



October 26, 2023



Wishing everyone a safe and spooky Halloween!



City of Parksville

Help shape the future of transportation in Parksville!

Transportation Master Plan OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, November 8, 2-7 pm

Forum, 100 Jensen Avenue East

Drop in, presentations each hour, 3-6 pm

We're developing a new transportation master plan and want to hear from you.

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Help Shape the Future of Transportation in Parksville

We are developing a comprehensive Transportation Master Plan (TMP) which will guide the future direction of transportation infrastructure for our City. The plan will be designed to improve mobility for residents, business and tourists based on current capacity and user experience as well as projected future growth. This initiative will update the City’s 2016 Transportation Master Plan and during the project, through a series of engagement opportunities, we will be looking for your input on how this plan can improve experiences of mobility for all modes of transportation, including walking, cycling, transit, evolving transportation, and driving.

The new plan will address current and future needs for all modes (auto, pedestrian, transit, cycling, and evolving transportation) along with emergency services and goods movement, with a particular focus on the downtown section of the Island Highway corridor. The goal is to provide a safe and accessible transportation network which will support a high quality of life and efficient mobility, recognizing the unique characteristics of the City of Parksville.

Join us on November 8

The first engagement is a drop-in open house for you to review existing conditions

and mapping, and to provide input. Consultant, McElhanney, will listen to input on six core topics as well as comments on issues or opportunities not included in these core topics - traffic and signals, active transportation (walking and cycling), transit, parking, safety, and funding.

WHO?

Parksville residents, business owners

WHAT?

Transportation Master Plan Open House, drop-in

WHERE?

The Forum, 100 Jensen Avenue East

WHEN?

2-7 pm, Wednesday, November 8

Presentations each hour starting at 3 pm

WHY?

Your input will inform an updated Transportation Master Plan

On November 8 we will launch an online survey open until December 3. Please check our website or [Let’s Talk Parksville](#) for the links. Details about the City’s initiative to create a new Transportation Master Plan is available on [Let’s Talk Parksville](#).

More Info

Fill the Boots for Food

Parksville firefighters will be asking you to *Fill the Boots for Food* with cash donations for food bank and new unwrapped toys for SOS. Find us at locations in Parksville and please be generous!



Saturday, November 18	9 am to 6 pm
Sunday, November 19	10 am to 2 pm

Supporting this drive for 25 years!
1998-2023



parksvillefirerescue.ca



Parksville Fire Celebrates 25th Annual Food and Toy Drive

Parksville Fire Rescue is asking the community to support the 2023 “*Fill the Boots for Food*” drive. Firefighters will be collecting cash donations for the Salvation Army and new unwrapped toys for the Society of Organized Services on **Saturday, November 18 (9 am to 6 pm) and Sunday, November 19 (10 am to 2 pm)**. Firefighters will be at various locations in the City, such as grocery stores, asking residents to generously support the Salvation Army food bank with cash donations. Please watch our social media feeds and [website](#) for locations.

Parksville Fire’s first food and toy drive was held in 1998 and 2023 marks our 25th year. The first drive for the Parksville Volunteer Fire Department helped stock the Salvation Army’s shelves for Christmas with about 5,000 pounds of food collected door to door. Over the years, local departments joined the campaign and now Parksville Fire participates in the District 69 drive with seven other departments collecting cash donations for the Salvation Army food bank and new unwrapped toys for the Society of Organized Services.

Each year, residents in the Parksville Fire Protection Area generously support the annual drive and are the real reason for its success. With more than \$85,000 in cash and 2,692 pounds of food donated in 2022, this drive and the generosity of our residents make a true difference to many during the holiday season.

Donations are extremely important to the Salvation Army food bank and Society of Organized Services to provide for less fortunate in our community. Details on how you can donate directly to these organizations at this [link](#).

Parksville’s 2024-2028 Financial Plan

We have begun the process to create the 2024-2028 financial plan, a five-year plan

which guides how the City will provide services and infrastructure to residents. The public is welcome to attend meetings on November 27 and December 11 when Council will discuss the provisional 2024-2028 financial plan.

The financial plan outlines how resources will be allocated to achieve Council’s identified strategic goals and enable City departments to deliver services to residents for the next five years in a fiscally responsible manner. Public input is an important part of the City’s financial planning process and helps to inform the plan and establish priorities. The City’s financial plan sets out the services, strategic initiatives, and capital projects for the next five years and identifies how the City of Parksville will pay for them. The City strives to maintain quality programs and services for our residents and keep property taxes and utility fees affordable for businesses and homeowners.



The open Council meetings (Committees of the Whole) to discuss the provisional 2024-2028 financial plan are scheduled as follows. Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole will be considered by Council at subsequent regular Council meetings.

Monday, November 27
10 am to noon and 2 to 4 pm

Monday, December 11
10 am to noon and 2 to 4 pm

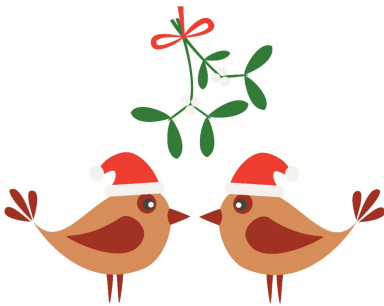
It is expected the provisional financial plan bylaw will be adopted by Council in January 2024. It will be reconsidered by Council in April 2024 after the BC Assessment Roll is received to set the final property tax rates and Council may choose to amend the financial plan if needed, after receiving updated information. Water and sewer fees bylaws will also be considered during this time.

Engage with Us!
There are many ways residents can engage in the financial planning process. [Let's Talk Parksville](#) has information about the process, previous years’ plans and lists the ways you can contribute.

[More Info](#)

Cookies, Carols and More!

Mark your calendars for Cookies, Carols and More! Last year’s Meet Me Under the Mistletoe on Memorial was cancelled due to weather so rather than take chances, we’ve moved indoors. Celebrate the holiday season with family and friends at *Cookies, Carols and More!* on Saturday, December 9 from 2-4 pm at the Parksville Community Centre on Jensen Avenue. This holiday celebration hosted by the City will feature entertainment, visit from Santa, photo booth, hot chocolate bar, and activities for kids and their families including ornament decorating, holiday colouring and facepainting.

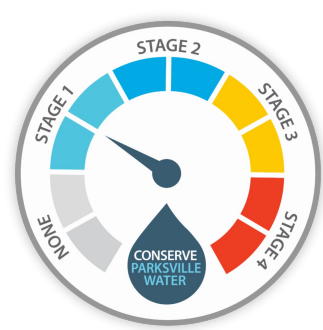


Everyone welcome, it's just not for the kids!

CITY SERVICES

Stage 1 Watering Restrictions
In response to the change in weather conditions, and aligned with the Regional District of Nanaimo, Stage 1

watering restrictions [came into effect on October 18](#). We wish to thank residents for your efforts to conserve water during this summer’s drought. Stage 1 watering restrictions remain through October 31, the usual watering restriction stage for this time of the year. All watering restrictions will be lifted November 1 through March 31, unless otherwise advised.



The City’s website provides information about our water sources, supply, management, and usage, as well as some frequently asked questions and fun facts. Refer to [Arrowsmith Water Service](#) and [Englishman River Water Service](#) info on our website.

The City is in the privileged position to have two robust drinking water sources - the Englishman River and groundwater well systems. Water conservation measures in summer months are used to manage outdoor water demands. Always being mindful of conserving this precious resource, reducing unnecessary water use when there are significant seasonal weather events such as drought conditions, allows the City to support the ecology of the river and protect the potable water supply. Water demand from current development is in line with the City’s long-term water supply and demand plan, which also considers the base flow requirements for the river.

REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW...

Utility notices are due Tuesday, October 31. If you have not yet received your notice in the mail, contact the finance department at 250 248-6144 or cashier@parksville.ca. Accepted payments are Interac, cash, cheque, or online banking. For online banking, add the City as a payee by searching [Parksville](#), choose the utility option and enter your six-digit account number (not the folio or access code).

WORKING FOR US!

Employment opportunities at the City of Parksville are posted regularly.

CLICK HERE and check us out!



CITY DATES

October 31	Due date for utility bill payments
November 6	Public Hearing and Council Meeting
November 8	Transportation Master Plan Open House
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 13	Statutory Holiday (offices closed)
November 18-19	Fill the Boots for Food Drive
November 20	Council Meeting
November 22	Public Hearing
November 27	2024-2028 Financial Plan Meetings
December 4	Council Meeting
December 9	Cookies, Carols and More!
December 11	2024-2028 Financial Plan Meetings
December 18	Council Meeting
December 25/26	Holidays (offices closed)
January 1	New Year’s Day (offices closed)



COMING UP AT COUNCIL



Monday, November 6 at 1 pm
Public Hearing (413 Wembley Road)
Regular Council Meeting

[Agendas](#) | [Minutes](#) | [Reports](#)

For more information:

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