

March 20, 2025



It's the first day of Spring, bringing longer days and fresh beginnings! Enjoy the warmer weather and the beauty of nature coming back to life.

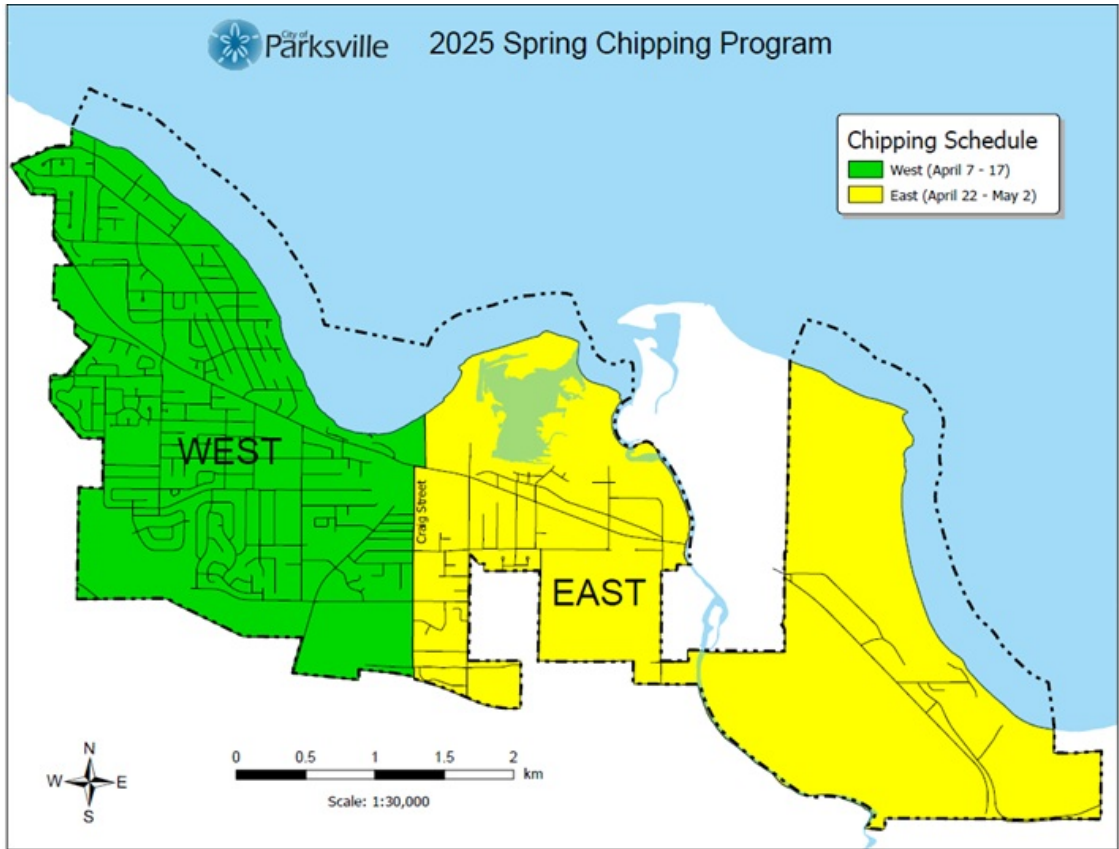
Wood Chipping Program

Our annual wood chipping program starts on April 7 through to 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](#)

New Outdoor Water Conservation Framework

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

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.

Next Steps in Parksville's 2025-2029 Financial Plan

The next meetings related to the City's 2025-2029 financial plan 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. Documents and presentations may be viewed on [Let's Talk Parksville](#).

[MORE INFO](#)

Parksville's 2025 Canada Day Celebrations

We're excited to host Canada Day celebrations in Parksville again this year and hope you will share in the day's festivities. 2025 is Canada's 158th birthday, the City of Parksville turns 80 and as part of our celebrations, we will recognize the Mount Arrowsmith Pipe Band as they celebrate 50 years.

[Let's Talk Parksville](#) details what we have planned 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. Canada Day parade applications and food truck applications are available on [Let's Talk Parksville](#). Questions to canadaday@parksville.ca

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REMINDERS AND THINGS WE'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW

Elevator Upgrade – Parksville Civic and Technology Centre

The elevator in the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre will be out of service from Monday, March 24 for four weeks due to a substantial upgrade. Completion is estimated to be Friday, April 18. During this time, should residents require assistance from staff working in offices on the second floor, arrangements will be made for staff to meet with residents on the main floor. Appropriate signage will be placed at the elevator.

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 Regional District of Nanaimo can borrow up to \$30 million to expand Ravensong Aquatic Centre.

- **Get Involved RDN** for details
- **RDN website** for information on the referendum including voting details
- **Notice** of asset voting, advance voting, mail ballot voting



Advance voting is set for March 26 and April 2 at the Qualicum Beach Community Hall, from 8 am to 8 pm. General voting day is April 5. Please refer to this [link for locations](#).

The RDN was awarded \$7 million from the Canada Green and Inclusive Community Buildings program for this project. The release issued by the Government of Canada on March 19, may be viewed at this [link](#).

The City's annual **watermain flushing program** which started mid February, continues through April. 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. There's a [map](#) to determine when watermain flushing will take place in your area.

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.

**BEACHES
CLOSED
TO DOGS**

Rathtrevor Beach
February 15 to April 30

Parksville Bay Beach
March 1 to April 30





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 info visit Recycle BC [website](#).



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Next

Council Meeting

Monday, April 7 - 1 pm

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DURING A LOCAL EMERGENCY**



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CITY DATES

April 5	RDN Referendum General Voting Day
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 (if required)
May 5	Council Meeting, Financial Plan
May 19	Victoria Day Holiday (offices closed)
May 21	Council Meeting

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