



## Parksville Fire Rescue Open House - October 27

Parksville Volunteer Fire Department members will host their annual open house on Sunday, October 27 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Parksville Fire Hall, 160 Jensen Avenue West. You are invited to learn about fire safety - home fire sprinklers, smoke alarms and home escape plans. Educational displays and activities where you will learn how to use a fire extinguisher, how to perform CPR, try hose and target practice, bunker gear challenge for kids, and so much more.

This week is fire prevention week and this year's theme, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!" strives to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home. Details at [parkvillefirerescue.ca](http://parkvillefirerescue.ca)

## Transportation Master Plan Phase 3 Survey



The third and final round of community engagement for our transportation master plan project is here and once again, we're looking for your feedback; this time to determine if we're on the right track. Phase 3 online survey may be accessed from *Let's Talk Parksville*, City's website and paper copies from City Hall. Survey is open until November 3. Survey comments will help us to better understand your priorities. Presentation from the October 1 open house and Phase 1 and Phase 2 results may be viewed on [Letstalkparkville.ca/transportation-plan](http://Letstalkparkville.ca/transportation-plan).



## BC ShakeOut - October 17 at 10.17 am

Join this year's to practice the protective steps you can take during an earthquake. Register at [Shakeoutbc.ca](http://Shakeoutbc.ca) to be counted and find earthquake safety tips. At the same time, we'll test our emergency notification system, *Voyent Alert!* If you have not yet registered for *Voyent Alert!* follow the simple registration steps at [voyent-alert.com/community-faqs/how-do-i-register](http://voyent-alert.com/community-faqs/how-do-i-register).

## Help Shape Parksville's 2025-2029 Financial Plan

Each year, the City prepares a five-year financial plan, a complex process which includes input from City departments, Council briefings and public consultation. Guided by Council priorities, the annual budget is part of the five-year financial plan which sets the priority services, programs and initiatives for the next five years and how the City will pay for them. Public participation ensures the plan reflects the community's priorities and assists Council to change individual needs and the needs of a growing community.



**FINANCIAL PLAN MEETINGS OPEN TO PUBLIC** are set for October 28, October 30, November 4, November 6 and November 18. Refer to the City's website calendar for times and *Let's Talk Parksville* for details about how you can participate in the process.

**COMMUNITY PRIORITIES SURVEY** online until October 27.

Share your feedback on City services which matter most to you. Tell us what you value and where we should prioritize spending. Survey may be accessed from the website, *Let's Talk Parksville* and paper copies from City Hall.



## REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW...

**Comprehensive Watering Ban, Stage 4** was implemented due to low flows in the Englishman River. On July 16, 2024, the City received a temporary Enabling Order from the province at which time, the City moved to Stage 3 water conservation when water flow maintains above 1.6 cubic metres per second (m3s) in the Englishman River. This order indicates when the average flow in the river falls below 1.20 m3s, we would move to Stage 4. This occurred the week of September 16 and on September 23, we were advised to immediately move to Stage 4 to comply with the order. Stage 4 is in place until further notice. [Quicklinks - AWS/ERWS]

**Utility notices** are due Thursday, October 31. If you have not received your notice in the mail by October 10, contact 250 248-6144 or [cashier@parksville.ca](mailto: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).

**Gathering Plaza survey reminder** to Parksville Community Park users to provide your ideas about the new gathering plaza; how the space is used and how it could be used in the future. Your participation helps ensure the space continues to be a vibrant, inviting and inclusive space that enhances quality of life and fosters a sense of community. Survey is open until October 14 from our website. Paper copies available from City Hall.



**Fill the Boots for Food Drive** - Mark your calendars for the annual food and toy drive, November 16 and 17. Firefighters will collect cash donations for the Salvation Army and new unwrapped toys for the Society of Organized Services. [[parkvillefirerescue.ca](http://parkvillefirerescue.ca)]

**Veteran Remembrance Banners** will be on display along Island Highway East and Alberni Highway through November to honour local veterans who gave their lives in World War I and World War II. Approved by Council in 2020, this program honours the sixty veterans listed on the cenotaph. There is a section on *Let's Talk Parksville* which tells the heartwarming stories of these veterans. Please take a few minutes to read these individual stories, we know you won't be disappointed. [City Hall/Veterans]



**Cookies, Carols and More!** is set for Saturday, December 7 from 2 to 4.30 pm at the Jensen Centre. Celebrate the holiday season with family and friends. Hosted by the City, this event will feature entertainment, goodies, activities for kids and their families, and a visit from Santa. *Everyone welcome!*



## City Dates

October 14	Thanksgiving (offices closed)
October 17	ShakeOut BC at 10.17 am
October 21	Council Meeting
October 27	Parksville Fire Open House
October 28	Special Council Meeting - Financial Plan
October 30	Special Council Meeting - Financial Plan
October 31	Utility notices due
November 4	Council Meeting - Financial Plan
November 6	Special Council Meeting - Financial Plan
November 11	Remembrance Day (offices closed)
November 16-17	Parksville Fire <i>Fill the Boots for Food Drive</i>
November 18	Council Meeting
December 2	Council Meeting

## How to Reach Council

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