

Parksville Fire Recruitment 2026



It's the time of year when Parksville Fire Rescue announces a new recruiting campaign for volunteer paid on-call firefighters to provide fire and emergency response services in the Parksville Fire Protection Area. Our highly skilled professional firefighters value integrity, honesty, selflessness, commitment, courage, and are hardworking and family oriented.

Parksville Fire is a busy department responding to structure fires, rescues, motor vehicle incidents, medical assistance, and public service requests. We rely on the commitment of paid on-call volunteer firefighters dedicated to public safety and community service. We provide an outstanding training program and the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of many. We offer great benefits and

hope you will consider being part of an awesome team. Details on our website. If you are ready to answer the call, call us 250 248-3242 to speak with an officer or arrange a tour. Application deadline February 27. [Parkvillefirerescue.ca/recruitment](https://parkvillefirerescue.ca/recruitment).

Recruitment Open Practice - January 19, 7-9 pm

A regular practice session on January 19 will be open to individuals interested in volunteering as a paid on-call firefighter. Arrive by 6.30 pm and dress for weather conditions, stay as long as you wish. This session provides an excellent opportunity to observe training procedures, gain insight into requirements, engage with members, and ask questions. Firehall is located at 160 Jensen Avenue West.

2026 Licence Renewals

Residents and business owners are reminded business licences and dog licences expire December 31, 2025. Renewal invoices have been mailed to residents and businesses.

Business Licences - Options for business licence payments:

- Credit card (Visa or Mastercard) payments from the City's website [Online Services>Online Payments] Select Pay for Your Business Licence, then enter your account number.
- Mail to P O Box 1390, Parksville V9P 2H3
- Dropbox at City Hall (100 Jensen Avenue East)
- In-person at City Hall (Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4 pm)

Business licence accounts which remain unpaid after January 31 will be subject to an additional \$50 fee on February 1. The \$50 fee will then be applied on the first of each month until May 1, at which time the licence will be suspended. Business owners may email biz@parkville.ca to receive an emailed copy and questions should be directed to biz@parkville.ca or 250 954-4650.

2026 Dog Licences - If you currently own a dog, licences must be purchased in-person from City Hall (open Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4 pm) or the BCSPCA (open Tuesday to Saturday, noon to 4 pm). Dogs over the age of six months must wear a municipal dog tag, renewed yearly. Cost for dog licences paid by January 31 - spayed/neutered \$20, not spayed/neutered \$30. After January 31 - spayed/neutered \$25, not spayed/neutered \$35.

The main benefit of licensing is the quick return of dogs should they become lost. Fees collected help to offset the cost to maintain our off-leash dog park, provide bags and dispensers throughout the City and provide bylaw enforcement to handle public safety concerns of stray, off-leash and dangerous dogs.



Parksville Pooch Photo Contest!

Open until January 31, a chance to win one of two dog licences and some treats. We'll refund if you win! Contest details and how to enter on the City's Facebook and Instagram pages.

REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW...

Christmas tree chipping event hosted by the Parksville Fire Rescue on Sunday, January 4, from 10 am to 2 pm in the Wembley Mall parking lot. Bartlett Tree Experts is donating the chipper and staff so all proceeds support the Parksville Firefighters Association Charitable Fund. [Parkvillefirerescue.ca](https://parkvillefirerescue.ca)

City offices will be closed for the holidays on Thursday, December 25, Friday, December 26 and Thursday, January 1. For after-hours emergency (weekends and holidays), phone 250 248-6144 to reach our on-call service.

2026 special events applications are open for groups and individuals wanting to book City venues or streets. Applications are processed first-come, first-served and must be submitted at least thirty days before the event. See policies, forms and details at [Quicklink/Special Event Info] or email questions to events@parkville.ca.

City does not mail property tax and utility reminders.

By statutory requirement, outstanding utility balances after December 31 transfer to property tax account as arrears taxes. Current taxes become arrears taxes and arrears taxes become delinquent taxes on January 1 and will incur daily interest. Please sign up for MyCity account to monitor property tax and utility account balances. Details [Online Services/MyCity]

December 31 is the deadline to claim a **retroactive homeowner grant** for 2024 (subject to qualifications) as well as deadline to defer 2025 property taxes. Info or to apply, contact Province of BC at 1 888 355-2700 or online.gov.bc.ca/homeowner-grant or gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferral

Winter conditions - info about monitoring of road and weather conditions by the City on our website [Quicklink/Winter Conditions] with tips on how residents can prepare and how to help.

Season's Greetings

Wishing our community a joyful and peaceful holiday season.

We're grateful to serve our community and appreciate your support throughout the year. Whether you're celebrating with family, friends or neighbours, we hope this festive season brings you happiness, good health and cherished memories. Merry Christmas, happy holidays and best wishes for a safe, prosperous 2026!

*Warm regards,
City of Parksville Council and Staff*

Let's Talk 2026-2030 Financial Plan

Council gave three readings to the amended 2025-2029 financial plan, and the provisional 2026-2030 financial plan will be considered for adoption January 19. Final property tax and utilities rates will be set in April following Council's receipt of updated budget information and the BC Assessment revised property roll.

Residents can attend or ask questions at public financial plan meetings and presentations and reports from meetings held in November and December are available at letstalkparkville.ca/financial-plan-2026. Comments may be made in-person, online at *Let's Talk Parksville* or by email to council@parkville.ca.

City Dates



December 25, 26	Christmas Day, Boxing Day (offices closed)
January 1	New Year's Day (offices closed)
January 4	Parksville Fire - Tree Chipping Fundraiser
January 19	Council Meeting
January 19	Parksville Fire - Recruitment Open Practice
February 2	Council Meeting
February 16	Council Meeting

How to Reach Council

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