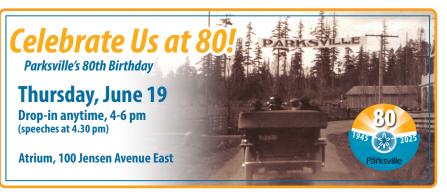


The City of Parksville is located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations, home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.

# It's Your City!

JUNE 11, 2025



Parksville Council invites you to our birthday party on Thursday, June 19 in the Forum, 100 Jensen Avenue East. There will be birthday cake, refreshments, music, and a chance to share your memories of the City's past. Drop by between 4 and 6 pm.

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

Canada Day 2025 with music and activities is shaping up to be the best-ever free, family friendly event for the community. We're celebrating Canada's 158th anniversary, City's 80th birthday and the 50th anniversary of the Mount Arrowsmith Pipe Band.

The day kicks off with Shriners pancake breakfast at 7.30 am and Canada Day parade at 10 am. Then it's activities in the Parksville Community Park from 11 am to 9 pm. Bring an appetite for the amazing selection of food trucks and your energy to take in all the day's activities. Gathering plaza features buskers, Craig The Magician, learn to build sandcastles with master sculptor David

Kaube, and there will be family games, face painters, displays, and Canada Day cake and cupcakes. Bring lawn chairs and your dancing shoes for an afternoon of exciting Vancouver Island mainstage entertainment at the Parksville Outdoor Theatre, noon to 6.30 pm with Time Well Wasted, Sarah Smith and The Joints. Opening ceremony is set for 12.45 pm. Full schedule at *letstalkparksville.ca/canadaday-2025*.

Our thanks to Department of Canadian Heritage and sponsors Isle Golf Cars, Thrifty Foods, Black & White Event Rentals, Absolute Septic Service, Neway Traffic Management, PQB News, Parksville Home Hardware, and the Beach and the Lounge.

#### Free bicycle valet service and vehicle parking

We're offering free, secure, coat-check style bike parking in the park for Canada Day from 9.30 am to 7 pm. Enjoy the day knowing your bike is safe and you are helping to reduce the number of vehicles at the event. Sandcastle Drive to Arbutus Point will be closed to vehicles with general parking in the large gravel lot and accessible parking in the park.

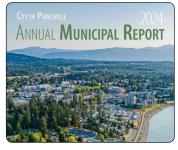
#### **Canada Day Parade**

Do you have a community group or organization to promote such as an amazing team, dance troupe, local business, non-profit? Get together, decorate your float and join Parksville's Canada Day parade. It's the best parade on the Island! Deadline June 20, applications at letstalkparksville.ca/canadaday-2025.

#### REMINDERS AND THINGS WE'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW...

**Water Conservation Level 2** is in effect unless otherwise notified. Odd numbered civic addresses may water on odd numbered days and even numbered addresses 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. Details about the City's water conservation program, refer to *Let's Talk Parksville*.

2024 Annual Report - City's annual report available for review on our website, will be formally presented to Council on June 16. Comments are welcome and info on our website. [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 4 pm, June 30. Details, form and policy may be obtained from City Hall or website [City Hall/Mayor and Council/Permissive Tax Exemptions].

**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. 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]

## **Property Taxes Due July 2**

If you have not received your 2025 tax notice, phone 250 248-6144. Payments must be received and homeowner grants claimed by due date of July 2 to avoid 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.

In the event of a postal disruption, property owners are responsible to ensure payment is received by the City by the due date. When making a payment at a bank or online banking, allow minimum of two business days for bank processing. Regardless of method, payment must be received at the City by 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 unclaimed homeowner grants.

The 2025-2029 financial plan, tax rates and utility rates bylaws received adoption by Council in May. Bylaws reflect a 5.5% increase in general municipal property taxes, 6% increase in metered water and water parcel tax rates, and 6% increase in sanitary sewer usage and parcel tax rates. [letstalkparksville.ca/financial-plan-2025]

# **City Dates**

June 16 Council Meeting
June 19 Parksville's 80th Birthday
July 1 Parksville's Canada Day Celebrations

July 7Council MeetingJuly 21Council MeetingAugust 4BC Day (offices closed)September 1Labour Day (offices closed)

September 3 Council Meeting September 15 Council Meeting

September 30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (offices closed)

\*\* No council meetings in August

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