council set the overall property tax increase for 2020 at 3% for all classes except Class 5 Light Industry which was set at 10.8% to bring rate in line with the business property class rate. The tax increase is budgeted to be 3.5% for 2021 to 2024.

The municipal portion of the tax increase for the average assessed residential property (\$468,500) is about \$45. The Regional District of Nanaimo taxes will increase by \$29.60 (9.1%) for the average home and school tax increase by \$36. For commercial operations, it is expected the school tax will decrease by about 75% which will more than offset any property tax increases of the other jurisdictions.

The consolidated budget of just over \$40.5 million includes capital expenditures of \$12.8 million. This plan sets out the financial requirements which enable City departments to carry out approved projects in 2020. The plan may be viewed on the City's website [Quicklinks/Reports/Financial Plans].

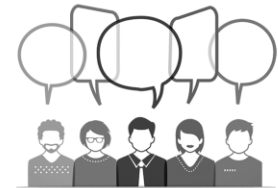
Resident Feedback Survey

The COVID-19 pandemic and resulting physical distancing measures have changed how the City of Parksville connects with residents. We are adjusting to doing business during the COVID-19 pandemic situation and we are exploring how we can continue meaningful public engagement while being respectful of the COVID-19 restrictions.

Listening to provincial and federal health officers, it has become clear that working virtually and maintaining physical distance will be our new normal for some time. Over the next few months, as we move the business of the City forward, we will be looking for feedback from the public on policies, programs and projects. Because we are not able to meet in person, we are now looking for feedback from our residents to determine whether there is an interest in engaging with the City on projects.

As well, we have a few questions about how you receive information as well as how you would like to provide your feedback to us. Before we begin engaging on future projects, we would like to hear from you. Please direct any questions to communications@parksville.ca.

The survey link may be accessed from homepage of the City's website [Parksville.ca] and our public engagement platform, Let's Talk Parksville [letstalkparksville.ca].



Things To Know

• **Utility Notices** - due date for City utility notices covering water, sewer, garbage and recycling has been extended to **June 30**. If you did not receive your notice in the mail, please call 250 248-6144. With City offices closed to the public, we encourage the public to pay utility bills via Canada Post or through online or telephone banking.

• **Water Restriction Stage 2** - now in effect in the City through September unless otherwise advised. With Stage 2, sprinkling can only occur on even days for even-numbered houses and on odd days for odd-numbered houses for a maximum of two hours between 7-10 am or 7-10 pm. [Quicklinks/Water Conservation]

• **Property tax deferment program** - is a low interest loan program which helps qualified BC homeowners pay annual property taxes on their principal residence. Questions should be directed to 1 888 355-2700 or search *BC Property Tax Deferral*. **Please note that the City can no longer accept deferment applications or renewals.** Unpaid taxes, utilities, penalties and interest from prior years must be paid to the City to be eligible to defer current year taxes and you must apply for the homeowner grant if eligible, once property tax notices are received.

• **EMO Enews** - Emergency Management Oceanside, a partnership between the City of Parksville and Town of Qualicum Beach, provides emergency support and disaster service to residents of the region. Receive COVID-19 and emergency preparedness info for the region by email. Emergencyoceanside.ca/emo-eneews

• **Permissive Tax Exemptions** - under the provisions of the *Community Charter*, Council may exempt land and/or improvements from municipal property taxes for the next calendar year, subject to certain requirements which in general, restrict exemption to non-profit organizations using the lands for specific non-profit purposes. Application deadline is 4 pm, June 30. Details, form and policy may be obtained from City Hall or from the website [City Hall/Mayor and Council/Permissive Tax Exemptions].

"Bend the curve, not the rules."

- Dr. Bonnie Henry,
Provincial Health Officer



City Dates

May 18	Victoria Day (offices closed)
May 20	Council Meeting
June 1	Council Meeting
June 4	Parks and Open Spaces
June 15	Council Meeting
July 1	Canada Day (offices closed)
July 2	Parks and Open Spaces

Please note: Until City offices reopen and we are able to meet in person, Council meetings will be held at 3 pm (not 6 pm).

How To Reach Council

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