



## New Outdoor Water Conservation Framework

A new water framework for Parkville 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.



**Level 3 limits watering days to one day per week; odd-numbered houses on Monday and even-numbered 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.



**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 adequate water supply for the Englishman River to support in-stream fish environment and the residents of Parkville.

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 [letstalkparkville.ca/water-conservation](http://letstalkparkville.ca/water-conservation) for more information.

## 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.

Materials must be at curbside by 8 am on:

**April 7** - collection at properties WEST of Craig Street  
**April 22** - collection at properties EAST of Craig Street

Refer to map and collection details on our website [[Residents/Wood Chipping](#)]. Questions about the program should be directed to [ops@parkville.ca](mailto:ops@parkville.ca) or 250 248-5412.



## Next Steps in Parkville's Financial Plan Process



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.

A series of meetings are scheduled to continue financial plan discussions leading to final adoption of the 2025 amended financial plan and 2025 tax rates bylaws. Meetings will be held on April 7, April 9, April 23, April 28 (tentative), and May 5. Please refer to [letstalkparkville.ca/financial-plan-2025](http://letstalkparkville.ca/financial-plan-2025) for meeting details as well as financial plan documents and staff presentations. We encourage residents to attend the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 9 to provide input on the amended plan.

Final 2025 property tax rates and utility rates for the City of Parkville will be set during this next series 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.

## Transportation Master Plan Phase 3

We're nearing completion of the process to create a new transportation master plan to address current transportation challenges and shape future transportation in our City. We encourage residents to review the *What We Heard Report #3* which outlines practical recommendations to address challenges and analyzed feedback from the community on project priorities. Report #3 is available on *Let's Talk Parkville* along with the results from the first two engagement phases, open house presentations and key reference documents. The draft plan will be presented to Council this spring.



## 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	Financial Plan Meeting (Tentative)
May 5	Council Meeting, Financial Plan
May 19	Victoria Day Holiday (offices closed)
May 21	Council Meeting

## How to Reach Council

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## REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW...

**Canada Day 2025 in Parkville** will celebrate the 158th anniversary of Canada's confederation, Parkville's 80th birthday and the 50th anniversary of the Mount Arrowsmith Pipe Band. We're planning a great family-friendly event for the community with just a little more of everything and hope you will share your day with us. On Canada Day, we come together to celebrate and shine a light on our country and whatever it is that makes you proud! Details, entertainment lineup and more at [letstalkparkville.ca/canadaday-2025](http://letstalkparkville.ca/canadaday-2025).



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.

**Parkville beaches closed to dogs** to limit disturbance to migrating Brant geese. Our beaches are subject to seasonal "no dog" restrictions and applies to both on-leash and off-leash within Parkville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area. Rath Trevor Beach and Parkville Bay Beach are closed to dogs until April 30.

**Water Conservation Level 1** in 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.