

## Parksville Council Adopts 2025-2029 Financial Plan

The 2025-2029 financial plan, tax rates and utility rates bylaws were given final adoption by Council on May 8. The bylaws reflect a 5.5% increase in general municipal property taxes, a 6% increase in metered water and water parcel tax rates, and a 6% increase in sanitary sewer usage and parcel tax rates. The estimated increase for an average priced home is \$141.

Property tax notices will be mailed by the end of May and the due date for property taxes is July 2. In the event of a postal strike, you are responsible for ensuring your payment is received by the City by the due date to avoid penalty.

Refer to [letstalkparksville.ca/financial-plan-2025](http://letstalkparksville.ca/financial-plan-2025) for full news release, financial plan details, and staff presentations and reports.



## Celebrate Canada, Celebrate Community: Parksville at 80! Canada Day Celebrations in Parksville

We're excited to host Canada Day when 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. 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's 50 years with a performance.

The day's activities are coming together nicely with details on Let's Talk Parksville, featuring more of everything! The day kicks off with the popular Shriners pancake breakfast and the best parade on Vancouver Island. Live mainstage music at the Parksville Outdoor Theatre from noon to 6.30 pm with three amazing Vancouver Island bands with Time Well Wasted, Sarah Smith, and The Joints. The gathering plaza will feature buskers, Craig The Magician and learn to build sandcastles with master sculptor David Kaube. Games on the sports fields, face painters and Canada Day cake and cupcakes in the picnic shelter, and a food truck festival near the sports fields.

Our thanks to Department of Canadian Heritage for a Canada Day grant, and sponsors Isle Golf Cars, Thrifty Foods, Black & White Event Rentals, Absolute Septic Service, Neway Traffic Management, PQB News, and the Beach and the Lounge. Parade applications and the day's schedule on [letstalkparksville.ca](http://letstalkparksville.ca) and social media. Questions to [canaday@parksville.ca](mailto:canaday@parksville.ca).



## Residents Invited to Provide Input on Evacuation Route Planning

The City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum Beach and Regional District of Nanaimo are working together to develop an evacuation route plan for RDN Electoral Area G, the City and the Town. Identifying local knowledge of hazards and potential evacuation barriers is vital to effective route planning. As part of the planning process, impacted and affected residents and groups are invited to provide input through a survey until May 31. The feedback gathered will be used to help create a practical and effective evacuation plan. Parksville residents are encouraged to complete the survey by May 31 from our website.



The planning process will consider many factors, including risk areas, population size and demographics, transportation resources and traffic management as well as evacuation route availability and capacity, communications, animal welfare, identification of vulnerable populations, immediate emergency actions, response and evacuation times, and time of year. Project information and evacuation planning resources at [Get Involved RDN](http://getinvolvedrdn.ca).



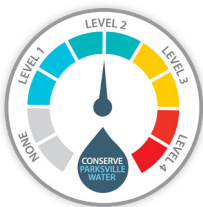
## Celebrate Us at 80!

There's a birthday party planned for Thursday, June 19 from 4-6 pm here at City Hall. Parksville Council invites you to celebrate Parksville at 80, incorporated as a City on June 19, 1945. Since 1945, the City has grown and changed in so many wonderful ways while maintaining a small-town welcoming charm.

There will be birthday cake and refreshments, some music and a chance to share your memories of the City's past. Our plans to celebrate in 2020 were cancelled due to the pandemic so in some small way, we hope this will be a chance to recognize us at 80! Stay tuned for more details as the date gets closer.

## REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW...

**Water Conservation Level 2** is in effect from May to October unless otherwise notified. Odd numbered civic addresses may water on odd numbered days and even numbered addresses may water on even numbered days. Watering times are 7 am to 10 am OR 7 pm to 10 pm for a maximum of two hours of total allocated watering per day. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from restrictions. For details about the City's water conservation program, refer to [Let's Talk Parksville](http://letstalkparksville.ca).



**Permissive Tax Exemptions** - under the provisions of the Community Charter, Council may exempt land and/or improvements from municipal property taxes for the next calendar year, subject to certain requirements which in general, restrict exemption to non-profit organizations using the lands for specific non-profit purposes. Application deadline is 4 pm, June 30. Details, form and policy may be obtained from City Hall or from the website [\[City Hall/Mayor and Council/Permissive Tax Exemptions\]](http://cityhall/mayorandcouncil/permissive-tax-exemptions).

**Special watering permits** to support newly planted or turfed lawns and/or landscaping are available on our website and may also be obtained from our operations department, 1116 Herring Gull Way, 8 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday. [\[Quicklink - Water Restrictions\]](http://quicklink.ca)

**No Open Buring or Fireworks** - Residents are reminded all open burning and outdoor fires, excluding cooking fires, are prohibited in the Parksville Fire Protection Area. As well, beach fires in the Parksville Qualicum Wildlife Management Area are prohibited by provincial legislation; this includes all beaches from French Creek to Resort Drive. The sale of any type of fireworks is prohibited in the City of Parksville and all fireworks are banned within City limits. [\[parksvillefirerescue.ca\]](http://parksvillefirerescue.ca)

Expected to complete in mid-June, work to relocate the sand sculpting competition and exhibition hosted by **Parksville Beach Festival** is now underway on a portion of the kite field in the Parksville Community Park.



## City Dates

May 19	Victoria Day Holiday (offices closed)
May 21	Council Meeting
June 2	Council Meeting
June 16	Council Meeting
June 19	Parksville's 80th Birthday
July 1	Parksville's Canada Day Celebrations
July 7	Council Meeting
July 21	Council Meeting
August 4	BC Day (offices closed)

## How to Reach Council

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