

February 6, 2025

PARKSVILLE FIRE RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN



We're on the lookout for positive, energetic and community-minded individuals to join our amazing team of volunteer paid on-call firefighters. If you live in the Parksville Fire Protection area and want to learn more about our dedicated and skilled team, we'd love to hear from you!

Our team is made up of volunteer paid on-call and career firefighters committed to public safety and community service. In 2024, we responded to almost 800 calls, including structure fires, rescues, motor vehicle incidents, medical assistance, and public service requests. Our firefighters are highly skilled professionals who value integrity, honesty, selflessness, commitment, courage, and are hardworking and family oriented.

We serve the Parksville Fire Protection Area which covers the City of Parksville and contract areas within the Regional District of Nanaimo - San Pareil, Morningstar, Columbia Beach, French Creek, and the Fourneau Road, Wildgreen, and Martindale Road areas.

Joining our team comes with fantastic benefits:

- Professional firefighter certification and ongoing training.
- Opportunity to serve your community, team environment.
- Personal growth, sense of achievement, and a chance to be awesome.
- 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 need your help with our recruiting efforts; please encourage those you know who may be interested to contact Parksville Fire. We'd love to chat about what we do at Parksville Fire Rescue. Give us a call at 250 248-3242 to speak with an officer and arrange a tour. Application deadline is Friday, February 28.

You can find more recruitment details and general info on our **website**. We asked members to share what being a volunteer firefighter means to them. Check out the videos here and on our social media feeds.

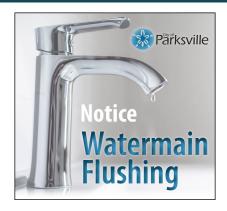






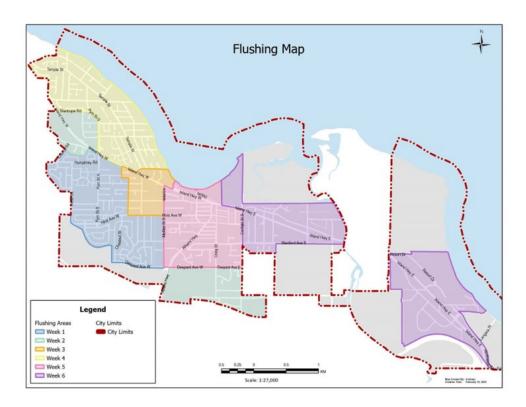
Watermain Flushing

The City's annual watermain flushing program will start on February 18 and run through April, about twelve weeks. Flushing is an important part of our ongoing maintenance program to ensure the integrity of the water supply system for residents and businesses. Flushing will generally take place between the hours of 7.30 am and 3.30 pm, Monday to Friday.



During these times, customers can expect some discolouration of water and intermittent drops in water pressure. This is a temporary condition and is not a health concern. Please follow these guidelines during the water main flushing program:

- Keep a fresh supply of drinking water in your refrigerator.
- Check for discolouration of water **before** doing laundry.
- If your water is discoloured, run an outside tap (after 3.30 pm) until the water clears.



Mobile Food Services in Parksville Community Park

Parksville Council recently approved a pilot project for the delivery of mobile food services in the Parksville Community Park intended to provide improved concession services in the park through a variety of mobile food vendors. City staff will coordinate, schedule and manage the delivery of the service and an analysis of the 2025 service will be provided to Council later this year.

An expressions of interest, open to March 3, is posted on the City's website. We are looking for mobile food vendors to operate from the two existing food truck pads in the Parksville Community Park from May 1 to September 30. Details about the program at this **link**.





Adopted January 20

The 2025-2029 Five-year Financial Plan was adopted by City of Parksville Council on January 20. We appreciate the public's input during the financial plan process through the priorities survey, online comments and in-person at financial plan meetings. The 2025 budget which is included in the 2025-2029 financial plan, sets out priority services, projects and initiatives for the coming year.

Financial documents and presentations may be viewed at Letstalkparksville.ca/financial-plan-2025.



REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW

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 is February 28 and info and application forms available from City Hall and the **website**.

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 4 pm, February 28. 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 both on-leash and off-leash within the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area. Rathtrevor Beach is closed February 15 to April 30 and Parksville Bay Beach from March 1 to April 30.

Our snow and ice control program - we monitor road and weather conditions throughout the winter months and when snow and icy conditions are forecast, crews and equipment are prepared and when it snows, crews are dispatched to clear roads on a priority basis. Information about our snow and ice control program is available on **Let's Talk Parksville**.



2025 special events applications are being accepted from organizations and individuals wishing to hold special events at City-owned venues or on City streets. Annual events will be given priority provided the request is received by November 30, after which time applications are addressed as first-time events on a first-come, first-served basis, based on availability. Applications must be received at least thirty days prior to the event. Policy and forms on the **website**. Questions should be directed to **events@parksville.ca**.

Recycle BC pop-up depot in Parksville will continue through 2025, 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 website.

We're pleased to announce the winners of our Parksville Pooch contest!

Let us introduce Chloe and Winston! The two winners were selected by random draw and have each won their dog licence for the year and some tasty treats. We will soon post an album of all the entries to social media, you won't want to miss!





CHLOE WINSTON

WORK AT THE CITY!



MORE INFO

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday, February 19 at 1 pm

MORE INFO

CITY DATES

February 17	Family Day (offices closed)
February 19	Council Meeting
February 28	Application deadline for Parksville Fire recruitment
February 28	Application deadline for Spring Grant-in-Aid
March 3	Council Meeting
March 17	Council Meeting
April 7	Committee of the Whole - Financial Plan
	Council Meeting

April 18/April 21 Easter Holidays (offices closed)

April 23 Council Meeting

April 28 Special Financial Plan Meeting

For more information:

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