

May 4, 2022



## PUBLIC WORKS WEEK OPEN HOUSE

**Wednesday, May 18 - 10 am to 3 pm** Parksville Community Park

To celebrate National Public Works Week, we look forward to welcoming you to our open house on Wednesday, May 18, from 10 am to 3 pm in the Parksville Community Park. National Public Works Week from May 15 to 21, is held annually to recognize the work of public works professionals.

We hope you will drop by to celebrate with us and learn about all-things public works for the City of Parksville. Activities will interest residents of all ages with demonstrations, displays, activities for children, and of course, a chance to explore and ask questions of our staff. Parksville Fire Department and members of the Oceanside RCMP will also be involved. All activities are free.

Our staff are dedicated to creating and maintaining the City's infrastructure and help keep our community strong by providing many public works services such as clean drinking water, wastewater, stormwater treatment, maintenance of public buildings and spaces, safe roads and sidewalks, street lighting and traffic signals, snow removal, fire hydrant maintenance, fleet services, and the beautification of the City through parks and trails, floral displays, irrigation installation and maintenance, and horticulture and arborist services. All services which impact our daily lives.



Since 1960, the third week in May has been celebrated as National Public Works Week. Municipalities across Canada use this week to educate, engage and inform the public about the essential role of public works in the quality of life of the community. For the past two years, City staff have successfully navigated their vital roles through the pandemic, sustaining daily operations which enhance the quality of life and safety of Parksville residents and make our City a better place to live.

We are proud to highlight the services provided by public works to maintain City infrastructure and services. And just as important, this is our opportunity to promote public works as a career choice.

We look forward to showcasing our operations at our Public Works Week open house on **May 18, from 10 am to 3 pm in the Parksville Community Park.**

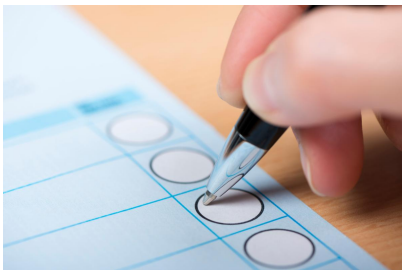
## PARKSVILLE VOTES 2022



Please checkout a new section on [Let's Talk Parksville](#) with tonnes of info about Parksville's local government election in October 2022. There's detailed information for voters and for candidates running for Council. Information provides key dates for voters and candidates, frequently asked questions, ways to vote, who can vote and so much more.

### Mark your calendars!

General voting day is **Saturday, October 15** from 8 am to 8 pm at the Parksville Community Centre on Jensen and the Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church. Advanced polls will be held on October 5 and October 12 from 8 am to 8 pm at the Parksville Community Centre on Jensen only. *You will find election info on [Let's Talk Parksville](#) and in the PQB News through October.*



### Attention voters!

When arriving to vote, you will be required to provide **two pieces of identification**; one containing your name and address, the other containing your name and signature. If you do not have documentation showing residency, then two pieces of identification (with at least one with a signature) are still required and you will be required to make a "solemn declaration" as to your residency. Documents which may be accepted are listed on [Letstalkparkville.ca](#).

### Attention candidates!

Voters will be electing candidates for a four-year term. Those elected in 2022 will serve on Council until October 2026. Elections BC will manage the financial requirements and reporting for all local government election candidates as per the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*. For more information call 1 855 952-

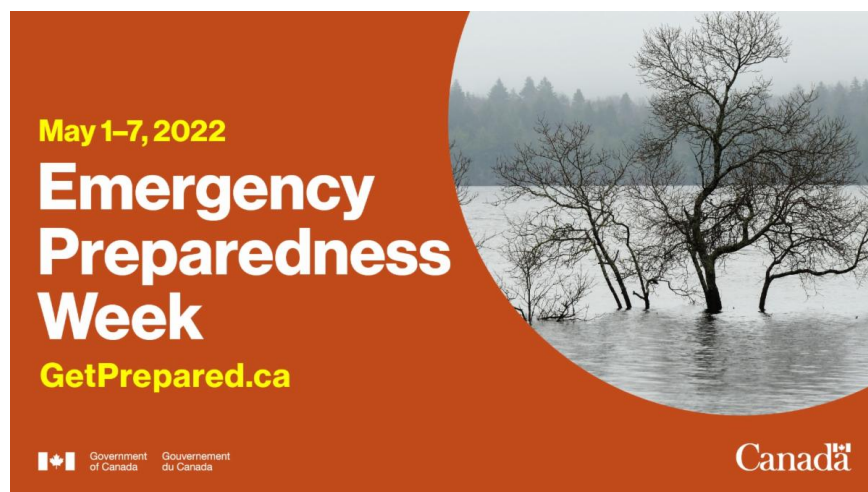
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## ***Be Ready for Anything!* Emergency Preparedness Week**

Emergency Preparedness Week is a national event supported by Public Safety Canada, working closely with provincial and local government emergency management organizations, Indigenous organizations, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector. An annual event for over 25 years, the week is recognized during the first full week of May.

This year's theme is **Emergency Preparedness: Be Ready for Anything**. Everyone has a role to play in an emergency. EP Week is an opportunity for you to take action to ensure you are prepared to protect yourself, your family, and your community during an emergency. Emergency Management Oceanside is a partnership between the City of Parksville and Town of Qualicum Beach to provide large scale emergency support and disaster services to residents of our region. The [EMO website](#) is an excellent resource for emergency preparedness, and you can sign up to receive emergency preparedness newsletters.

### **Know the risks • Make a plan • Get an emergency kit**



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## **Things to Know...**

**Water Restriction Stage 2** - is in effect through September 30 (unless otherwise notified). Stage 2 allows for every other day lawn watering between 7-10 am or 7-10 pm for a maximum of two hours. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from all watering restrictions.

**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](#).

**Tree Rebate Program** - we offer a \$50 rebate for the owner of a residence or business who wishes to plant a tree on their property. See our [website](#) for details.

**Shaw Spotlight Channel 4** - regular Parksville Council meetings will be broadcast by Shaw TV on Shaw Spotlight Channel 4 for Shaw Cable subscribers. Meetings will be

broadcast on Wednesdays at 8pm, Fridays at 8 am, and Saturday at noon. Please check Shaw's digital terminal guide listings to confirm as schedules may change.

## Parksville Fire Department

This past weekend Parksville firefighters made a splash with a charity carwash to raise funds for the BC Professional Fire Fighters Burn Fund. Thanks to great community support, \$2687.10 was raised.



The BC Professional Fire Fighters Burn Fund provides lifesaving, life-supporting, and life-enriching services to people across British Columbia. Information about the burn fund at [burnfund.org](http://burnfund.org).



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

We hope you will take a few minutes to browse through our *Let's Talk Parksville* engagement site which highlights City projects and programs. By opening the tiles, you will find details about such topics as Memorial and Hirst upgrades project, Election 2022, the new Parksville Outdoor Stage, the new Parksville Child and Family Centre, and so much more.

**Let's Talk Parksville** also provides residents the opportunity to follow along and contribute ideas and opinions on important community matters. We encourage you to share your ideas for making Parksville a better place.

### **Parksville Child and Family Centre at the Parksville Community Centre**

We have updated information on this exciting project with details about renovations now underway to the Parksville Community Centre on Jensen Avenue to accommodate 91 new childcare spaces, youth and family programming and community facility use.

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## **City Dates**

May 16	Council Meeting
May 18	Public Works Day
May 23	Victoria Day (offices closed)
June 6	Council Meeting
June 20	Council Meeting
July 1	Canada Day (offices closed)
July 4	Council Meeting
July 4	Property Taxes Due
July 18	Council Meeting



### **Council Meeting Highlights**

May 2

The next regular Council meeting will be held  
Monday, May 16

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#### **For more information:**

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