



January 13, 2026

PARKSVILLE FIRE RESCUE

Parksville Firefighter Recruitment 2026

Parksville Fire Rescue is recruiting 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. 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. If you are ready to *answer the call*, call us at 250 248-3242 to speak with an officer or arrange a tour. Application deadline February 27. Details on Parksville Fire [website](#).

Parksville Fire Rescue
Answer the Call!
**RECRUITMENT
OPEN PRACTICE**
January 19, 7-9 pm (arrive 6.30 pm)
Parksville Firehall (160 Jensen Avenue West)
Interested in being a firefighter?

FIRE FIGHTER CONSTRUCTION WORKER

CITY OF PARKSVILLE FIRE DEPT.

On January 19, a regular Monday night practice session will be open from 7 to 9 pm to individuals interested in pursuing a career as a firefighter. Please arrive by 6.30 pm, dress for weather conditions and stay as long as you wish. This open session provides an excellent opportunity to observe training procedures, gain insight into the requirements of the role, engage with current members and ask questions. The firehall is located at 160 Jensen Avenue West.

Parksville Firefighters Association Charitable Fund

Thanks to public support, Parksville Fire Rescue members hosted their third annual Christmas tree chipping event on January 4, collecting \$2,311 for the Parksville Firefighters Association Charitable Fund. Hud and Kenyon with Branching Out Urban Forestry, now Bartlett Tree Experts, once again donated their time, equipment and hard work to chip the trees. Funds raised by the fund support local causes and events throughout the year.

Charity Hockey Game
Friday
January 30th 2026
 Faceoff
 7:15PM



First Responders Vs. **Oceanside Generals**

Tickets: Adult \$15
 Senior/Student \$12
 Kids (5-11) \$8
 Kids Under 5 Free!

All proceeds to Wounded Warriors & ALS
 Canada

Location: Oceanside Place - 830 Island Highway West
 Parksville

Oceanside Generals and First Responders Charity Hockey Game
 The Parksville Firefighters Association Charitable Fund's next event is a charity hockey game between the Oceanside Generals and local first responders (police, fire ambulance, Canadian Forces, nurses, doctors). The game is set for Friday, January 30 at 7 pm at Oceanside Place. All proceeds from the hockey game will benefit ALS Canada in support of the wife of a Parksville firefighter diagnosed with ALS, and Wounded Warriors Canada.

Parksville Firefighter Petraschuck Running for Wounded Warriors

From February 22 to March 1, a team of eight runners made up of first responders and military personnel will complete an 800-kilometre run from the northernmost tip of Vancouver Island to Victoria. The team will spend eight days running through many communities, raising funds and awareness for **Wounded Warriors Canada** mental health programs.

Karen Petraschuck, a volunteer firefighter with Parksville Fire Rescue, is one of eight chosen to run in this year's Wounded Warrior Run; eight days, eight runners and a journey of 800-kilometres on Vancouver Island. Karen is an advocate for staying active and how it can impact a person's mental health. Karen understands firsthand the struggles of post-traumatic stress disorder and is dedicated to helping break the stigma surrounding trauma, encouraging those struggling to seek support. Karen is passionate about running; a runner since her teens, participating in half marathons and triathlons and who sees fitness as both a physical and mental anchor.



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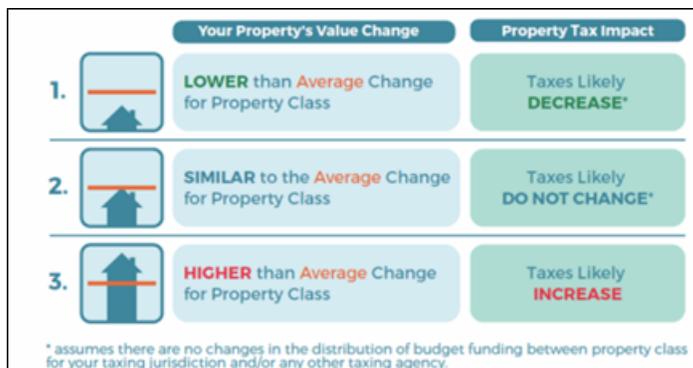
[MORE INFO](#)

IN OTHER NEWS!

Understanding Your BC Property Assessment Notice

Parksville property owners will have received their 2026 assessment notices from the BC Assessment Authority with 2026 property assessments which reflect market values on July 1, 2025. The average increase in property values for your class of property is shown on your assessment notice.

We encourage property owners to visit **BC Assessment Authority** to search your property, compare assessments and review recent sales of nearby properties to see if your assessment is reasonable. The deadline to appeal your 2026 assessment through BC Assessment is January 31. Should you have questions about your assessment, contact BC Assessment at 1 866 825-8322 (Monday to Friday, 8.30 am to 5 pm).



[MORE INFO](#)



Council has given three readings to the amended 2026-2030 financial plan, and the provisional 2026-2030 financial plan will be considered for adoption on January 19. Final property tax and utilities rates will be set in the spring following Council's receipt of updated budget information and the BC Assessment revised property roll. More recent information about the financial plan may be read at this [link](#).

Property tax rates and utility rates for the City will be set in this spring with rate increases forecasted to be 6.77% for property taxes, 6% for water fees and 6% for sewer fees, which will result in an increase of about \$178 over 2025 for an average residential property. The increases to property taxes and utility fees include increased investments in current and long-term critical infrastructure renewal to support a sustainable long-term financial plan for the City.

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@parksville.ca.

Licence Renewals for 2026

Residents and business owners are reminded business licences and dog licences expired December 31 and are now due.

Business Licences

Available options for business licence payments:

- Credit card (Visa or Mastercard) payments from the [City's website](#)
- 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@parksville.ca to receive an emailed copy and questions should be directed to biz@parksville.ca or 250 954-4650. More details on the City's [website](#).



Dog Licences

If you currently own a dog, please purchase a licence 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). All dogs over the age of six months must wear a municipal dog tag, which must be renewed yearly. Residents can renew their dog licences for a discounted fee before January 31.

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. More info on City's [website](#).

Win your dog's licence!

Enter our social media Parksville pooch photo contest. Photos will be entered into a draw to win one of two free 2026 dog licences and some treats. Don't wait to renew, we'll refund if you win! Open until January 31, here's how to enter:

- Visit our **Facebook** page and upload the photo in the comments section on any contest-related post.
- Upload photo to **Instagram** using hashtag #parkvillepooch and tag @parkvillecity.

FOOD TRUCKS



2026 Mobile Food Services in Parksville Community Park

On January 26, the City will issue an expressions of interest seeking mobile food vendors to provide services from the two designated food truck pads in the Parksville Community Park from May 1 to September 30. An additional food truck to be located within the gathering plaza will be available on select days during this period. Expressions of interest will be posted to our website on January 26 with a closing date of February 27 at 4 pm. Successful vendors will be notified by March 11. Details about the program including guidelines and regulations, will be available at this [link](#) on January 26.

REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW...

Snow and ice control program - It's been a mild winter to date and should the weather turn, our crews are ready to go. We monitor road and weather conditions throughout the winter months and when snow and icy conditions are forecast, crews and equipment are prepared and when it snows, are dispatched to clear roads on a priority basis. Information about our snow and ice control program is available on [Let's Talk Parksville](#).



2026 special events applications are open for groups and individuals wishing to book City venues or streets. Applications are processed first-come, first-serve and must be submitted at least thirty days before the event. See policies, forms and details at [Special Events Info](#) or email questions to events@parksville.ca.



Watermain flushing will start February 17 and run through April, about twelve weeks. Flushing is an important part of our ongoing maintenance program to ensure the integrity of the water supply system for residents and businesses. More info to come.

Recycle BC pop-up depot in Parksville accepts free of charge, flexible plastic packaging, white and coloured foam packaging, glass packaging, and paper packaging and cardboard. Please refer to Recycle BC [website](#) for dates in 2026. Materials may be dropped off 10 am to 3 pm at 1080 Industrial Way.



Next

Public Hearing Council Meeting

Monday, January 19

parksville.ca 1 pm



Join us

We're Hiring!

Learn more at parksville.ca

CITY DATES

January 19	Public Hearing (1180 Resort Drive) and Council Meeting
January 19	Parksville Fire Recruitment Open Practice
February 2	Council Meeting
February 16	Family Day (offices closed)
February 18	Council Meeting
March 2	Council Meeting

For more information:
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communications@parksville.ca; 250 954-3073

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