

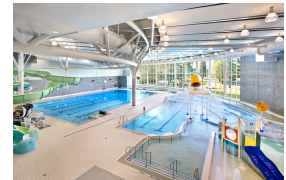
# Your City eNews!

March 24, 2021



## Parksville Aquatic and Recreation Centre Project

In late January, Council announced this proposed project. Prior to the start of public consultation in late spring, residents are encouraged to join the conversation on [letstalkparksville.ca](http://letstalkparksville.ca) and if you do not have online access, call 250 954-3073. Please join the conversation.



## Parksville 2021 Budget Open Meetings



### 2021 Budget Meetings

Open budget meetings to discuss the 2021 municipal budget and 2021-2025 financial plan are underway. Due to the COVID-19 situation, meetings are closed to in-person attendance. Financial plans and 2021 budget details are posted to the website and *Let's Talk Parksville*. The next budget meetings are March 29 at 3 pm (comments by March 26) and if another meeting is required, April 12 at 6 pm (comments by April 9).

Public input is an important part of the budget process; here are ways you can participate:

- View meetings online from website.
- Comments by email to [council@parksville.ca](mailto:council@parksville.ca). As well, real-time comments may be emailed and will be addressed by Council during the meeting.
- Comments may also be posted to the City's online engagement site; [letstalkparksville.ca](http://letstalkparksville.ca)

## City Services

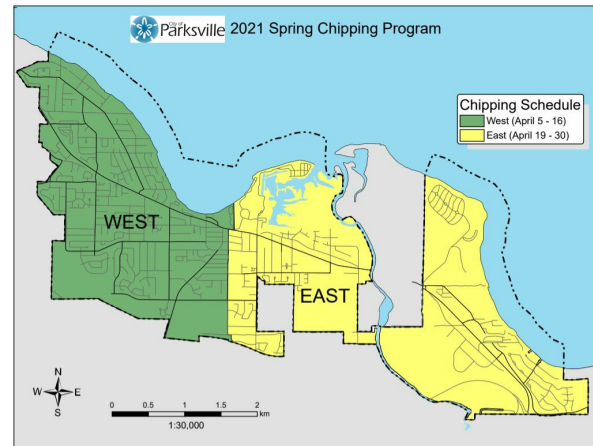
### Wood Chipping Program

Annual wood chipping program will take place April 5 to April 30. The City is divided into two zones - west of Craig Street and east of



Craig Street. Properties west of Craig Street receive collection between April 5 and April 19 and properties east of Craig Street between April 20 and May 4. Materials must be curbside by 8 am on **April 5** for properties WEST of Craig Street and **April 20** for properties EAST of Craig Street.

- One pile per residence; limit 5 feet wide x 5 feet long x 3 feet.
- Branches with a maximum diameter of 6 inches (15 cm), stacked with the larger end of branch or trunk facing roadway.
- Smaller shrub branches piled for ease of access by the chipping crew.
- Rocks, stumps and construction waste must NOT be included.
- Materials such as pampas grass, yucca and clematis and wisteria vines should go to the Church Road Transfer Station.



## Watermain Flushing

The City's annual watermain flushing program runs through early April. Flushing is an important part of our ongoing maintenance program to ensure water supply integrity. Flushing occurs mainly between 7 am and 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday. During these times, residents can expect some discolouration of water and intermittent drops in pressure and should keep a fresh supply of drinking water in your fridge. Check for discolouration of water before doing laundry and should water be discoloured, run an outside tap (after 3:30 pm) until the water runs clear.

## COVID Relief Grant-in-Aid Program

The City is offering a one-time COVID relief funding initiative to support non-profit groups which provide social, cultural and community support services and are in Parksville or serving Parksville residents. Application deadline April 16, 3 pm. If not all the \$280,000 is allocated, there will be a second intake in the fall. Submission details are outlined on our [website](#).

## Virtual Chat with Mayor

Just like with in-person Coffee with the Mayor, we will schedule 15-minute, one-on-one chats over Zoom between 2 pm and 4 pm on April 8 and April 15. Email [engage@parksville.ca](mailto:engage@parksville.ca) to book a time to chat. These virtual chats are a chance for casual conversation from your home, office or wherever you might be. You can connect by joining with video or with audio or phone only.



## Notice of Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel

The revised Water, Sewer and RDN Parks Parcel Tax Rolls will be open for inspection from 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 3 pm, weekdays, March 26 to April 16 in the finance department. The panel will not hear a complaint unless written notice is submitted to the City at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. For those who received written notification from the City, the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel will meet on April 19 at 5:45 pm (in the Forum) to hear complaints and review and correct assessment rolls. The panel will hear complaints to:

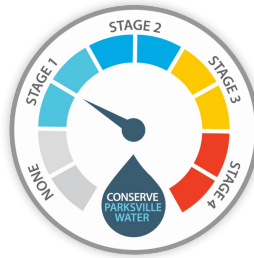
- Ensure names and addresses of the owners are correct
- Parcels of land not abutting the water and/or sewer mains
- Errors or omissions respecting the inclusion of property on the roll

## Things to Know...

**Home owner grants** must now be submitted directly to the provincial government through an online application. The new system helps ensure homeowners receive their full grant entitlement, including the additional grant for seniors or persons with a disability. Current year and retroactive grants are now being accepted online; however, the application will not be processed until taxes are levied in May. Info about this change [gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](http://gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant). Or by phone 1 888 355-2700.

**Utility notices** will be mailed next week with payment due April 30. On October 1, 2020, the Regional District of Nanaimo implemented the new automated curbside collection service for garbage, food waste and recycling. Notices reflect the new semi-annual service level fee determined by the garbage cart size chosen. Discount of \$7.50 will be applied when paid by due date.

**Water Restriction Stage 1** in April allows for watering of lawns between 7 pm and 7 am, any day. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from water restrictions.



### **No dogs allowed on beach**

To limit disturbance of migrating Black Brant geese, beaches are subject to seasonal “no dog” restrictions. This applies to both on-leash and off-leash within the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area. Rath Trevor Beach is closed until April 15 and Parksville Bay Beach until April 30.

**Let's Talk Parksville** is the City's public engagement platform. It provides residents the opportunity to follow along and contribute ideas and opinions on important community matters. Share your ideas for making Parksville a better place to live, work and visit.

[letstalkparksville.ca](http://letstalkparksville.ca)

## COVID-19 Information

### **COVID Restrictions**

We wish to remind our residents province-wide restrictions remain in place until further notice. It is the actions of our residents that keep our community safe and help to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Hang in there folks, just a little longer!

### **Update: Outdoor Gatherings up to 10 People**

Province-wide restrictions have recently been updated. Up to ten people may now gather outdoors. All restrictions for indoor gatherings remain in place.

- Up to 10 people may gather at a park or beach
- Up to 10 people may gather in the backyard of a residence
- No gatherings of any size are allowed indoors
- Do not gather with several groups of new people – stick to the same people
- Masks are required in all indoor settings and workplaces
- Explore close to home and avoid non-essential travel



# COVID-19 Immunization Plan



## Vaccine Appointments for Seniors

More than 400,000 people in British Columbia will be immunized in Phase 2. Immunizations are being conducted based on age and eligibility for all phases is based on the age you are turning in 2021. Island Health immunization clinics will operate in the Parksville Community Centre and the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre. To learn more about the approved vaccines, please refer to this [link](#).

## COVID-19 Immunization Plan: Updated Progress

Last updated: March 18, 2021

Phase 1 Dec 2020 - Feb 2021	Phase 2 Feb - April 2021	Phase 3 April - May 2021	Phase 4 May - June 2021
High-Risk Population		General Population	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents, staff, and essential visitors to long-term care and assisted living</li> <li>Individuals assessed for/awaiting long-term care</li> <li>Hospital health care workers who may provide care for COVID-19 patients</li> <li>Remote and isolated Indigenous communities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seniors aged 80+ who are not yet immunized</li> <li>Indigenous peoples aged 65+, Elders, and additional communities not yet immunized</li> <li>Hospital staff, community GPs and medical specialists not yet immunized</li> <li>Vulnerable populations in select congregated settings</li> <li>Staff in community home support and nurses caring for seniors</li> <li>Priority frontline workers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People aged 79 to 60</li> <li>Indigenous peoples 18+</li> <li>People aged 69 to 16 who are clinically extremely vulnerable</li> <li>Priority frontline workers</li> </ul> <p><b>Priority frontline workers or people who work in a specific industry are included in Phase 2 and 3.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People aged 59 to 18</li> </ul>
Complete*		Almost complete	
		In-progress	
		Initial stages	

\*First dose administered.

Vaccines are being used throughout the Immunization Plan to manage outbreaks.

The timeline for BC's COVID-19 Immunization Plan is based on an anticipated vaccine supply and may be adjusted.

Second doses will be administered approximately 16 weeks after Dose 1.

On March 18, the province announced more than 300,000 frontline workers will be eligible for COVID-19 vaccinations as part of Phase 2 and Phase 3. The list of first priority groups include first responders (police, firefighters, emergency transport), K-12 educational staff, childcare staff, grocery store workers, postal workers, bylaw and quarantine officers, manufacturing workers, wholesale/warehousing employees, cross-border transport workers, corrections workers and staff living in congregate housing at places such as ski hills.

### PHASE 2 and PHASE 3

We are currently in Phase 2 of the vaccination plan; however, because dates continue to be adjusted, please refer to the immunization website for the most up-to-date information. Please refer to the [province's website](#) for the most current information about the COVID vaccine plan and vaccination schedule.

**Please call only when you're eligible and once you are eligible to call, you remain eligible and can call any time.** To register call 1 833 348-4787, 7 am to 7 pm daily. The call centre agent will confirm your appointment date and time at your closest location. You will be asked to provide:

- Legal first and last name

- Date of birth
- Postal code
- Personal Health number
- Contact information (direct phone number or support person phone number)

Island Health’s [website](#) provides frequently asked questions and information about how to register on behalf of an eligible individual, not able to register for themselves.

### What to expect when you get the vaccine

The BC Centre for Disease Control has some suggestions on their website about what to expect when you get the vaccine:

- Wear a mask to the clinic and bring your Personal Health Number.
- Wear loose-fitting clothing for easy access to the arm. The vaccine is given by injection into the muscle of the arm, in the shoulder area.
- Expect to stay in the clinic for 15 minutes after you receive your vaccine so you can be monitored. About one in 1 million people will experience a severe allergic reaction. By staying in the clinic, a health care provider can respond in the event this happens. Tell a health care provider if you feel unwell after your vaccine.
- Most people will receive an immunization record. Keep your record of immunization as it contains important information about the date and type of vaccine you receive. Bring your immunization card with you when you get your second dose.



### City Services During COVID-19

City in-person services during the COVID-19 pandemic are limited to tickets/licence fee payments, purchase of bus passes, dog licences and building permits, with all other City business by appointment and no walk-in services. We encourage residents to access services electronically and information about our payment options is available on our website.

To book an appointment, call 250 248-6144 or refer to website contact [info](#). Finance is open Monday to Friday, 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 3 pm. Please note, entry is from Jensen Avenue East. Masks are mandatory when at City Hall and visitors will be asked to provide information for contact tracing.

Notices have been posted to advise of [parking changes](#) at the Parksville Community Centre to accommodate Island Health’s immunization clinic.

## Important Dates

March 29	Budget Meeting
April 1	Parks and Open Spaces
April 2	Good Friday (offices closed)
April 5	Easter Monday (offices closed)
April 7	Council Meeting
April 8	Virtual Chat with Mayor
April 12	Budget Meeting (if required)
April 15	Virtual Chat with Mayor
April 19	Parcel Tax Roll Review
April 19	Council Meeting

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