



May 24, 2022



Mark your calendars!

General voting day is **Saturday, October 15** from 8 am to 8 pm at the Parksville Community Centre 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 only.

You may vote in the Parksville municipal election as a **resident** elector if you meet **all** these requirements; it does not matter if you rent or own your own home.

- You are a Canadian citizen.
- You are or will be 18 years of age or more (**October 15, 2004**) on or before general voting day.
- You have lived in BC for at least 6 months (as of **April 14, 2022**) prior to registration.
- You have lived in or have owned property in Parksville on the day of registration.
- You are not disqualified from voting by the *Local Government Act* or any other act.

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. A listing of the pieces of identification may be found on [Let's Talk Parksville](#).



Detailed election information is available 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.

2022 Property Tax Information

The 2022 property tax notices will be mailed later this month with a due date of July 4, 2022. Municipal property tax rates are set by the City of Parksville. Revenue from the "City of Parksville Taxes" shown on your tax notice is used for such services as police and fire protection, street lighting, roads and drainage, operation and maintenance of parks, new infrastructure, infrastructure upgrades, and other municipal services.

Assessment values for the residential class of properties, before any new construction, increased 34% on average in 2022 over 2021. Properties with an assessment increase of more than 34% will see an increase in the municipal portion of their taxes higher than the 3.5% increase approved by Council, and properties with an assessment value that decreased, or increased less than the 34% average, will have a lower tax increase or possibly a tax decrease.

Home owner grant

Your home owner grant must be claimed each year that you are eligible. Eligible homeowners must now apply to the Province of BC to claim the grant. After you receive your property tax notice, eligible homeowners can apply either online to gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or by phone 1 888 355-2700. Further information on claiming the home owner grant will be included with your property tax notice.



Deferment of property taxes

Are you interested in deferring your residential property taxes on your principal residence? The Province of BC offers two low interest loan programs for qualifying residents. To determine if you qualify, and for more details on the programs, visit the deferment website at gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment.

If you are already on the deferment program, you will soon receive a letter from the deferment office. If you selected the "Automatic Renewal" option, you will only be required to claim your home owner grant. If you did not select the "Automatic Renewal" option, and you wish to defer your 2022 property taxes, in addition to claiming your home owner grant, you will also need to renew your deferment agreement online through your eTaxBC account.

Parksville Child and Family Centre



at the Parksville Community Centre

We continue to update information on Let's Talk Parksville on this exciting project with details about renovations underway at the Parksville Community Centre on Jensen Avenue to accommodate 91 new childcare spaces, youth and family programming and community facility use.

We are pleased to announce the Parksville Community Centre on Jensen has a new website! The new site allows for easy access to information about the new Parksville Child and Family Centre and how to book childcare, how to book the PCC facility for community events and activities, along with links and resources. Check out www.parkvillecommunitycentre.ca

Plans are underway for the official reopening of the Parksville Community Centre on Saturday, June 25; an opportunity to tour the renovated facility, join in some activities for kids and their families and chat with BGC Central Vancouver Island about their plans for programming. Stay tuned for more details soon.

Learn More

Public Works Open House

On May 18, to celebrate National Public Works Week, the City hosted a public works open house in the Parksville Community Park. The day was a huge success with activities, demonstrations, displays and activities for children and residents. Our crews had a wonderful time and appreciate the level of public interest about the services we provide which impact our daily lives. Thanks to all who attended!





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.

Parksville Fire Department

Out and About in the Community

Over the next few months and into summer, Parksville Fire Department members will be at a number of events in the community to chat with residents about home fire safety, how to use a fire extinguisher, and provide information about being a paid on-call volunteer firefighter.



Parksville Spring Home Show

Parksville Fire members will be at the Parksville Spring Home Show, June 3 to June 5 to promote home fire safety. Residents can learn about smoke alarms, home fire sprinklers, carbon monoxide alarms, and home escape plans. Residents will have an opportunity to use the department's digital training prop to learn how to use a fire extinguisher safely and efficiently. As well, there will be a home fire sprinkler display, recruiting information and a variety of home fire safety handouts to take away with you.

The Parksville Spring Home Show will be held at Oceanside Place (830 Island Highway West), booth 44:

Friday, June 3	1 pm to 6 pm
Saturday, June 4	9:30 am to 5:30 pm
Sunday, June 5	10 am to 4 pm

Summer by the Sea Street Market on Craig Street

Tuesday evenings starting June 14 until August 30, the Parksville and District Chamber of Commerce will again host the Summer by the Sea Street Market on Craig Street in Parksville. Parksville Fire Department members will be at the market to answer questions about fire safety and what's involved in being a firefighter. As well, Parksville Fire will have fire services equipment on site. It's a great opportunity for Parksville Fire to meet members of the community and share with them their our pride in the department.



June 14 to August 9 6 pm to 9 pm (no attendance on August 2)
August 16 to August 30 6 pm to 8:30 pm

Reminder - No Open Burning or Fireworks

Parksville Fire Rescue wishes to remind residents of the Parksville Fire Protection Area that all open burning and outdoor fires, excluding cooking fires, are prohibited at this time. The department also wishes to remind residents beach fires in the Parksville Qualicum Wildlife Management are always prohibited by provincial legislation. At this time, campfires are allowed.

Fireworks are prohibited in the City of Parksville as is the sale of any type of fireworks. A person must not fire or discharge fireworks unless authorized by a permit (permits are only issued to applicants with a fireworks supervisor and/or pyrotechnics certification card as issued by Natural Resources Canada). The City's burning bylaw may be viewed [here](#).

Reporting should be as follows:

Fire emergency (threat to lives and/or property)	911
Open fire in the Parksville Fire Protection Area	250 248-3242
Beach fires (RAPP line)	1 877 952-7277
Fireworks	RCMP



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

Consider taking a 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 Theatre, the new Parksville Child and Family Centre, and so much more. *Let's Talk Parksville* 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.

City Dates

June 6	Council Meeting
June 9	AWS/ERWS Management Board Meeting
June 20	Council Meeting
June 25	Official Opening of Parksville Community Centre
July 1	Canada Day (offices closed)
July 4	Council Meeting
July 4	Property Taxes Due
July 5	Official Opening of Memorial Plaza
July 18	Council Meeting

Latest News from the City

[Memorial and Hirst Avenues Upgrades Project - Update](#)
[Landscape Upgrades at 204 Corfield Street](#)
[Controlling Non-native Species in Parksville](#)



Council Meeting Highlights

May 16

The next regular Council meeting will be held **Monday, June 6**

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