

March 10, 2025



New Outdoor Water Conservation Framework

A new water framework for Parksville residents was announced in February. Here are the key changes:



Restriction period extended to October 31

Responds to trend of longer, hotter summers. In recent years, restrictions have been in place beyond the previously defined September 30 end date.



New level 3 limits watering days to one day per week; odd-numbered houses on Monday and even-numbered houses on Thursday

Adjusting this voluntary level to include tangible and measurable water conservation provides direction to residents on how to reduce water use and provide clarity on specific actions to limit water use should drought conditions become more severe.



New level 4 identical to previous stage 4 but with vehicle washing allowed with shutoff nozzle

Vehicle washing has minimal impact on water supply and with car wash businesses open during level 4, water would be used to wash cars regardless of whether at home or at car wash business.

Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from all water conservation levels as are businesses which require water for operations, essential municipal sports fields and nurseries.

From June 1 to October 31, as a partner in the Arrowsmith Water Service, the City operates through an order from the Province of BC which regulates the flow release from the Arrowsmith Lake Reservoir. The provincial enabling order determines when water conservation levels will be implemented to ensure an adequate water supply for the Englishman River to support the in-stream fish environment and the residents of Parksville.

Utility notices will be mailed to homeowners later this month and will include additional details about the updated framework as well as indoor and outdoor water conservation tips. Refer to [Let's Talk Parksville](#) for details.

Next Steps in Parksville's 2025-2029 Financial Plan

In January, Council approved the 2025-2029 financial plan. Guided by Council priorities, the City's financial plan sets the priority services, programs and initiatives for the next five years and how the City will pay for them. The next step is Council's consideration of amendments to the 2025-2029 financial plan resulting from new information, updated BC Assessment data and completion of the 2024 fiscal year.

Next meetings are outlined below. We encourage residents to attend the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 9 to provide input on the amended plan.



April 7 - Introduction of recommended amendments to financial plan and analysis of BC Assessment Revised Roll

April 9 - Committee of the Whole to discuss amendments and direction from Council on property, water and sewer rates

April 23 - Regular meeting - motions forwarded from April 9 meeting

April 28 - Tentative meeting date if required for further deliberation of amended financial plan and rates bylaws

May 5 - Three readings 2025-2029 amended financial plan bylaw and 2025 water, sewer and property tax rates bylaws

May 7 or 12 - Final adoption of 2025 amended financial plan and 2025 tax rates bylaws

Final 2025 property tax rates and utility rates for the City of Parksville will be set during this schedule of meetings. The forecasted rate increases for 2025 were 7% for property taxes, 6% for water fees and 6% for sewer fees, which will result in an increase of about \$175 for an average residential property. Property tax notices will be mailed by end of May, following adoption of the financial plan and property tax rate bylaws.

Meetings to consider the 2025-2029 financial plan were held in October and November and public input received through online survey and in-person. Documents and staff presentations may be viewed on [Let's Talk Parksville](#).

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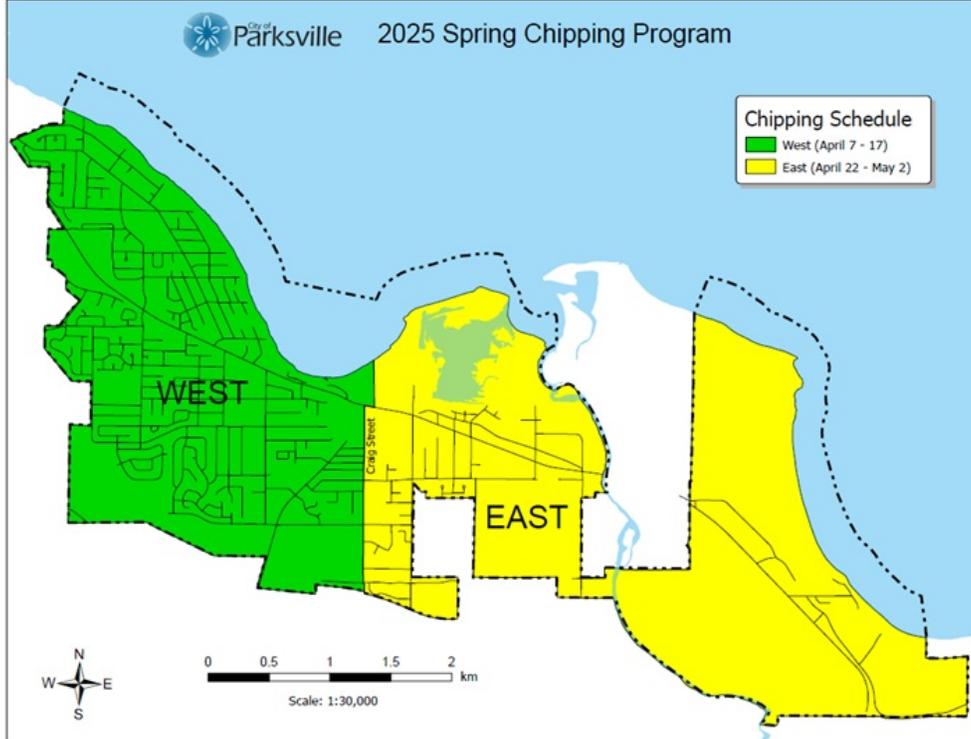
Annual Wood Chipping Program

Our wood chipping program will take place April 7 through May 2. The City is divided into two zones - west and east of Craig Street; properties west of Craig will receive collection between April 7 and April 17 and properties east of Craig are scheduled between April 22 and May 2. Questions about the program should be directed to ops@parksville.ca or 250 248-5412.

Materials must be at curbside by 8 am on:

April 7 - For collection at properties WEST of Craig Street

April 22 - For collection at properties EAST of Craig Street



[MORE INFO](#)

Parksville's 2025 Canada Day Celebrations

We're excited to host our residents and visitors at Parksville's 2025 Canada Day celebrations. On Canada Day, we come together to celebrate and shine a light on our country and whatever it is that makes you proud! We hope you will share in the day and connect with families, neighbours and friends at Parksville's Canada Day festivities. 2025 is Canada's 158th birthday, the City of Parksville turns 80 and as part of our celebrations, will recognize the Mount Arrowsmith Pipe Band as they celebrate 50 years.

We're now planning the day's activities, and [Let's Talk Parksville](#) details what we have so far, just more of everything! Live music at the Parksville Outdoor Theatre from noon to 6.30 pm with Vancouver Island bands, entertainment and activities at the gathering plaza from 1-9 pm, and much more. Please check back as we fine-tune our plans.

Canada Day parade applications, food truck applications, and latest news and updates are available on [Let's Talk Parksville](#) and social media. Email questions to canadaday@parksville.ca.



[MORE INFO](#)

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.

Reminder to residents – there’s a drop-in information session on Wednesday, March 12 from 5-7.30 pm at St Columba Presbyterian Church, 921 Wembley Road. This is an in-person, drop-in format with info boards to explain the proposed Ravensong Aquatic Centre expansion and details about the referendum. RDN staff will be present to answer questions about the expansion and referendum.

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.



Watermain flushing program

Our annual watermain flushing program continues through April, 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. [More info.](#)

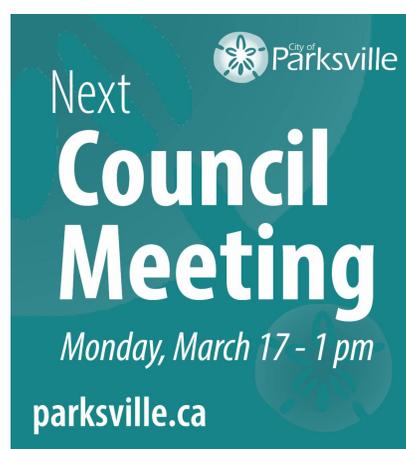


Water Conservation Level 1

April allows for watering of lawns between 7 pm and 7 am, any day of the week. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from restrictions. [More info.](#)

Recycle BC pop-up depot

The 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](#).



CITY DATES

March 17	Council Meeting
April 7	Council Meeting, Amended Financial Plan
April 9	Committee of the Whole, Amended Financial Plan
April 18/April 21	Easter Holidays (offices closed)
April 23	Council Meeting, Amended Financial Plan
April 28	Tentative Financial Plan Meeting
May 5	Council Meeting, Financial Plan
May 19	Victoria Day Holiday (offices closed)
May 21	Council Meeting

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