

## May 29, 2025



# City of Parksville Property Taxes Due July 2

2025 tax notices were mailed early in anticipation of a possible Canada Post service disruption. In the event of a postal strike, property owners are responsible to ensure payment is received by the City by the due date to avoid penalty. The best way to ensure your payment is received on time is to make your payment online through your financial institution. Please refer to the back of your tax notice for instructions or for other payment options, also available at this **link**.

- If you do not receive your property tax notice by June 2, phone the City at 250 248-6144.
- Payments must be received, and homeowner grants must be claimed by the July 2 due date to avoid a penalty.
- All eligible homeowners are required to apply for their homeowner grant with the Province of BC at gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or by phone at 1 888 355-2700.

When making a payment at a bank or through online banking, allow a minimum of two business days for bank processing time. Regardless of your payment method, payment must be received at the City of Parksville by the due date of Wednesday, July 2 or be subjected to an immediate 5% penalty. An additional 5% penalty will be applied to current year property taxes outstanding at the end of business on September 15. Penalties are also applied to any unclaimed homeowner grants.

The 2025-2029 financial plan, tax rates and utility rates bylaws were given final adoption by Council on May 7. 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. Information on the City's 2025-2029 financial plan may be viewed at Let's Talk Parksville.

**Operations Crews Busy with Spring Work** With the arrival of spring and warmer weather, our annual multi-week spring maintenance and cleanup program is well underway with staff tackling seasonal maintenance tasks to 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. We've provided a long list of the activities where you may see our crews working in the community, available at this **link**.



# **CITY HOSTED EVENTS**

## Parksville Council invites you to City of Parksville's 80th birthday party

# Celebrate Us at 80!

The City of Parksville was incorporated on June 19, 1945, and over the past 80 years, we have grown and changed in so many wonderful ways while keeping our small-town welcoming charm.

Parksville Council invites you to *Celebrate Us at 80!* at a birthday party on June 19 at the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre, 100 Jensen Avenue East. Please drop-in anytime between 4 and 6 pm for birthday cake and refreshments, some music, a chance to share your memories of the City's past and a stroll down memory lane.

City of Parksville's 80th Birthday hosted by Parksville Council

Parksville residents

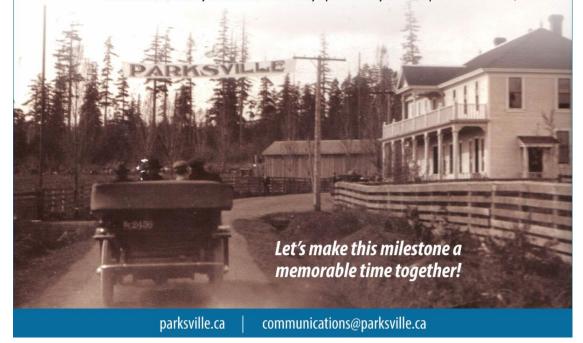


### Where When Why

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Birthday cake and refreshments Atrium, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre, 100 Jensen Avenue East Thursday, June 19, 2025 - Drop-in anytime, 4-6 pm (speeches at 4.30 pm) Join Parksville Council in celebrating the City's 80th birthday with birthday cake and refreshments, and a chance to share your memories of the City's past. The City was incorporated on June 19, 1945.



# Canada Day Celebrations in Parksville

Here's an update to Parksville's Canada Day where we will celebrate the 158th anniversary of Canada's confederation, the City's 80th birthday and the 50th anniversary of the Mount Arrowsmith Pipe Band.



Hosted by the City of Parksville, we continue to add more events and activities to make the day the best free, family-friendly event for the community. The day kicks off with the Canada Day parade and pancake breakfast followed by activities and events in the Parksville Community Park.

Bring along lawn chairs and your dancing shoes for an afternoon of exciting Vancouver Island entertainment at the Parksville Outdoor Theatre, an appetite for an amazing selection of food trucks, and your energy to experience the many activities throughout the park.



#### NEW THIS YEAR... Free bicycle valet service

The City of Parksville is pleased to offer free, secure, coat-check style bike parking in the Parksville Community Park for Canada Day 2025. Enjoy Canada Day knowing your bike is safe under the supervision of Hub City Cycles Co-op staff and you are helping to reduce the number of vehicles at the event. Bike

valet service is available to Canada Day-goers from 9.30 am to 7 pm. Sandcastle Drive to Arbutus Point will be closed to vehicles with general parking in the large gravel lot and accessible parking within the park.

You will find parade applications and an outline of Canada Day activities on Let's Talk Parksville and social media. Please send any questions to canadaday@parksville.ca.



# IN OTHER NEWS....

#### Food Trucks in the Parksville Community Park

This year, the City is managing the food trucks in the Parksville Community Park, open 11 am to 7 pm, weather dependent. The schedule for June is now posted on our **website**. There's a great Facebook page, **Parksville Food Trucks (Summer 2025)**, a place for food trucks to advertise and the community to post Parksville food truck experiences and photos.

#### **Relocation of Parksville Beach Festival**

We're super excited about the new location of the sand sculpting competition and exhibition. Located on a portion of the kite field in the Parksville Community Park, construction of the new sandbox should finish up in the next couple weeks.



In June, we recognize...

- Pride Month celebrates our 2SLGBTQIA+ community with a flag and lights at 100 Jensen Avenue from June 2 to June 18.
- June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day, when we recognize the rich heritage, contributions and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples across Canada. The National Indigenous Peoples Day flag will be flown, and 100 Jensen Avenue will shine in orange from June 18 to June 25.
- June 30 will be formally proclaimed as Indigenous Survivors Day in the City of Parksville to recognize and honour residential school survivors.

# REMINDERS AND THINGS WE'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW



Labyrinth Repainting - Passing along information about repainting of the labyrinth in the Parksville Community Park on Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1. Drop in between 10.30 am and 3.30 pm to help paint; all skill levels and ages welcome. The labyrinth is located at the north end of the waterfront walkway at Arbutus Point. For details email holly.pathways2wellness@protonmail.com

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.

No Open Burning 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. More info parksvillefirerescue.ca.

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.



# **CITY DATES**

| May 31/June 1 | Repainting Parksville Community Park labyrinth |
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| June 2        | Council Meeting                                |
| June 14       | Parksville Fire Rescue Charity Carwash         |
| June 16       | Council Meeting                                |
| June 19       | Parksville's 80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday         |
| July 1        | Parksville's Canada Day Celebrations           |
| July 7        | Council Meeting                                |
| July 21       | Council Meeting                                |
| August 4      | BC Day (offices closed)                        |

#### For more information:

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