

March 29, 2022



## Parksville 2022 Open Budget Meetings

Open budget deliberation meetings to discuss the 2022-2026 financial plan continue with meetings at 6 pm, **Wednesday, March 30, Wednesday, April 13 and Monday, April 25 (if required).**

Public input into the budget is an important part of the financial planning process. Here are the ways residents may engage in the process:

- Submit comments by email to [council@parksville.ca](mailto:council@parksville.ca).
- Comments to be considered by Council during the meetings, should be received by 4 pm on the day before the meeting (March 29, April 12 and April 22).
- Budget meetings may be viewed live through webstreaming from the City's website and archived to view another time. Previous budget meetings may be viewed through [webstreaming](#).
- Comments, questions and ideas may be posted to [Let's Talk Parksville](#).

All comments received by the City about budget deliberations form part of the public record. [Budget](#) and [financial plans](#) may be viewed on our website and [Let's Talk Parksville](#).

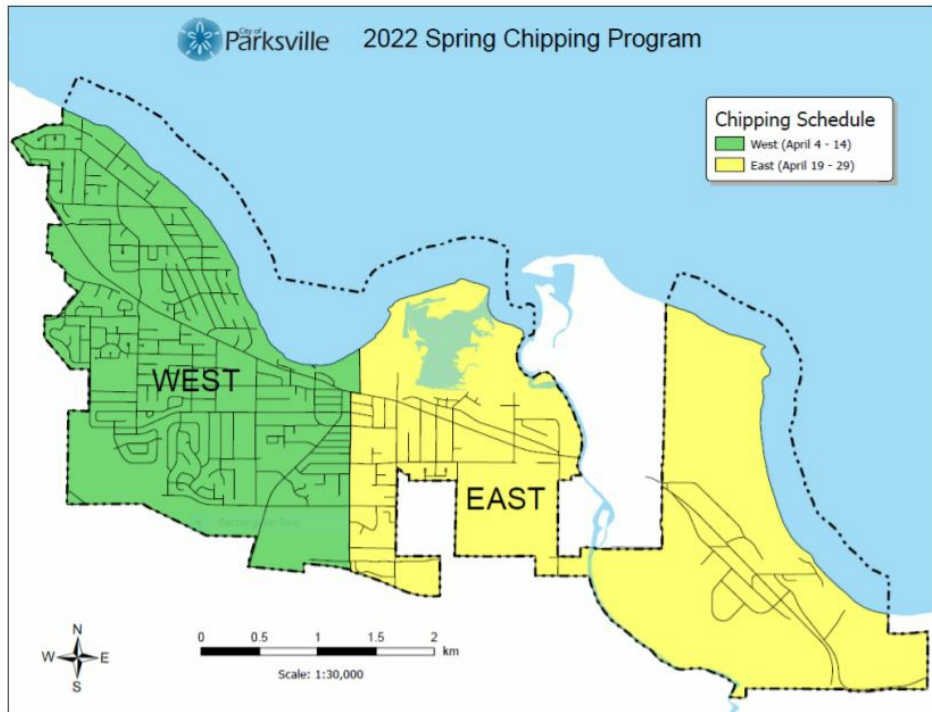
Join the conversation!

## Wood Chipping Program

Annual wood chipping program will take place April 4 to April 29. The City is divided into two zones - west of Craig Street and east of Craig Street. Materials must be curbside by 8 am on:

April 4                      Properties WEST 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 the branch or trunk facing the roadway. Smaller shrub branches piled for ease of access by the chipping crew. More details on our [website](#).



## Understanding the Parkville Wetlands

For the information of our residents, we have provided a document which outlines background and context to the Parkville Wetlands. The 35.9 hectares purchased for \$1.3 million by the City in 2017 from the Ermineskin Cree Nation, is being maintained as park in perpetuity for future generations.

The document available for review at the link below, details how the wetlands came to be, how the City cares for the wetlands, the importance of fire safety to the area, as well as specific information about recent work completed by City staff.

[Parkville Wetlands](#)

## Notice of Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel

For those who received written notification from the City, the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel will meet on April 20 at 5:45 pm in the Forum to hear complaints and review and correct the 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

The revised Water and Sewer Parcel Tax Rolls will be open for inspection from 9 am to

4 pm, Monday through Friday, until April 19 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 appointed meeting time of the panel.

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## Tree Rebate Program

Help grow our urban forest by planting a tree! We offer one rebate per calendar year for the owner of a residence or business who wishes to plant a tree on their property. The rebate is for the purpose of one tree up to a maximum of \$50. As trees offer numerous benefits, this rebate is offered to encourage the growth of an urban forest in Parkville, and it is also a great time of the year to consider planting a tree on your property. Details and application on our [website](#).



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## Get to know our urban forest!

Each month we will feature a "Tree of the Month" to highlight native and introduced species with information about their origin, foliage, interesting facts, and where to find in Parkville's urban forest. The first tree of the month is the mighty Douglas Fir.

# TREE OF THE MONTH



## Douglas Fir

Hul'qumi'num' name: ts'sey'

*Pseudotsuga menziesii*

- ♦ Tree family - Pinacea
- ♦ 20-85 m tall up to 2.4 m diameter
- ♦ Origin - Western North America
- ♦ Used by First Nations for building, basketry and medicine.
- ♦ Named after David Douglas, a Scottish botanist who collected plants in the Pacific Northwest in the early 1800's.
- ♦ The bark is deeply grooved, very thick and is protection against fire and insects. These trees can live to be more than 1,000 years old!
- ♦ Legend tells us there was once a great fire in the forest. All the animals fled to escape; however; mice were not quick enough and hid in the Douglas fir cones for protection. You can still see their tiny tails and back legs sticking out between the scales of the cones.

Where to find me in Parksville?

PARKSVILLE'S URBAN FOREST

## Parksville Fire Department



### Parksville Fire's Newest Junior Member

Smiles and laughter all around at the Parksville firehall last week when the department accepted its newest recruit and youngest official junior member, Oliver Lipinski. It all started when Oliver's parents drove by the firehall a few weeks ago when our recruitment campaign was underway. Oliver told his parents he wanted to join the fire department so his parents, Courtney and Chris, explained he would need a resume and with the information provided by Oliver, prepared his resume which details his education, experience, and keen interest in firefighting.

[Story at this link.](#)



## Things to Know...

**Watermain flushing program** runs through April, 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.

**Utility notices** will be mailed the end of March with payment due April 29. If you have not received your notice my mid-April, please contact 250 248-6144 or [cashier@parksville.ca](mailto:cashier@parksville.ca).

**Water Restriction Stage 1** in effect for 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 on beaches** - to limit disturbance of migrating 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. Rathrevor Beach and Parksville Bay Beach are closed to dogs until April 30.

**Council meeting highlights** – no time to attend in-person or watch online? Meeting highlights are posted to our website the day after the meeting.

**Emergency Management Oceanside** - [sign up](#) to receive monthly updates on emergency preparedness.



## What's on *Let's Talk Parksville*

Let's Talk Budget 2022  
Memorial and Hirst Avenues Project  
Parksville Family and Child Centre

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## City Dates

March 30	Budget Meeting
April 11	Council Meeting
April 13	Budget Meeting
April 15 & 18	Easter holidays
April 20	Council Meeting
April 20	Parcel Tax Roll Review
April 25	Budget Meeting
May 2	Council Meeting
May 16	Council Meeting
May 18	Public Works Day
May 23	Victoria Day (offices closed)



## Council Meeting Highlights- March 21

Agenda for April 11 meeting will be posted to website on April 7.

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**For more information:**

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