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Parksville Fire Department
Recruiting Now!
Deadline March 4, details at Parksvillefirerescue.ca

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 Parksville Fire Department
160 Jensen Avenue West
fire@parksville.ca | 250 248-3242

Do you have what it takes to be a firefighter?

Parksville Fire is recruiting positive, energetic and community minded women and men to join their team of paid on-call firefighters. Classes begin in the spring and applications are 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 19 and 60 for regular members. Details at parksvillefirerescue.ca. If interested, call 250 248-3242, weekdays, 8 am to 4 pm, to chat with an officer or arrange a tour.

Parksville Aquatic and Recreation Centre Project

On February 16 at 1 pm in the Forum, Council will meet as a Committee of the Whole to discuss the next steps for the proposed Parksville Aquatic and Recreation Centre project. This meeting will provide a less formal opportunity for Council to consider and discuss options for the project and will be webstreamed from our website, live and archived. Project updates will be posted to [Let's Talk Parksville](#).



Online Survey

Public input is an important part of the financial planning process and we are seeking input from residents and businesses prior to Council budget deliberation meetings. Your comments will help determine the City's 2022-2026 financial plan. Have your say

by completing a short online survey to assist Council to better understand how you would prioritize funds to be spent this year. Available until February 28, the survey may be accessed from our [website](#) and paper copies are available from City Hall.

Budget Deliberation Meetings

Open budget deliberation meetings to discuss the 2022-2026 financial plan will be held in March. Due to the pandemic, attendance by the public is limited to forty. Meetings are scheduled in the Forum as follows:

- Wednesday, March 2 at 1 pm
- Wednesday, March 23 at 6 pm
- Wednesday, March 30 at 6 pm

Because input into the budget is an important part of the financial planning process, there are many ways residents may engage in the budget process.

[Join the conversation!](#)

Regional Growth Strategy Review is Underway

The Regional District of Nanaimo is updating the Regional Growth Strategy in partnership with its member municipalities and electoral areas. The current RGS, *Shaping Our Future*, was adopted in 2011 to establish a collective vision for sustainable, complete communities.

Community input is being sought on topics of growth, land use, active transportation, housing and climate adaptation and mitigation planning. Engagement is underway and includes a survey open to all RDN residents February 23 to March 25.



[Get involved!](#)

Understanding Your 2022 Property Assessment

If you recently received a property assessment notice from BC Assessment you may have questions about how this impacts your 2022 Parksville property taxes. Property tax rates are approved by Council after the adoption of the five-year financial plan in May. The change in your property taxes each year is influenced by two factors:

- Total property tax rate change percentage.
- Change in your assessed value compared to the average change for the City of Parksville as a whole.

The average increase for single-family residential properties within the City is **34% for 2022**. Therefore, if your assessment increased higher than the average, you could expect taxes will likely increase. Contact the City to discuss property tax pre-payment options including online banking or Pre-Authorized Withdrawal Service (PAWS).

Annual Beach Closures to Dogs

To limit disturbance of migrating Black Brant geese, our 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. Rathtrevor Beach is closed February 15 to April



THINGS TO KNOW

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. Deadline 3 pm, March 1. Information on the program, policy, application, and instructions may be obtained at City Hall or from the [website](#).

Watermain flushing - Our annual watermain flushing program runs through early April. An important part of our ongoing maintenance program, flushing ensures the integrity of the water supply system. Flushing occurs mainly between 7 am and 3:30 pm, weekdays. Residents can expect some discolouration of water and intermittent drops in pressure; keep a fresh supply of drinking water in your fridge. Check for discolouration of water before doing laundry and if discoloured, run outside tap (after 3:30 pm) until clear. Please direct questions to 250 248-5412.

Residential family water rates - large families with five or more immediate family members consisting of parents and dependent children less than 18 years may qualify for modified water rates. Application deadline February 23. Info and application forms from City Hall and the [website](#).

Business licences were due January 31 and may be mailed or paid at City Hall. Bylaw 1550 requires all businesses obtain a valid licence if carrying on business in the City. More info on our [website](#).

Dog licences also due January 31 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.

City rebates - We continue to offer rebate programs for security cameras (up to \$100 toward purchase and installation); tree program (\$50 for owner of residence/business) and low flush toilet (one \$75 rebate per residence/business). Details and applications are available on our [website](#).

In-person attendance at Council - Aligned with PHO restrictions, the maximum number of residents to be accommodated in the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre for a Council meeting is forty with ten spaces allocated to Council and support staff. For everyone's safety, please consider:

- Do not attend in-person unless fully vaccinated.
- Masks are always mandatory while in the building.
- You must remain seated when in attendance.
- Stay home if sick or not feeling well.



Recent news from the City

Mayor Proclaims Chamber of Commerce Week in Parksville
Memorial and Hirst Avenues Project Update
Exciting Upgrades to Lions Ventureland Playground

CITY DATES

February 16	Committee of the Whole
February 21	Family Day
February 23	Council Meeting
March 2	Budget Meeting
March 7	Council Meeting
March 21	Council Meeting
March 23	Budget Meeting
March 30	Budget Meeting
April 11	Council Meeting
April 15 & 18	Easter holidays
April 20	Council Meeting

For more information:

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