

January 25, 2024



## Is volunteer paid on-call firefighting for you?

### Parksville Fire Rescue Recruitment Campaign 2024

We asked members to share what being a volunteer firefighter means to them. Please check out the [video here](#) and on our social media feeds.

Parksville Fire Rescue is midway through the 2024 recruitment campaign, seeking paid on-call firefighters who along with our career firefighters, provide fire and emergency response services in the Parksville Fire Protection Area. Our firefighters are highly skilled professionals who value integrity, honesty, selflessness, commitment, courage, and are hardworking and family oriented.

We provide an outstanding training program, the opportunity to make a difference in people's lives and the chance to join a dedicated team. We rely on the commitment of paid on-call volunteer firefighters dedicated to public safety and community service and offer:

- Professional firefighter certification and ongoing training.
- Opportunity to serve your community.
- Personal growth, sense of achievement.
- Great benefits - paid on-call, WorkSafe, additional accidental death and disability insurance (on and off duty), and more.

We are your neighbours, co-workers, family, and friends and we need your help with our recruiting efforts; please encourage those who may be interested to contact us. We'd love to chat about what we do at Parksville Fire Rescue and if it's right for you. Call us at 250 248-3242 to speak with an officer and arrange a tour. Application deadline Friday, March 1.

[More Info](#)



### Parksville's 2024-2028 Financial Plan

The City's 2024-2028 financial plan process is well underway

with meetings held on November 27 and December 11, open to public comment. Discussion on the plan will continue at open Council meetings scheduled as follows:

**January 29, 9 am-noon**

Special Council Meeting

*Motions from previous financial plan meetings*

**February 12, 1-4 pm**

Special Council Meeting

*Preliminary property tax and utility rates*

**February 21, 1 pm**

Regular Council Meeting

*Three readings 2024-2028 Provisional Financial Plan Bylaw*

**March 4, 1 pm**

Regular Council Meeting

*Adoption of 2024-2028 Provisional Financial Plan Bylaw*

**April 8, 1-4 pm**

Committee of the Whole

*New information, carry forwards, final property tax rates*

**April 22, 1-4 pm**

Special Council Meeting

*Three readings 2024-2028 Amended Financial Plan and 2024 property tax rates*

***Here are some of the ways to engage in our financial planning process:***

- Attend meetings in person. Meetings are held in the Forum, 100 Jensen Avenue East.
- Submit comments by email to [council@parksville.ca](mailto:council@parksville.ca). Residents wishing comments to be considered by Council prior to the meetings, should be received by 4 pm on the working day before the meeting.
- Meetings may be viewed live and archived through webstreaming from the [City's website](#).
- Comments, questions, and ideas may be posted to the City's online engagement site, [Let's Talk Parksville](#).
- All comments about the financial plan received by the City will form part of the public record.
- If you wish to familiarize yourself with the City's financial planning process, previous years' plans and presentations may be viewed on [Let's Talk Parksville](#) and on the City's [website](#).

[More Info](#)



## Transportation Master Plan *Phase 2* Drop-in Open House

**Tuesday, March 5, 2 to 7 pm**

Forum, 100 Jensen Avenue East

Parksville residents and businesses are invited to an engagement event, the kickoff to phase 2 of our Transportation Master Plan. Whether you drive, transit, walk, cycle, or roll when getting around Parksville, we need your input at a drop-in open house on future capital projects and planning.



## Transportation Master Plan Next Steps

Progress to update the City's 2016 Transportation Master Plan (TMP) is well underway. Working with consultant, McElhanney Ltd, the new comprehensive plan will reflect the changing needs and expectations of the community and provide a roadmap to ensure a well-coordinated, efficient, and sustainable mobility network aligned with the goals and vision of the community. The new plan will communicate recommendations including costs, impacts, and policy direction along with an implementation plan with monitoring and expected outcomes. The process to develop a new TMP began in July 2023, and we expect Phase 2 will complete in June followed by the third and final phase of the process.

The TMP will address current and future needs for all modes (auto, pedestrian, transit, cycling, and new and micro-mobility) 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 for residents, and efficient mobility for all, recognizing the unique characteristics of the City.

The [What We Heard](#) report from Phase 1 is complete and available on [Let's Talk Parksville](#). This report collects the discussions of the first public engagement session, along with the feedback received through the online survey. These collected insights inform ongoing work to craft the recommendations and strategies that will form the TMP. The [base conditions assessment report](#) is also complete and posted on [Let's Talk Parksville](#). This report summarizes the status of the multi-modal transportation network and identifies issues and opportunities to be explored during future phases of work.

The current phase of work will propose projects and strategies to meet the vision of the community. We will share materials with the public at the second community engagement session on March 5, followed by a second online survey for more feedback on what has been accomplished so far.

[More info](#)

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## 2024 Special Event Applications

We are accepting applications 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 are available on our [website](#). More info [events@parksville.ca](mailto:events@parksville.ca).

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## Spring Grant-in-Aid Applications

Subject to the provisions of the City's grant-in-aid applications policy, the City may provide financial assistance to community groups and organizations for events which benefit our citizens and visitors. Community non-profit organizations in the arts, cultural, recreational, or social services fields are eligible. Deadline 3 pm, March 1. Information on the program, policy, application, and instructions may be obtained at City Hall or from the website.

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## Watermain Flushing

Our annual watermain flushing program runs through April. An important part of our ongoing maintenance program, flushing

ensures the integrity of the water supply system. Flushing occurs mainly between 7.30 am and 3.30 pm, weekdays. Residents can expect some discolouration of water and intermittent drops in pressure; keep a fresh supply of drinking water in your fridge. Check for discolouration of water before doing laundry and if discoloured, run outside tap (after 3.30 pm) until clear.

[ops@parksville.ca](mailto:ops@parksville.ca).



## Temporary Closure of Parksville Beaches to Dogs

To limit disturbance to migrating Black Brant geese, our beaches are subject to seasonal “no dog” restrictions. This applies to on-leash and off-leash within the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area. Rath Trevor Beach is closed February 15 to April 30 and Parksville Bay Beach from March 1 to April 30.



## REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW...

**2024 business and dog licences** renewals are due January 31. More info on [website](#).

**Residential family water rates** - large families with five or more immediate family members consisting of parents and dependent children less than 18 years may qualify for modified water rates. Application deadline February 26. Info and application forms from City and the [website](#).

**Recycle BC pop-up depot** in Parksville (1080 Industrial Way) will continue through 2024, accepting free of charge – flexible plastic packaging, white and coloured foam packaging, glass packaging and paper packaging and cardboard. For dates and info, visit Recycle BC [website](#).

**Winter conditions** - details about how we monitor weather forecasts, clearing of sidewalks, and general info are available on our [website](#).

## WORKING FOR US!

Employment opportunities at the City of Parksville are posted regularly.

*CLICK HERE and check us out!*



## CITY DATES

January 29	Special Council Meeting (Financial Plan)
February 5	Council Meeting
February 12	Special Council Meeting (Financial Plan)
February 19	Family Day (offices closed)
February 21	Council Meeting
March 1	Recruitment deadline for Parksville Fire
March 4	Council Meeting
March 5	Transportation Master Plan Open House
March 18	Council Meeting
March 29/April 1	Easter Holidays (offices closed)
April 3	Council Meeting
April 8	Special Council Meeting (Financial Plan)
April 15	Council Meeting
April 22	Council Meeting (Financial Plan)

## COMING UP AT COUNCIL

**Monday, February 5 at 1 pm**

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

**For more information:**

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