



November 9, 2023



Fill the Boots for Food Drive – November 18 and 19

For the 25th year, Parksville firefighters will collect 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)**.

Parksville firefighters will be at Canadian Tire, BC Liquor Store (Wembley Mall), Thrifty Foods, and Quality Foods. Donations are extremely important to provide for less fortunate in our community. Details on how you can donate directly to SOS and the food bank at [Parksvillefirerescue.ca](https://parksvillefirerescue.ca). As well, there's collection info on our [website](#) about all fire departments in District 69.

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!
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Parksville's 2024-2028 Financial Plan

We're working on the 2024-2028 financial plan which guides how the City will provide services and infrastructure to residents. As part of the process, we are looking for your input. The five-year financial plan outlines how resources will be allocated to achieve Council's identified strategic goals and enable City departments

to deliver services in a fiscally responsible manner. The City strives to maintain quality programs and services for our residents and keep property taxes and utility fees affordable for businesses and homeowners.

Mark your calendars, the public is welcome to attend meetings when Council will discuss the provisional financial plan. Details and how you can participate on [Let's Talk Parksville](#).



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

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

[More Info](#)

Cookies, Carols and More!

We are so excited to host families, friends and neighbours at *Cookies, Carols and More!* on December 9 at the Parksville Community Centre on Jensen. Mark your calendars for this free, fun, full of holiday cheer community event. Everyone is welcome, it's not just for the kids!

We are planning a great event with lots to keep you entertained, holiday music with a singalong, hot chocolate bar, and of course cookies. Activities for kids, their families and the young at heart include ornament decorating, holiday colouring, letters to Santa, and face painters. There will be a visit from Santa, and we have the perfect

holiday photo backdrop, mistletoe, and props for your photos. Bring your camera and someone will be there to help you take the pictures. Should you wish, donations of non-perishable items will be accepted for the Salvation Army foodbank.



[More info](#)

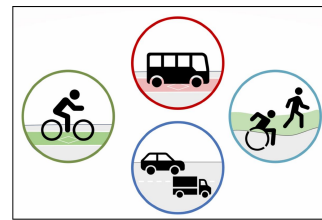
CITY SERVICES

Transportation Master Plan Online Survey

Help Shape the Future of Transportation in Parksville

Work on a new comprehensive Transportation Master Plan which will guide the future direction of transportation infrastructure in Parksville is well underway. We are now asking for your input through an online survey about how this plan can improve your experiences of mobility in the City for all modes of transportation, including walking, cycling, transit, and driving.

The information presented by the consultant at the open house held yesterday is now available on [Let's Talk Parksville](#) and we encourage you to review this information prior to completing the survey, open until December 3. Your responses help us to understand the key issues impacting your mobility in the City, and how they could be improved. The survey is at this [link](#) and paper copies may be picked up from City Hall.



MORE INFO



Parksville Fire Recruitment Begins Soon

Parksville Fire Rescue will soon begin the annual recruitment campaign looking for positive, energetic and community-minded citizens to join our team of paid on-call firefighters. To learn about the benefits and what it means to be part of the team, checkout parksvillefirerescue.ca/recruitment or call 250 248-3242.

2024 Special Events Applications

Applications are now being accepted from organizations and individuals wishing to hold special events at City-owned venues or on City streets; review process starts January 31. Annual events will be given priority provided the request is received by January 31, after which time applications will be addressed as first-time events on a first-come, first-served basis, based on availability. After January 31, applications must be received at least thirty days prior to the event. Policy and forms on the [website](#). More info, 250 248-5412 or events@parksville.ca



REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW...

- The deadline to claim a retroactive **Home Owner Grant for 2022** (subject to qualifications) as well as the deadline to defer 2023 property taxes is December 31, 2023. For more info or to apply, contact the Province of BC at 1 888 355-2700, online at gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment.
- **Licence Renewals** - business licence and dog licence renewals will be mailed in early December and are due January 31, 2024. Details to come.
- **Winter conditions** - info about monitoring of road and weather conditions by the City is on our [website](#) with tips on how residents can prepare and how to help.
- **Veteran Remembrance banners** honouring local veterans who lost their lives in World War I and World War II are displayed along the Island Highway. There's info about the veterans on our [website](#); we encourage you to take a few minutes to read the stories.
- **Reminder about leaves on streets** - leaf control is the responsibility of property owners. Leaves must not be raked or blown from lawns onto the street in anticipation of the sweeper truck intended to remove leaves which

fall onto the streets resulting in blocked catch basins and safety hazards for cyclists and pedestrians. Blowing or raking leaves into the gutter is illegal and subject to a fine of \$75 (Traffic Bylaw 1436).

- **Water restrictions** – unless otherwise advised, there are no watering restrictions until April. We appreciate the efforts of residents to help conserve this precious resource.
- **Council appointments** for the term November 7, 2023, to November 4, 2024, may be viewed at this [link](#).

WASTE REDUCTION TIP!

Whether you are at home, school, work or on the go, there are choices you can make to reduce waste. Here are some tips to avoid single use items when you can:

- Bring a refillable water bottle or travel mug. Not only do you create less waste, but many places offer discounts when you provide your own cup.
- Keep a reusable straw (or forgo the straw altogether) and reusable cutlery in your bag.
- Bring reusable grocery and produce bags when shopping. To further reduce single-use plastics buy products directly from local farmers' markets.
- Bring lunch to school or work. Use beeswax wraps and reusable containers. Choose takeout places which allow you to use your own containers.
- Avoid items in single serving packages such as granola bars or coffee pods. Buy items in bulk or make your own.



WORKING FOR US!

Employment opportunities at the City of Parksville are posted regularly.

CLICK HERE and check us out!



CITY DATES

Remembrance Day Ceremony in Parksville will be held on Saturday, November 11 at the Cenotaph on Craig Street. The ceremony begins at 10.40 am with a flyover at 11 am. Following the service, the Mount Arrowsmith Legion Branch 49 will welcome guests.

November 11	Remembrance Day
November 13	Statutory Holiday (offices closed)
November 18-19	<i>Fill the Boots for Food Drive</i>
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)
January 15	Council Meeting
February 5	Council Meeting
February 19	Family Day Holiday (offices closed)
February 21	Council Meeting



COMING UP AT COUNCIL



Monday, November 20 at 1 pm

Regular Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 22 at 6 pm

Public Hearing (188 McCarter Street)

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