



February 8, 2024



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 volunteer paid on-call and career firefighters provide fire and emergency response services in the Parksville Fire Protection Area. Our highly skilled professional firefighters value integrity, honesty, selflessness, commitment, courage, and are hardworking and family oriented. Our department responded to almost 800 calls in 2023 - structure fires, rescues, motor vehicle incidents, medical assistance, and public service requests. We offer an outstanding training program and the opportunity to make a difference in people's lives. Call 250 248-3242 to speak with an officer or arrange a tour. Application deadline March 1.



[More Info](#)



The City's 2024-2028 financial plan process is well underway with public meetings held in November, December and January. Discussion on the 2024-2028 financial plan continues:

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. 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](#).

Next Steps for Transportation Master Plan

Have your say!

You are invited to the next community engagement event, round two for the new 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 March 5. We are looking for your input on proposed goals and objectives for the TMP, future capital projects and planning, and proposed projects and strategies to meet the community's vision. All this will be followed by a second online survey for feedback on what has been accomplished so far. The online survey will be available on March 5 and open until April 5.

Background

The process to update our transportation master plan now in Phase 2, will result in a comprehensive plan which reflects the changing needs and expectations of the community and provides a roadmap to ensure a well-coordinated, efficient, and sustainable mobility network aligned with the goals and vision of the community. This new plan will include costs, impacts, and policy direction, along with an implementation plan with monitoring and expected outcomes. Phase 2 is expected to complete in June followed by the third and final phase.

The TMP will address current and future needs for all modes 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 input from the first public engagement along with feedback from the survey completed in December. The base conditions assessment report available to review on *Let's Talk Parksville*, summarizes the status of the multi-modal transportation network and identifies issues and opportunities to be explored during future phases of work.

Transportation Master Plan

PHASE 2 OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, March 5, 2-7 pm

City of Parksville
100 Jensen Avenue East

You're invited to our second drop-in open house. Whether you drive, transit, walk, cycle, or roll, we need your input on future planning and capital projects.



2024 Canada Day Celebrations

Canada Day celebrations in Parksville will look a little different this year with the City taking the lead on the event. We recognize the Canada Day event has been a huge undertaking for the Parksville and District Chamber of Commerce and appreciate their efforts. We will look to community involvement, will seek funding from the federal government, and possible sponsorship support for the day's activities.

With the return to in-person activities, the City sponsored several successful community events in 2023 and we wish to continue our support for public celebrations that bring our residents together and are accessible to all ages and abilities. Canada Day in 2024 will be family focused and designed to provide safe, fun and convenient access to the festivities and the Parksville Community Park. Council is happy to provide the financial support for the celebrations and planning has started in earnest. As we confirm the schedule for the day, more information will be released for the public.

Parksville's Canada Day parade has always been the best on Vancouver Island, and we look forward to building on past success. Outside of the parade, all Canada Day activities will be held in the Parksville Community Park and include such activities as the pancake breakfast, food trucks, speeches, Canada Day cake, afternoon family entertainment at the Parksville Outdoor Theatre, and casual entertainment such as buskers in the gathering plaza. We have heard concerns in the past about vehicle access and this year, the Parksville Community Park will be open for vehicle parking and there will be no fireworks on Canada Day in Parksville Bay.



Planning is underway and event details, parade forms, and more information will be available on the City's [website](#) and [Let's Talk Parksville](#). Please send us your suggestions and ideas and let us know if you would like to be involved at canadaday@parksville.ca. You can also call Deb Tardiff at 250 954-3073.

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, culture, recreation, 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](#).

Temporary Closure of Parksville Beaches to Dogs

To limit disturbance of 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. Rathrevor 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 Hall and the [website](#).
- **Recycle BC pop-up depot** in Parksville will continue through 2024, accepting free of charge – flexible plastic packaging, white and coloured foam packaging, glass packaging and paper packaging and cardboard. Materials may be dropped off from 10 am to 3 pm at 1080 Industrial Way, Parksville. For dates and more info visit [Recycle BC](#).
- **Winter conditions** - info about how we monitor weather forecasts, clearing of sidewalks, and general info on our [website](#).

Parksville Pooch Photo Contest

We'd love to see photos of your pooches and hope you will share with us on social media. Photos will be entered into a draw to win one of two dog licences and some doggie treats. Don't wait to renew, we will refund if you win! Contest is open to February 29 with two ways to enter:

- DM your pic from our [Facebook page](#)
- Upload photo on [Instagram](#) or [X \(Twitter\)](#), use hashtag #parkvillepooch

Win my dog licence
for the year!



#ParkvillePooch



All entries will be posted on Facebook and winner announced on March 4.

WORKING FOR US!

Employment opportunities at the City of Parksville are posted regularly.

CLICK HERE and check us out!



CITY DATES

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

Special Council Meeting (Financial Plan)
Monday, February 12 at 1 pm

Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 21 at 1 pm

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For more information:

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