



Your City eNews!

CITY OF PARKSVILLE



*City Council wishes you and your family a Merry Christmas,
Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Holidays!*

For many, as we navigate the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, 2021 may have been just as challenging as 2020. We take this opportunity to thank you for keeping one another safe, being vigilant and taking the necessary steps to help stop the spread of COVID-19, all of which has contributed to our recovery. As we look forward to the holidays and as 2021 comes to an end, we are excited to see what we can accomplish together in 2022.

Our businesses continue to face day-to-day challenges including staffing resources and now supply chain issues. As you work through your holiday giving list, please consider staying local and supporting those who help build our local economy.

During this holiday season, Council's wish for residents is to stay healthy, to be safe and celebrate your moments of joy. We look forward to the new year ahead and hope 2022 brings good health and restored prosperity to all.

*Members of Council
provided a personal
message along with a
few holiday traditions or
special memories.
Click here!*



Photo by Councillor Fras

Recruiting Now!

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

In January, Parksville Fire will officially kick off the 2022 recruitment campaign. We are looking for positive, energetic and community minded women and men to join our dedicated team of paid on-call firefighters.



Firefighters care about and wish to be actively involved in their community. They have courage, dedication and a willingness to learn new skills and face new challenges. We provide an outstanding training program and the opportunity to make an unforgettable difference in the lives of our residents.



Recruit classes begin in the spring with applications accepted until March 4. You need to live within our fire protection area (ideally within City boundary), be reasonably fit, available for weekly fire practices, have a good driving record and between ages 19 and 60 for regular members. No experience necessary, just a willingness to learn.

If you are interested in taking on the challenge and before applying, learn about the position, what is required and the steps in the selection process. We also need you to fully understand the commitment we ask of our paid on-call firefighters. Call the fire station during business hours (Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4 pm) to speak with an officer or arrange a tour. Closing date is March 4. Details and applications on our [website](#).

Open Practice - January 31

We welcome those interested and looking for more info to attend our regular Monday night practice on Monday, January 31 at 6.45 pm. Please RSVP to fire@parksville.ca or 250 248-3242.

Licence Renewals for 2022

Due January 31, 2022, City of Parksville dog and business licence renewals mailed to residents and businesses, may now be paid.

2022 Business Licences - renewals are due January 31, 2022, and fees which remain unpaid after January 31 will be subject to fines.

- Credit card (Visa or Mastercard) payments from the City's [website](#).
- By mail (P O Box 1390, Parksville V9P 2H3)
- Dropbox at City Hall (100 Jensen Avenue East)
- In-person at City Hall (weekdays, 8 am to 4 pm)

2022 Dog Licences - fees are due by January 31. If you do not receive a notice in December and currently own a dog, licences may be purchased in-person from City Hall (weekdays, 8 am to 4 pm) and the BCSPCA (open Tuesday to Saturday, noon to 4 pm).



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.

All dogs older than six months must wear a municipal dog tag, which must be renewed yearly. Rates for tags:

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



EMO Supports Flooding Situation

During the extreme weather and flooding in mid November, EMO activated emergency reception centres in Parksville and Qualicum Beach. The centres provided short-term assistance to residents in the Regional District of Nanaimo who were forced to leave their homes because of flooding. Areas affected were Martindale Road, Parksville and Cedar Grove Campground, Qualicum Beach. As well, the emergency support services reception centre accommodated residents from Halalt First Nation near Chemainus who were displaced because of flooding.

[News Release](#)

EMO and PQBeat

EMO emergency program coordinator, Aaron Dawson, recently discussed recent floods and emergency preparedness for weather events with PQBeat.

[Here's the link.](#)

What's happening on...



Urban Forest Strategy Update

First phase of the Urban Forest Strategy public engagement is now complete. We continue to work with Diamond Head Consulting to draft the strategy, building on input from residents and City staff. Thank you to those who visited the information on [Let's Talk Parksville](#), shared their voices in the online survey, contributed an urban forest location in the mapping tab, and shared ideas on the ideas tab. Key findings from the first phase of engagement are available in the news release.

[News Release](#)

Parksville Community Centre

Renovations to operate the PCC as the Parksville Child and Family Centre will soon begin and while underway, Island Health is operating a vaccine clinic in the PCC through spring. Space in the PCC is also available for Emergency Management Oceanside offices and reception centre setup should it be required. The PCC is expected to open for BGC Central Vancouver Island summer 2022 programs with licensed childcare spaces available September 2022, along with community access to the centre.

[Info and Updates](#)



Outdoor Theatre Construction

Construction on the new outdoor theatre in the Parksville Community Park is now underway. Copcan Civil Ltd was awarded the contract to construct the outdoor theatre along with water, storm and sanitary infrastructure. Initial work includes tree removal, equipment and materials delivery and fencing. Site excavation will start in mid December with completion May 2022. Ravenhill Road in the park is closed to vehicle traffic, Monday to Friday and open weekends.

[Info and Updates](#)

Memorial and Hirst Avenues Project Update

Hirst Avenue West between McMillan Street South and the Alberni Highway has its first layer of asphalt, with Knappett Industries completing this work on November 29

ahead of winter storms. This base layer of pavement provides road users with a smooth and tidy surface throughout the winter, with the final layer of pavement scheduled for the spring. Since this is the base layer of asphalt, you may notice some of the other infrastructure is a little higher or lower than the pavement's surface; these elevation differences will be addressed with the final layer of pavement.

Memorial Avenue at its intersection with the Alberni Highway is now closed. Local traffic is being maintained on Memorial Avenue for access to businesses and residences. Please be patient with construction crews and traffic control personnel who are working through weather to complete this project in a timely manner.



Info and Updates

THINGS TO KNOW

Holiday office closures - City offices and operations will be closed on Monday, December 27, Tuesday, December 28 and Monday, January 3. For afterhours emergency (weekends and holidays), phone 250 248-6144 (select 8) to reach our on-call service.

Winter conditions - info about monitoring of road and weather conditions by the City is on our [website](#).

Parksville Library Access

Residents may now access the Parksville branch of the Vancouver Island Regional Library from 100 Jensen Avenue East which is the main entrance to the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre. Masks are mandatory. Business hours will be Monday to Thursday, 10 am to 8 pm; Friday and Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm; and Sunday, 12.30 to 4 pm. Please check the library's [website](#) for holiday hours.

2022 special events - applications now accepted from organizations and individuals wishing to hold special events at City-owned venues or on City streets; review process starts January 31. Annual events given priority provided request received by January 31, after which applications will be addressed as first-time events on a first-come, first-served basis, based on availability. After January 31, applications must be received at least thirty days prior to event. Policy and forms on website. 250 248-5412 or ops@parksville.ca.

CITY DATES

December 20	Council Meeting
December 27, 28	Offices Closed
January 3	Offices Closed
January 17	Council Meeting
February 7	Council Meeting
February 21	Council Meeting

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