

September 11, 2025

## Fire Prevention Week Parksville Fire Rescue Open House



Parksville Volunteer Fire Department members will host their annual fire prevention week open house on Sunday, October 5 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Parksville Fire training grounds, 1159 Franklin's Gull Road.

The event is a great opportunity for residents to learn about fire safety including home fire sprinklers, smoke alarms and home escape plans. There will be educational displays and interactive activities where you will learn how to use a fire extinguisher, how to perform CPR, try hose and target practice, and a kids' bunker gear challenge.

### 1.30 pm - Side-by-side burn demo

There will be a live burn demonstration featuring a side-by-side burn with two similarly furnished rooms; one protected with fire sprinklers and the other without fire sprinklers. The demonstration shows how quickly a fire can become deadly versus the quick response and effectiveness of a fire sprinkler system in controlling or extinguishing a fire.

Fire prevention week is recognized by the National Fire Protection Association from October 5 to October 11 and this year's theme is **Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home** to help educate about using these batteries safely. Key safety tips for residents from Parksville Fire:

- Purchase and install only batteries with an approved safety certification mark such as ULC or CSA.
- Always use the cords, charger, and accessories that come with the product for charging. Follow all the manufacturers' instructions for use and charging. Place your device on a hard surface when charging and do not overcharge. Unplug or remove the battery from your device when it is fully charged.
- Repairs or maintenance to your device should only be done by an authorized repair facility. Batteries should not be thrown into trash or regular recycling because they could start a fire. Visit [recycleyourbatteries.ca](https://recycleyourbatteries.ca) to find a recycling spot near you.



Sunday, October 5, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Parksville Fire training grounds, 1159 Franklin’s Gull Road. Live burn demonstration at 1.30 pm.

RECRUITMENT

Planning has begun for our 2026 volunteer paid on-call firefighter recruitment. Stop by Parksville Fire Rescue, call 250 248-3242 or visit [parksvillefirerescue.ca](http://parksvillefirerescue.ca) for more info.

MORE INFO

Contact Parksville Fire Rescue at 250 248-3242 for info about Parksville activities. For general information about fire prevention week and fire prevention, visit [nfpa.org/fpw](http://nfpa.org/fpw) and [parksvillefirerescue.ca](http://parksvillefirerescue.ca).

Phase 2 Waterfront Walkway Repairs

The second phase of the City’s waterfront walkway replacement program begins on Monday, September 15 and should take about one month. The section from the Parksville Community Park to in front of Park Sands Beach Resort will be replaced this year.

While the work is underway, this section of the waterfront walkway will be closed to the public and those wishing to use the walkway will be required to navigate around the construction area by walking on the beach. Signage, fencing and barricades will indicate the work zone.




Completed in fall 2024, the first phase repairs included about 4,000 square feet adjacent to the waterfront gazebo and sand pit and replacement of the two long curved benches. Subsequent phases over the next few years will see replacement of the entire waterfront walkway.

Level 4  
Water Conservation

Until further notice, the comprehensive water ban remains in place. We wish to thank our residents, your efforts to conserve water are making a difference. Every time you shorten a shower, delay lawn watering, or find little ways to cut back, you’re helping protect our community’s most valuable resource. We appreciate your continued commitment to ensuring a sustainable supply for everyone.

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.

Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from all water conservation levels as are businesses which require water for operations, essential municipal sports fields and nurseries. Detailed information about 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	SPRINKLING BAN 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

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.

## REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW...

### Late Payment of Property Taxes

A 5% penalty was applied to current year property taxes and unclaimed homeowner grants outstanding after the due date of July 2, 2025. An additional 5% penalty will be applied to current year property taxes and unclaimed homeowner grants which remain outstanding at the end of business on September 15, 2025. Penalties are applied in accordance with Sections 233 and 234 of the Community Charter and City of Parksville Bylaw No. 1583. The City has no authority to either waive or modify these penalty amounts.

### 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 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, Fourneau 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.



### Recycle BC pop-up depot


The 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](#).



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Next

**Council Meeting**

*Monday, September 15*

[parksville.ca](#) **1 pm**

# CITY DATES

September 15	Council Meeting
September 15	Second Property Tax Penalty
September 30	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (offices closed)
October 5	Parksville Fire Open House
October 6	Council Meeting
October 13	Thanksgiving (offices closed)
October 20	Council Meeting
November 3	Council Meeting
November 5	Financial Plan - Committee of the Whole
November 6	Financial Plan - Committee of the Whole
November 11	Remembrance Day (offices closed)
November 12	Special Council Meeting - Financial Plan
November 17	Council Meeting
November 24	Special Council Meeting - Financial Plan
December 1	Council Meeting
December 6	Cookies and Carols Event

**For more information:**  
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