

Parksville Fire Annual Open House - October 5

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.

It's a great opportunity for residents to learn about fire safety including home fire sprinklers, smoke alarms and home escape plan. 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 the safe use of batteries.

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



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Transportation Master Plan Feedback

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* where residents can comment about the plan. Your comments will help 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 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.

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Phase 2 Waterfront Walkway Repairs

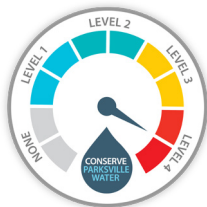
The second phase of the City's waterfront walkway replacement program which began earlier this week, is expected to take about one month. The section from the Parksville Community Park to Park Sands Beach Resort will be replaced and when work is underway, this section of the walkway will be closed to the public. Those wishing to use the walkway will need to navigate around the construction area by walking on the beach. Signage, fencing and barricades will indicate the work zone.

The first phase repairs completed this time last year, 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.

REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW...

Water Conservation Level 4

Level 4 comprehensive water ban remains in place. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from all water levels as are businesses which require water for operations, essential municipal sports fields and nurseries. We wish to thank our residents, your efforts to conserve water are making a real 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.



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

In acknowledgement of the important contribution Indigenous people and communities provide and in the spirit of reconciliation, the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre will be lit in orange and the survivors' flag flown from September 26 to October 3. City offices will close on Tuesday, September 30 for the statutory holiday.



Parksville Fire Protection Area Campfire Ban

All open burning, including campfires, are banned in the City of Parksville and the surrounding fire protection area which includes French Creek areas bordering the City 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.



City Dates

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

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