



May 15, 2023



## Council Adopts 2023-2027 Financial Plan Bylaw

Our open Council meetings to discuss the 2023-2027 financial plan have now concluded. Council sought input from the community by hosting public meetings in March and April and inviting feedback through an online survey and correspondence.

Each year, the City creates a five-year financial plan which outlines how resources will be allocated to achieve Council's identified strategic goals and to enable City departments to deliver services to residents in a fiscally responsible manner. Parksville Council sets the rates for property tax and water and sewer services during the annual financial planning process.

The 2023-2027 financial plan, tax rates and utility rates bylaws were given final adoption by Council on May 8. The bylaws reflect a 6.8% increase in general municipal property taxes, a 5% increase in metered water and water parcel tax rates, and a 3% increase in sanitary sewer usage and parcel tax rates. For the average residential property, these increases will total about \$150 per year. Property tax notices will be mailed to residents and businesses later this month and the due date for property taxes is Tuesday, July 4, 2023. The full news release may be viewed [here](#).

## City-hosted Community Events

*We have many community events planned through September.  
We hope to see you there!*

### ***It's Your City! Open House - May 17***

Everyone welcome, and all activities are free at our

open house on **Wednesday, May 17 from 10 am to 2 pm** in the Parksville Community Park. Demonstrations, displays, kids' activities, cool equipment, and a chance to explore and ask questions of our staff. We are proud to highlight all that we do for the community and bring awareness to the work necessary to maintain City infrastructure and provide services for our citizens. All services which impact our daily lives. [More info](#)



# DANCE WITH ME AT MEMORIAL



Get your groove on at *Dance with Me at Memorial* hosted by the City and the Parksville Downtown Business Association. Events will be held at Memorial Plaza, Alberni Highway and Memorial Avenue, on the fourth Thursday in May, June, July, and August, from 4 to 7 pm, rain or shine!

Sarah Raymond Dance Academy will provide free dance instruction with music by our favourite DJ, Dave Graham. Mark your calendars for **May 25** (Line dance), **June 22** (Hip Hop), **July 27** (Salsa) and **August 24** (West Coast Swing). Along with the Parksville Downtown Business Association, we are excited to host these community events at Memorial. Closer to the dates, details will be posted on City and PDBA websites.

*Dance with Me at Memorial* is a fun, active and social community event for all ages, intended to encourage diversity and community spirit through dance! Bring your family, friends, or come meet others while you learn new dance moves, spectators welcome and no dance experience needed. Have you ever wanted to try hip hop or line dancing? Well, get out your dancing (runners) shoes as now is your chance. There will be a kids' corner with activities such as hopscotch, hula hoops, skipping ropes, and chalk art. Food trucks will be on site as well as a chance to visit Parksville Downtown businesses nearby.

## Dance with Me at Memorial - May 25

Our first *Dance with Me* is set for Thursday, May 25 from 4-7 pm, rain or shine. We will have a large tent should the weather not cooperate. Line dancing will be featured and no experience



The City has engaged ISL Engineering and Land Services to support the development of a park management plan for the Parksville Wetlands. This fifteen-year, comprehensive plan will include strategies for education, stewardship, maintenance, conservation, land protection, and cultural management for Parksville Wetlands.

The park management plan will build on several existing planning studies available on [Let's Talk Parksville](#) including the Lower Englishman River Watershed Wetlands Study (2015), Parksville Wetlands Education and Outreach Program Report (2019) and the City's Parks, Trails and Open Spaces Master Plan (2019). We thank the many individuals, groups and organizations who have and continue to contribute to the Parksville Wetlands.

This project will:

- Review and analyze historic and current land use, park visitation and recreational uses.
- Identify information gaps in the background documents that will be filled by the project scope of services.
- Conduct a site investigation including extensive mapping and assessment of its ecological systems and features.
- Complete an environmental assessment of the wetlands including an inventory of wildlife habitat and biodiversity.

The draft concept plan for the wetlands will show natural and built enhancements in the park and will include direction and guidance on the types, locations, uses, and activities within different parts of the park including visitor use, accessibility, and supportive infrastructure.

## BE INVOLVED!

During the first phase of this project, there are several ways you can share your insights, knowledge



and experience about the Parksville Wetlands:

## PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Drop-in open house will provide a positive and meaningful opportunity for residents and interested parties to share knowledge, experience, and use of the Parksville Wetlands. During this interactive session, the project team will collect stories and insights from participants to incorporate into the development of the park management plan. The open house will be held on **Tuesday, June 6 from 4 to 7 pm** in the Forum, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre, 100 Jensen Avenue East. There will be a kids' corner with some activities to keep little people busy for a few minutes to provide parents the opportunity to participate in the open house.



## LET'S TALK PARKSVILLE

*Let's Talk Parksville* engagement site provides project background, reference documents, an engagement schedule, and opportunities to comment and ask questions. Please refer to this site for information and project updates.

## PUBLIC SURVEY

In June, we will conduct a survey for the public; a chance for you to have your say and share ideas, thoughts and concerns you might have for the Parksville Wetlands. The survey will be open from June 6 to June 27 and will be available on *Let's Talk Parksville* and the City's website. As well, paper copies will be provided should that be a preferred way to complete the survey.

## Celebrate the Spirit of Phil St Luke!

Join the community celebration to recognize the late Phil St Luke. Bring your smile and dancing shoes – *exactly what Phil would do!*



Artist - Doug Giebelhaus

**Friday, June 9 - 7 to 9 pm**

Parksville Outdoor Theatre  
Parksville Community Park

Music by  
The Apollos and Mount Arrowsmith Pipe Band

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**



The City will celebrate the late Phil St Luke at a free community event on **Friday, June 9** in the Parksville Community Park. The event will be held at the Parksville Outdoor Theatre from 7 to 9 pm and all are welcome to join as we recognize Phil St Luke. A casual fun evening is planned with a few speeches, music and dancing. We will have a memory book for you to sign and the Phil St Luke committee will be selling merchandise to raise funds towards a statue.

Bring a blanket or lawn chair along with your smiles and dancing shoes – *exactly what*

*Phil would do!* There will be music by the Mount Arrowsmith Pipe Band and the Apollos, an Oceanside band playing rock, blues, and country from the 1980s to now. Quality Foods will provide treats for the first 500 people.

[Learn More](#)

## CITY SERVICES

### Water Restriction Stage 2

Stage 2 outdoor watering restrictions are now in place. Stage 2 means sprinkling can only occur on even days for even-numbered houses and on odd days for odd-numbered houses. Sprinkling is permitted for a maximum of two hours between 7 am to 10 am or 7 pm to 10 pm. Stage 2 will be in effect until otherwise advised. Taking conservation measures early, before our water supplies come under stress, is essential to ensure we can maintain an adequate water supply throughout the hot dry summers we have come to expect. [More info](#) and [water conservation tips](#).



### Reminder – No Open Burning or Fireworks

Parksville Fire Rescue is reminding residents of the Parksville Fire Protection Area that all open burning and outdoor fires, excluding cooking fires, are prohibited. Parksville Fire also wishes to remind residents beach fires in the Parksville Qualicum Wildlife Management are always prohibited by provincial legislation; this includes all beaches from French Creek to Resort Drive. As provided in the outdoor burning bylaw, campfires are allowed at this time.

The sale of any type of fireworks is prohibited in the City of Parksville and all fireworks are banned within City limits. This includes the possession of consumer fireworks; fireworks should not be purchased elsewhere and brought into the City of Parksville. 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 of Parksville Fireworks Bylaw No. 1427 may be viewed [here](#).

The Parksville Fire Protection Area encompasses the City of Parksville and contract areas within the Regional District of Nanaimo which include San Pareil, Morningstar, Columbia Beach, French Creek, and the Fourneau Road, Wildgreen and Martindale Road areas as well as the Forever Green Estates.

#### Reporting as follows:

Fire emergency (threat to lives and/or property)  
Open fire in the Parksville Fire Protection Area  
Beach fires (RAPP line)  
Fireworks

911  
250 248-3242  
1 877 952-7277  
RCMP

### 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](#).

## EMO Explained

During Emergency Preparedness Week, Shaw videos were added to YouTube explaining how important it is to be prepared and also info about our amazing volunteers. Check out the videos!



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## NEWSROOM

*Parksville's Asset Management  
Proactive Tree Maintenance*

*Parksville Community Park Improvements Continue  
Park Management Plan for Parksville Wetlands*

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# City Dates

May 17	<i>It's Your City</i> Open House
May 22	Victoria Day (Offices closed)
May 25	Dance with Me at Memorial
June 5	Council Meeting
June 6	Public Engagement for Parksville Wetlands
June 9	Phil St Luke Celebration
June 19	Council Meeting
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 22	Dance with Me at Memorial
July 1	Canada Day
July 3	Offices closed (statutory holiday)
July 5	Council Meeting
July 17	Council Meeting
July 27	Dance with Me at Memorial
August 7	BC Day (offices closed)
August 24	Dance with Me at Memorial



**Next Council meeting**  
Monday, June 5 - 1 pm

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## For more information:

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