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## Parksville Aquatic and Recreation Centre Project

Council recently announced this proposed, exciting new project. Prior to starting public consultation as soon as it is safe to do so, residents are encouraged to join the conversation on *Let's Talk Parksville*. Tell us about your vision for this new multiplex. Tell us on [letstalkparksville.ca](http://letstalkparksville.ca) and if you do not have online access, call 250 954-3073. Please join the conversation.

## 2021 Budget Meetings

Open budget meetings to discuss the 2021 municipal budget and 2021-2025 financial plan are underway. Due to the COVID-19 situation, meetings are closed to in-person attendance. Financial plans and 2021 budget details will be posted to the website and *Let's Talk Parksville*. The next budget meetings are March 29 at 3 pm (comments by March 26) and if necessary, April 12 at 6 pm (comments by April 9).

Public input is an important part of the budget process; here are ways to participate:

- View meetings online from website.
- Comments by email to [council@parksville.ca](mailto:council@parksville.ca). As well, real-time comments may be emailed and will be addressed by Council during the meeting.
- Comments may also be posted to the City's online engagement site; [letstalkparksville.ca](http://letstalkparksville.ca)

## Virtual Chat with Mayor

Just like with in-person Coffee with the Mayor, we will schedule 15-minute, one-on-one chats over Zoom between 2 pm and 4 pm on March 18, April 8 and April 15. Email [engage@parksville.ca](mailto:engage@parksville.ca) to book a time to chat. These virtual chats are a chance for casual conversation from your home, office or wherever you might be. You can connect by joining with video or with audio or phone only.

## Watermain Flushing

The City's annual watermain flushing program runs through early April. Flushing is an important part of our ongoing maintenance program to ensure water supply integrity. 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.

## THINGS TO KNOW...

- **Water Restriction Stage 1** in April allows for watering of lawns between 7 pm and 7 am, any day. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from water restrictions.
- **No dogs allowed on beach** - To limit disturbance of migrating Black Brant geese, beaches are subject to seasonal "no dog" restrictions. This applies to both on-leash and off-leash within the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area. Rath Trevor Beach is closed until April 15 and Parksville Bay Beach until April 30.
- **COVID vaccinations** for Oceanside residents will be conducted by Island Health at the Parksville Community Centre. [gov.bc.ca/content/covid-19/vaccine/plan](http://gov.bc.ca/content/covid-19/vaccine/plan)

## Wood Chipping Program

Annual wood chipping program will take place April 5 to April 30. The City is divided into two zones. Properties west of Craig Street receive collection between April 5 and April 16 and properties east of Craig Street between April 19 and April 30. Materials must be curbside by 8 am on:

**April 5** Properties WEST of Craig Street  
**April 19** Properties EAST of Craig Street

- One pile per residence; limit 5 feet wide x 5 feet long x 3 feet.
- Branches with a maximum diameter of 6 inches (15 cm), stacked with the larger end of branch or trunk facing roadway.
- Smaller shrub branches piled for ease of access by the chipping crew.
- Rocks, stumps and construction waste must NOT be included.
- Materials such as pampas grass, yucca and clematis and wisteria vines should go to the Church Road Transfer Station.

## Utility Notices

Notices will be mailed in late March with payment due April 30. On October 1, 2020, the RDN implemented the new automated curbside collection service for garbage, food waste and recycling (GFR). Notices reflect the new semi-annual service level fee for GFR determined by the garbage cart size chosen. Discount of \$7.50 will be applied to GFR charges if paid by due date.

## Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel

The revised Water, Sewer and RDN Parks Parcel Tax Rolls will be open for inspection from 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 3 pm, weekdays, March 26 to April 16 in the finance department. The panel will not hear a complaint unless written notice is submitted to the City at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. For those who received written notification from the City, the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel will meet on April 19 at 5:45 pm (in the Forum) to hear complaints and review and correct assessment rolls. The panel will hear complaints to:

- Ensure names and addresses of the owners are correct
- Parcels of land not abutting the water and/or sewer mains
- Errors or omissions respecting the inclusion of property on the roll

## COVID Relief Grant-in-Aid

The City is offering a one-time COVID relief funding initiative to support non-profit groups which provide social, cultural and community support services and are in Parksville or serving Parksville residents. Application deadline April 16, 3 pm. If not all \$280,000 is allocated, there will be a second intake in the fall. Submission details are outlined on the website.

## Homeowner Grant Process

Home owner grants must now be submitted directly to the provincial government through an online application. The new system helps ensure homeowners receive their full grant entitlement, including the additional grant for seniors or persons with a disability. Current year and retroactive grants are now being accepted online; however, the application will not be processed until taxes are levied in May. Information about this change [gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](http://gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant). Or by phone 1 888 355 2700.

## Services During Covid-19

The finance department is open Monday to Friday, 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 3 pm to accept property tax, utility, tickets/licence fee payments and purchase bus passes, dog licences and building permits. All other business by appointment and walk-in services not available. Please access services electronically. Info on payment options on our website. Phone 250 248-6144 or refer to website to book appointment.

## City Dates

March 15	Council Meeting
March 18	Virtual Chat with Mayor
March 29	Budget Meeting
April 1	Parks and Open Spaces
April 2	Good Friday (offices closed)
April 5	Easter Monday (offices closed)
April 7	Council Meeting
April 8	Virtual Chat with Mayor
April 12	Budget Meeting (if required)
April 15	Virtual Chat with Mayor
April 19	Parcel Tax Roll Review

## How to Reach Council

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