








## Level 4 - Comprehensive Water Ban Conservation Efforts Essential

Through an operating order, the province determines the water levels in the Englishman River that must be maintained and the City releases water from the Arrowsmith dam to meet these requirements. The amount of water released from the dam along with an analysis of how long we can continue to release water, guides the implementation of conservation levels. This ensures a high-quality water supply for residents and the necessary water for fire safety as well as in-stream fish. We continue to experience a significant shortfall in precipitation and with continued drought conditions, as well as low stream flows, it was necessary to move to Level 4.

**Outdoor watering** - Level 4 includes a ban on all lawn watering activities. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from restrictions. Between 7 am and 10 am OR 7 pm and 10 pm, drip irrigation or micro irrigation and hand watering of gardens is permitted using a hand-held container or a hose equipped with shutoff device.

**Washing of vehicles, RVs, boats, and buildings; filling of pools** - Between 7 am and 10 am OR 7 pm and 10 pm on assigned watering day, vehicles, RVs and boats may be washed using a hand-held container or hose equipped with shutoff nozzle. Washing of exterior building surfaces is banned **UNLESS** prior to application of paint, preservative, stucco, or sealant. Filling of swimming pools, wading pools, hot tubs, and garden pond water features is banned.

Details about water conservation available on *Let's Talk Parksville*. Direct questions to the bylaw compliance department at [bylaw@parksville.ca](mailto:bylaw@parksville.ca).

	Frequency	<b>SPRINKLING BAN</b> LAWN WATERING NOT PERMITTED
	Lawn Watering times	
	Washing vehicles, RVs, boats, buildings (siding)	Between 7-10 am OR 7-10 pm (on your watering day)
	Hand-watering, drip irrigation, micro irrigation	Between 7-10 am OR 7-10 pm
	Filling fountains, pools, hot tubs	NOT PERMITTED
	Pressure washing walkways, driveways, buildings (siding)	ONLY prior to application of paint, preservative, stucco, or sealant
	New lawn permits	NO PERMITS ISSUED

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

### Parksville Fire Protection Area Campfire Ban

Until further notice, all open burning, including campfires, are banned in the City of Parksville and the surrounding fire protection area. The ban applies to open fires of any size, campfires, fireworks, firecrackers, sky lanterns, tiki torches, burning barrels and binary exploding targets. This ban has been implemented by the Parksville Fire Chief in conjunction with the ban implemented by the Coastal Fire Centre covering Vancouver Island and the south coast. Beach fires are not permitted at any time in Parksville Qualicum Wildlife Management Area.



For current fire restrictions in the area, visit [parksvillefirerescue.ca](http://parksvillefirerescue.ca) or follow Parksville Fire on Facebook and Bluesky. For information on provincial wild fire activity, conditions and prohibitions, visit the Wildfire Management Branch website at [bcwildfire.ca](http://bcwildfire.ca). To report a wildfire, call 1 800 663-5555 or \*5555 on a mobile phone.

### Fall grant-in-aid program deadline 4 pm, August 29

Non-profit organizations in the arts, cultural, recreational, or social services fields are eligible to apply. Info on program, policy, instructions, and application may be obtained from City Hall or from the website [Mayor and Council/Grant-in-Aid Applications].

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

### Seeking Online Feedback on Transportation Master Plan



In July, Council received the transportation master plan as provided by the consultant. The plan along with engagement summary report, existing conditions report, future traffic analysis, and multi-modal maps may be viewed on *Let's Talk Parksville*. We encourage residents to comment about the plan at *Let's Talk Parksville*. Your comments will help to inform the 2026-2030 financial plan process in the fall.

The new transportation master plan will be a guiding strategic document which will address current and future needs for all modes (auto, pedestrian, transit, cycling, and micro-mobility) and which supports the Official Community Plan. The goal is to provide a safe, efficient and accessible transportation network to support a high quality of life for residents and efficient mobility for all.

### City Looking for Comments on Parksville's Canada Day Celebrations

Thank you for celebrating with us, Parksville! We are grateful to all who celebrated Canada Day with the City in 2025. We first hosted Canada Day celebrations in 2024 and with the experience from hosting two events, we'd like to hear from you. We invite the community to share feedback on the 2025 Canada Day celebration. Open until August 31, the survey along with a list of the day's activities may be accessed from *Let's Talk Parksville* and our website. Tell us what worked, what could be improved and what you would like to see included in a Canada Day celebration. Your input will help with future planning and ensure the needs of the community are met.



### Tax and Utility Payments Made Easier and More Convenient

The City offers **Preauthorized Withdrawal Service** or **PAWS**, which allows taxpayers to contribute a fixed monthly payment towards their taxes and/or utilities bills based on an estimate of future amounts. Taxpayers can use PAWS if taxes are not being paid through a bank or mortgage company and there is no outstanding balance. The program is designed to help homeowners with easier budgeting for both property taxes and utility bills. Contact the finance department at 250 248-6144 or [cashier@parksville.ca](mailto:cashier@parksville.ca) for more info. Check program information and how to apply for PAWS on our website. [Online Services/Payment Options]

## City Dates

August 4	BC Day (offices closed)
September 1	Labour Day (offices closed)
September 3	Council Meeting
September 15	Council Meeting
September 30	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (offices closed)
October 6	Council Meeting

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