

Your City eNews!

September 21, 2021



MULTIPLEX ENGAGEMENT EVENT

On behalf of the City, HDR, the public engagement consultant for the proposed aquatic and recreation centre spoke with people in the community to gauge interest in the project. Next steps include facilitated public engagement events in September and October as well as youth and student engagement. Stay involved by signing up for newsletters, email HDR@parksville.ca



Engage with us!

Virtual Public Meeting - Wednesday, September 29, 6-7 pm

To participate, email HDR@parksville.ca

Get Involved!

HDR letstalkparksville.ca 

In this virtual listening session via Zoom, the project team will provide a brief history of the project, overview of studies to date and status of the project. Participants will get to ask questions, provide feedback, and share ideas. If you wish to participate, RSVP to hdr@parksville.ca. Your space will be confirmed and instructions will be mailed to you. The meeting is a closed event; however, your screen name will be visible to other participants.

In-person Workshops – Wednesday, October 27

If safe to do so, in-person workshops will be held to provide input on the

amenities, programs, location, and more. One afternoon and one evening workshop will be scheduled with more details soon.

URBAN FOREST SURVEY



With consultant, Diamond Head, we are developing an urban forest strategy, a comprehensive document which will provide baseline information about the state of our urban forest, develop a long-term vision, and adopt tangible goals for management and growth. An urban forest strategy is necessary to help preserve the urban forest, establish acceptable canopy coverage and forest health targets, and achieve these goals while managing challenges.

We are asking the public to participate in a survey to help shape the urban forest vision and strategic directions for the strategy. The survey closes on October 22 and paper copies may be obtained from City Hall. Details about the strategy as well as the survey may be viewed at [Let's Talk Parksville](#) and there's an interactive map tool where you can add pins to show locations where you value the urban forest or an area requiring improvement.

TAKE THE SURVEY!



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OPEN HOUSE - OCTOBER 3

Each year, the Parksville Fire Department recognizes Fire Prevention Week and will host an open house on **Sunday, October 3, 10 am to 3 pm** at the training centre, 1159 Franklin's Gull Road, in the Industrial Park. Events are outside; please dress for weather and bring your camera. Demonstrations scheduled as follows:



- 11 am - Auto extrication
- 1 pm - High angle rope
- 2 pm - Motor vehicle fire
- 3 pm - Side-by-side burn

The side-by-side burn demonstration will include two similarly furnished rooms; one protected with fire sprinklers and the other without fire sprinklers. Other activities for the day include educational displays, hose and target practice, home sprinkler display, rides in a fire truck and fire prevention materials to share. Members will answer questions about recruitment and fire safety and our popular mascot will look to share an

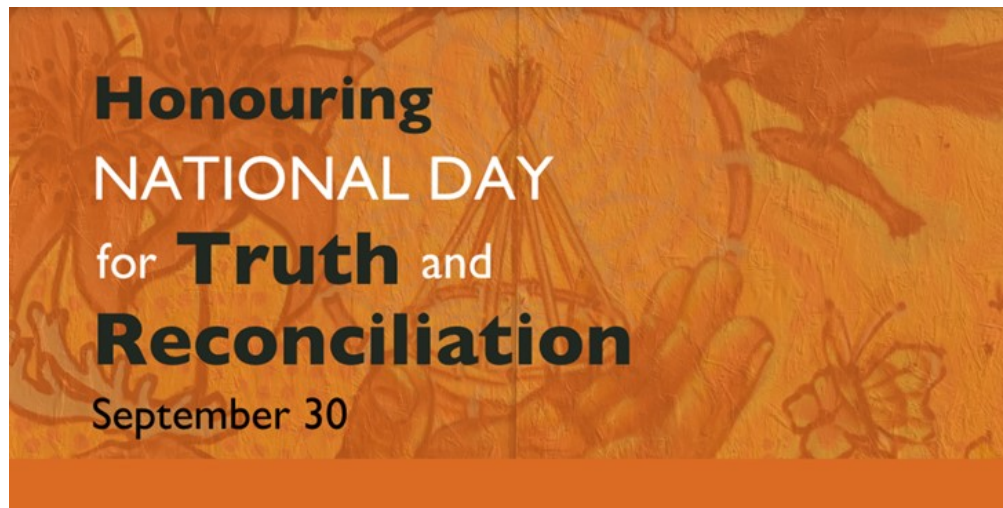
elbow or fist bump with guests.

This year's theme, *Learn the Sounds of Safety*, focuses on educating about smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, their necessity and how the sounds they make help save lives.

Understanding the different sounds and knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe. Parksville Fire would like families to focus on prevention by planning and integrating a few simple fire safety behaviours into everyday lives. By paying attention and eliminating potential fire hazards in your home, you can make a difference to prevent or reduce fire related injuries, deaths and property damage.



NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION



The City will begin this year to observe September 30 as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Earlier this year, the federal government passed Bill C-5, which officially designates a national day to commemorate the tragic legacy of residential schools in Canada. On Thursday, September 30, to honour the day, City flags will be flown at half-mast and aligned with the federal and provincial governments, our offices will be closed.

September 30 is a day to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools. More than 150,000 First Nations, Métis, and Inuit children were forced to attend, beginning in 1920 under the Indian Act. The first residential school was established in 1831, and the last school closed in 1996. To learn more about the history of residential schools or to read the Memorial Register of Children who attended residential schools and never returned home, visit the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation [website](https://www.nctr.ca/).

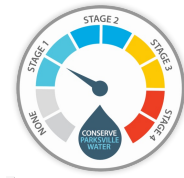
THINGS TO KNOW



Property tax sale - there are no sale properties for 2021.

Butler Avenue along railway tracks - this is not a City trail nor is it City property. This area was not intended to be a formal trail for public use. The property is owned by the Island Corridor Foundation and operated by Southern Railway of Vancouver Island. For this reason, signs have been installed indicating private property, no trespassing.

Stage 1 water restrictions - in effect for October allows for watering of lawns between 7 pm and 7 am, any day of the week. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from [water restrictions](#). Stage 3 restrictions remain in place for September.



Hirst and Memorial Upgrades - construction is underway on Hirst Avenue West with work on Memorial Avenue expected to start in December, continuing into spring 2022. Materials and equipment stored in part of the City parking lot at 146 Memorial Avenue will impact users; however, some spots have been retained for public use. The City lot at 171 Memorial should not be affected until work on Memorial begins.



Late payment of property taxes - due to COVID-19, penalties were not immediately applied after the July 2, 2021, due date. Instead, a 10% penalty will be applied on October 1, 2021, to current year property taxes and unclaimed homeowner grants outstanding after September 30, 2021. Please note, City offices will be closed on September 30; therefore, payment should be made by September 29. Penalties are applied in accordance with Sections 233 and 234 of the Community Charter and City Bylaw 1571.

COVID-19 Update

islandhealth/covid19
gov.bc.ca/covid19

Residents are now required to have a BC vaccine card to attend non-essential activities and businesses. Info about the vaccine card and how to register is available [here](#).

The province remains at step 3 of the **BC Restart Plan**.

Golden Rules for Everyday Life



Get vaccinated



Respect personal space



Follow guidelines



Consider people's situations & comfort levels



If sick, stay home



Clean your hands



Check before you travel



It's always safer outdoors

BC'S RESTART PLAN

CITY DATES

September 29
September 30

Multiplex Virtual Public Meeting
Offices closed (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)

October 1

Property Tax Penalty 10%

October 4

Council Meeting

October 11

Thanksgiving (offices closed)

October 18

Council Meeting

October 27

Multiplex Workshops

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