



February 20, 2025



### Volunteer Paid On-call Firefighter Recruitment

We're on the lookout for positive, energetic and community-minded individuals to join our amazing team of volunteer paid on-call firefighters. 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.

If you live in the fire protection area and want to learn more about our dedicated and skilled team, we'd love to hear from you and 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. You can find recruitment details and general info on our [website](#) and the application deadline is coming up soon, February 28.

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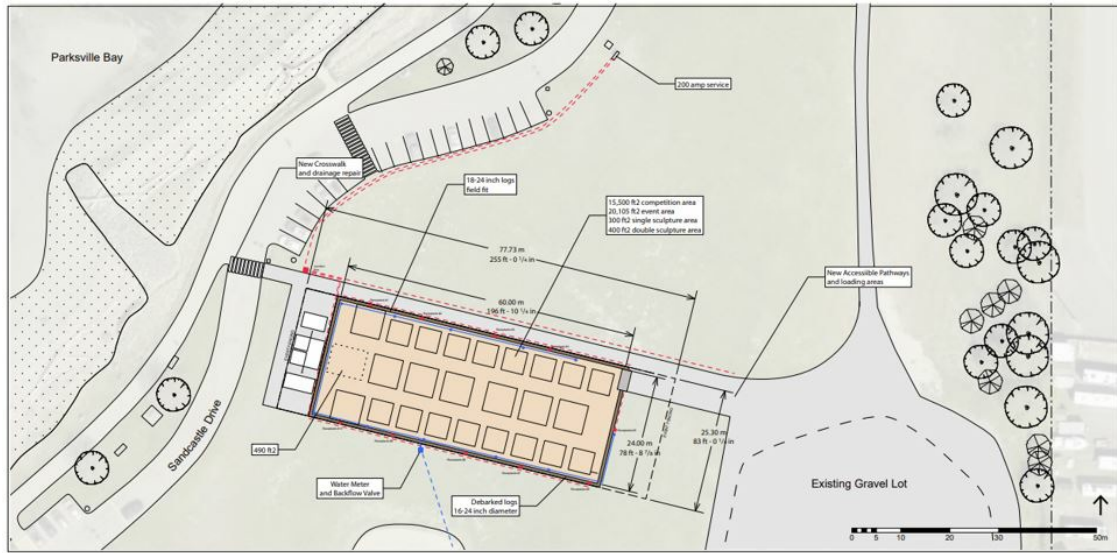
### Sandcastles Moving to Larger Sandbox

Earlier this week, Council approved a development permit application to relocate the Quality Foods Sand Sculpting Competition and Exhibition hosted by Parksville Beach Festival to a portion of the kite field within the Parksville Community Park. The permit approves the land alteration and construction necessary to facilitate a new formalized area for the event.

The relocation project which includes utilities, excavation and fill, is expected to complete in May. The City's 2025-2029 financial plan includes \$150,000 with the Parksville Beach Festival Society contributing \$50,000 towards relocation costs. The move will free up the small sand courts near the gathering plaza for alternate programming, open waterfront views, and result in less congestion in the new gathering space.

This popular Parksville event has outgrown the existing small sand site near the waterfront walkway. The new larger sandbox will be in the southern portion of the kite field, adjacent to the sand volleyball courts, large gravel lot and Sandcastle Drive. The site is 150 metres from the current competition area and 200 metres from two washroom buildings. The location allows easy access for visitors, competitors, volunteers, and event setup crews from the large gravel lot and access from Sandcastle Drive will enhance accessibility. The new rectangular site will facilitate better use of space for the sculptures and improve accessibility within the site.

NEWS RELEASE



## CITY SERVICES

### Phase 3 Transportation Master Plan

The City of Parkville is nearing completion of the transportation master plan process. This new plan will address current transportation challenges and shape the future of transportation in Parkville. The process to create a transportation master plan began in late 2023 and continued through 2024. The draft transportation master plan will be presented to Parkville Council for consideration this spring.

With valuable input from the public through in-person engagement and online surveys, the first two phases defined the overall ambitions of the City to be an active, accessible and safe community, and then developed a series of options to respond to the identified challenges. This final Phase 3, developed practical recommendations to address the challenges and analyzed feedback from the community on project priorities, summarized in the [What We Heard Report #3](#). Along with the Phase 3 report, results from the first two phases of engagement, open house presentations and key reference documents may be viewed on [Let's Talk Parkville](#).



### Mobile Food Services in Parkville Community Park

Through an expressions of interest open until March 3, we are seeking mobile food vendors to provide services from the two existing food truck pads in the Parkville Community Park from May 1 to September 30, 2025.

As a pilot project for 2025, City staff will coordinate, schedule and manage the delivery of mobile food concessions services in the park. The daily pad rental rates to be paid by the vendors will help offset the costs for electrical and water hookups as well as the enhanced level of service for waste disposal by the City. Details on our [website](#).



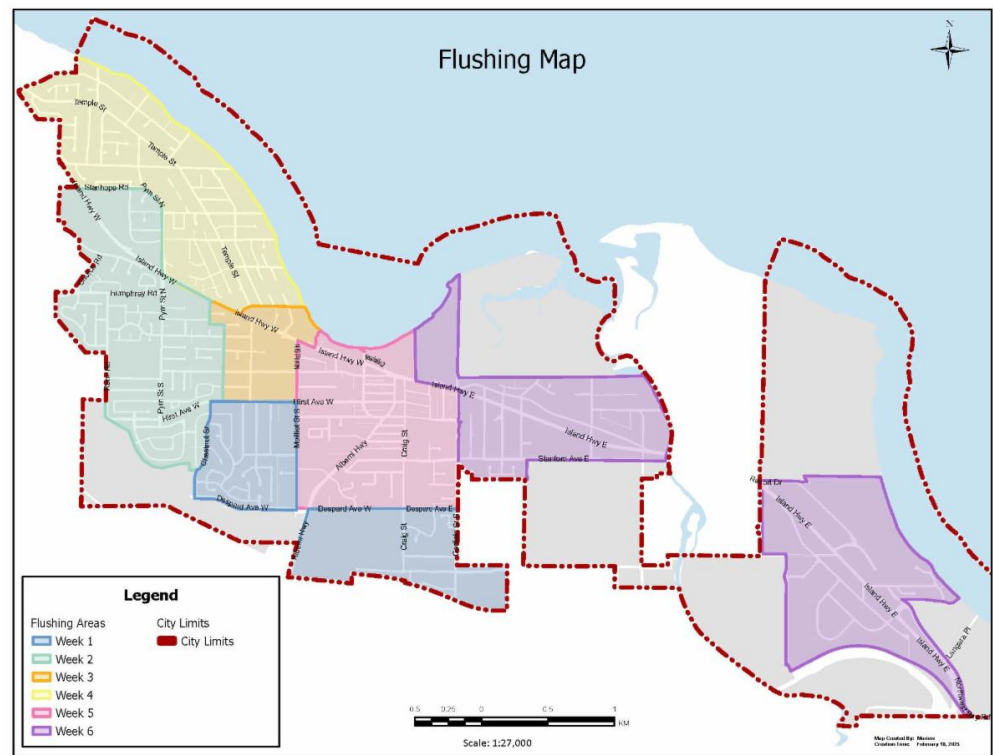
### Watermain Flushing

The City's annual watermain flushing program runs 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. We've provided a map below to help determine when watermain flushing will take place in your area.

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.



# THINGS WE'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW

## Ravensong Aquatic Centre Expansion Referendum

On April 5 eligible electors from the City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum Beach and Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Electoral Areas (EA) E, F, G and H will decide if the RDN can borrow up to \$30 million to expand Ravensong Aquatic Centre.



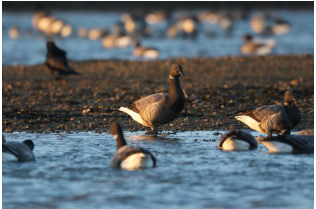
The RDN has scheduled information sessions for eligible electors to learn more and ask questions about the expansion, proposed borrowing and referendum. Members of the public are also welcome to attend.

- Refer to [Get Involved RDN](#) for details and session dates.
- Refer to the [RDN website](#) for information on the referendum including voting details.

**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 until April 30 and Parksville Bay Beach will be closed March 1 to April 30.





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](mailto: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, 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](#).



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Next  
**Council Meeting**  
*Monday, March 3 - 1 pm*

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## CITY DATES

February 28	Recruitment deadline for Parksville Fire
February 28	Application deadline for Spring Grant-in-Aid
March 3	Council Meeting
March 17	Council Meeting
April 5	RDN Referendum Voting Day
April 7	COTW (Financial Plan), Council Meeting
April 18/21	Easter Holidays (offices closed)
April 23	Council Meeting
April 28	Special Financial Plan Meeting

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