

May 15, 2025



Logger sports - Parksville Community Park (circa 1940)

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 this week 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. Please refer to [Let's Talk Parksville](#) for full news release, list of capital projects, financial plan details, and staff presentations and reports.



Help Shape Your Community's Evacuation Plan through a survey!



Residents 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. The feedback gathered will be used to help create a practical and effective evacuation plan. For more information about the project, evacuation planning resources and to sign up to receive project updates, visit [Get Involved RDN](#).

Parksville residents are encouraged to complete the survey by May 31.

TAKE THE SURVEY!

AND IN OTHER NEWS....

Operations Crews Spring into Action: Busy with Spring Work

With the arrival of spring and warmer weather, our annual multi-week spring maintenance and cleanup program is well underway in the City. We always welcome the change of season and over the next two months, our staff will be working in the community, tackling seasonal maintenance tasks that make our City shine.

The City’s [operations department](#) provides a variety of services to enhance the daily lives of Parksville residents; the levels of service are approved as part of the financial plan and budget process in the fall. If you have a few minutes, there’s a long list of the many activities where our crews will be working in your community over the next few months, available at this [link](#).

How can you help? During peak demand, residents can support our spring maintenance activities by submitting an [online service request](#) to report such issues as potholes, repairs to sidewalks, curbs, manholes, streetlights, graffiti removal or dead or unhealthy trees. As well, with spring maintenance in full swing, please be alert, slow down in work areas and give our crews, trucks and equipment space and respect and follow any barricades and signage at work sites.



Sandcastles on the move!

The City is working with [Parksville Beach Festival Society](#) to relocate the Quality Foods Sand Sculpting Competition and Exhibition to a new, more permanent location within the Parksville Community Park. Work is expected to finish up by mid-June.



The new larger sandbox is in the southern portion of the kite field, adjacent to the sand volleyball courts, large gravel lot and Sandcastle Drive. The new 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.



PARKSVILLE'S
CANADA DAY 2025
JULY 1

Parksville's 80th birthday!

Parksville Community Park
Celebrate Canada, Celebrate Community: Parksville at 80

PARADE | MUSIC | FOOD TRUCKS | AND MORE!



We're beyond excited to once again host Canada Day! We hope you will share in the day, celebrate 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 all the details on [Let's Talk Parksville](#). There's more of everything this year and it's all free! 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 [Let's Talk Parksville](#) and [social media](#). Questions to canadaday@parksville.ca.

REMINDERS AND THINGS WE'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW

Celebrate Us at 80! -There's a birthday party being 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 years. More details next week!



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](#).

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](#).

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.

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 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. More details at this [link](#).

Food truck schedules are updated and posted to the City's [website](#). Food trucks are open daily from 11 am to 7 pm in the Parksville Community Park.

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, visit [Recycle BC website](#).



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Next
Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 21 - 1 pm
parksville.ca

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DURING A LOCAL EMERGENCY**



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Connected Community

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 80 th Birthday Party
July 1	Parksville's Canada Day Celebration
July 7	Council Meeting
July 21	Council Meeting
August 4	BC Day (offices closed)

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