

October 9, 2025



## Payment Options During Canada Post Strike

The Canada Post strike continues to affect the delivery of important municipal documents including utility bills and other time-sensitive correspondence. Despite the disruption, residents and businesses must still make payments by the due dates; payment deadlines remain in effect.

UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS are due **October 31** and were not mailed prior to the postal strike. Learn about alternative payment options on our [website](#). For questions, call 250 248-6144 or email [cashier@parksville.ca](mailto:cashier@parksville.ca).

WHAT YOU CAN DO - When postal service is disrupted, refrain from sending payments through mail. To avoid delays, missed payments or penalties, we encourage residents to use an alternative option detailed at this [link](#) on our website.

MORE INFO

## Shakeout BC on October 16

The Great BC Shakeout drill is scheduled for October 16 at 10.16 am. Every year on the third Thursday in October, millions of people around the world join to *Drop, Cover, Hold On* in their homes, workplaces or schools. This year we're encouraging to you register and take part.

Earthquake drills are an easy way to practice the steps you can take to protect yourself during an earthquake. The safest steps to take when you first feel an earthquake are to *Drop, Cover and Hold On*. A high number of injuries caused by earthquakes happen when people are trying to move around while the shaking is still taking place. Stop what you're doing, take cover under something or protect your head and neck with your arm and hold on to something sturdy until after the shaking has stopped. If you aren't physically able to *Drop, Cover and Hold On*, perhaps you can *Lock or Brace, Cover and Hold On*.

### Protect Yourself During Earthquakes!



Think about ways you can make your space safer. Many injuries from earthquakes occur when items fall onto people because of the force of the ground shaking. Perhaps you need to secure larger furniture to the wall, or remove picture frames

from above your couch or bed?

Visit [ShakeOut BC](#) for resources and to sign up.

ShakeOut BC



## Parksville 2026-2030 Financial Plan Meetings

Community participation is an essential part of developing budget priorities. Public input into the process ensures the City's financial plan reflects the community's current wants and needs and assists Council with balancing the ongoing service needs of a growing community while delivering on strategic priorities and projects. 2026-2030 financial plan meetings will be held in the Forum, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre, 100 Jensen Avenue East, scheduled as follows:

### *Regular Council Meeting*

**Monday, November 3 at 1 pm**

Introduction of asset management funding options

### *Special Committee of the Whole*

**Wednesday, November 5, 9 am to noon and 1 to 4 pm**

Year-to-date financial report; corporate work plan overview; intro to 2026-2030 financial plan; water and sewer funds

### *Special Committee of the Whole*

**Thursday, November 6, 9 am to noon and 1 to 4 pm**

General fund operating and capital

### *Special Council*

**Wednesday, November 12 at 1 pm**

Community organization presentations; motions forwarded from Committee of the Whole meetings

### *Special Council*

**Monday, November 24 at 1 pm**

Council consideration of decision items; analysis of options for property taxes and utility rates

### *Regular Council*

**Monday, December 15 at 1 pm**

Three readings of 2026-2030 provisional financial plan bylaw

### *Regular Council*

**Monday, January 19, 2026, at 1 pm**

Adoption of provisional 2026-2030 financial plan

Topics listed are preliminary and may change; agendas may be viewed on the city's website prior to meetings. Meetings will be webstreamed live and archived on the website. Comments can be submitted in-person at the meeting, online at [Let's Talk Parksville](#), or by email to [council@parksville.ca](mailto:council@parksville.ca). All comments will form part of the public record.

If you wish to become familiar with the City's financial plan process, [Let's Talk Parksville](#) provides previous financial plans and presentations as well as many other details.

IN OTHER NEWS!



## City to Remove Sequoia Tree at Morison and Island Highway West

The City of Parksville will proceed with the removal of the Giant Sequoia located at the corner of Morison Avenue and Island Highway West, adjacent to the town clock. This decision follows a comprehensive multi-year assessment and a recent arborist report which confirmed the health of the tree has continued to decline. The recommendation from the arborist is removal of the tree for safety and the protection of surrounding infrastructure. We expect removal to occur within the next month.



The Sequoia, planted around 1999, has over the past five years exhibited visible decline, with 30 to 40% of its canopy affected by fungal blight. Despite antifungal treatments and fertilizer applications, the tree’s health has continued to deteriorate. The tree is growing in a small garden bed shared with a large oak tree and its roots have caused significant bulging and upheaval of adjacent sidewalk panels, resulting in ongoing maintenance challenges.

## Phase 2 Waterfront Walkway Repairs

The second phase of the City’s waterfront walkway replacement program delayed until later this month, is expected to take about one month. The section from the Parksville Community Park to in front of Park Sands Beach Resort will be replaced during this phase. While the work is underway, this section 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 and fencing will indicate the work zone.

## Fill the Boots for Food Drive

Mark your calendars for the annual food and toy drive, November 15 and 16. From locations throughout Parksville, firefighters will collect cash donations for the Salvation Army and new unwrapped toys for the Society of Organized Services.

[More info to come.](#)

## Cookies, Carols and More!

We are set for Saturday, December 6 from 2 to 4 pm at the Jensen Centre. Celebrate the holiday season with family and friends. Hosted by the City, this annual event features entertainment, cookies, hot chocolate and coffee, activities for kids and their families, and a visit from Santa. Everyone welcome!

**SATURDAY**  
**DECEMBER 6, 2025**  
**2-4 PM**  
**Jensen Centre**  
132 Jensen Avenue East  
**FREE EVENT**  
hosted by the City of Parksville

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## REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW...

### Water Conservation Level 4

The City remains on level 4 water conservation until further notice. The efforts of our residents to conserve during level 4 have made a difference. 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](#). Questions should be directed to bylaw compliance department at [bylaw@parksville.ca](mailto:bylaw@parksville.ca).



### Seeking Online Feedback on Transportation Master Plan

There's still time to comment on our transportation master plan. The plan along with relevant reports and maps may be viewed on [Let's Talk Parksville](#). We encourage you to provide your comments at [Let's Talk Parksville](#); comments will help to inform the 2026-2030 financial plan process and will be presented for Council consideration.



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Next  
**Council Meeting**  
*Monday, October 20*  
[parksville.ca](http://parksville.ca) 1 pm

### CITY DATES

|                |                                              |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 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 15-16 | Fill the Boots for Food - Food and Toy Drive |
| November 17    | Council Meeting                              |
| November 24    | Special Council Meeting - Financial Plan     |
| December 1     | Council Meeting                              |
| December 6     | Cookies and Carols Event                     |
| December 15    | Council Meeting                              |

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