

August 20, 2025



**Level 4**

**Comprehensive Water Ban**

On August 1 and until further notice, the City of Parksville moved to Level 4 water conservation, a comprehensive watering ban. Through an operating order, the province determines the water levels in the Englishman River that must be maintained; the City releases water from the Arrowsmith dam to meet these requirements. The amount of water released from the Arrowsmith 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 our residents and the necessary water for fire safety as well as in-stream fish.

Detailed information about City water conservation is available on [Let's Talk Parksville](#). Please direct questions to the City's 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

MORE INFO

# OPEN FIRE PROHIBITION

## Coastal Fire Centre



Until further notice, all open burning, including campfires, are banned in the City of Parksville and the surrounding fire protection area. The fire protection area encompasses the City of Parksville, French Creek areas bordering the City of Parksville to the edge of the fire protection area at Johnston and Drew Roads, San

Pareil, Fournneau Road, Wildgreen Road, and Martindale Road areas. 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.



The ban does not apply to cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes or portable campfire apparatus with a CSA or ULC rating using briquettes, liquid or gaseous fuel that are not capable of producing a flame longer than 15 centimetres. Portable campfire apparatus that does not meet these conditions are prohibited. For the latest information on fire restrictions in the Parksville Fire Protection Area, visit [parksvillefirerescue.ca](https://parksvillefirerescue.ca) or follow Parksville Fire on Facebook and Bluesky. For information on provincial wildfire activity, conditions and prohibitions, visit the Wildfire Management Branch website at [bcwildfire.ca](https://bcwildfire.ca). To report a wildfire, call 1 800 663-5555 or \*5555 on a mobile phone.

## 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 set to begin in the fall. Public comments along with proposed transportation projects will be presented for Council consideration.

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.

### Looking for Comments!

#### Parksville's **Canada Day** Celebrations

Thank you for celebrating with us, Parksville! We are grateful to all who celebrated Canada Day with the City of Parksville in 2025. We first hosted Canada Day celebrations in 2024 and now with our experience from hosting two events, we would now like to hear from you.

We invite the community to share feedback on the 2025 Canada Day celebration. Open until August 31, the survey may be accessed from [Let's Talk Parksville](#). 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 planning for future events and ensure it meets the needs of the community. We appreciate your time to answer the questions; your comments will be passed along to Council for consideration in the fall. The day's activities are listed on [Let's Talk Parksville](#) and we've posted many good photos to [Facebook](#).



## IN OTHER NEWS!

# Cancellation of Emergency Preparedness Expo 2025

The decision was made by Emergency Management Oceanside (City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum Beach and the Regional District of Nanaimo) to cancel this year's Emergency Preparedness Expo scheduled for September 6.

This decision was not taken lightly and comes in response to the ongoing impacts of the Wesley Ridge wildfire, which has placed considerable demands on emergency services teams and community resources. While Emergency Management Oceanside was looking forward to hosting this important event and appreciates the support of the community to attend the event, the current focus remains on supporting recovery efforts. For current information on the wildfires on Vancouver Island, please refer to [BC Wildfire Service](#).

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


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](#).

Food trucks in Parksville Community Park, managed by the City are open 11 am to 7 pm, weather dependent. [Schedules are posted on our website](#). Facebook page, [Parksville Food Trucks \(Summer 2025\)](#), is a great place for food trucks to advertise and the community to post Parksville food truck experiences and photos.

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. For dates, visit Recycle BC [website](#).



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Next  
**Council Meeting**  
*Wednesday, September 3*  
[parksville.ca](https://parksville.ca) 1 pm

## CITY DATES

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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