

Parksville Fire is Recruiting!

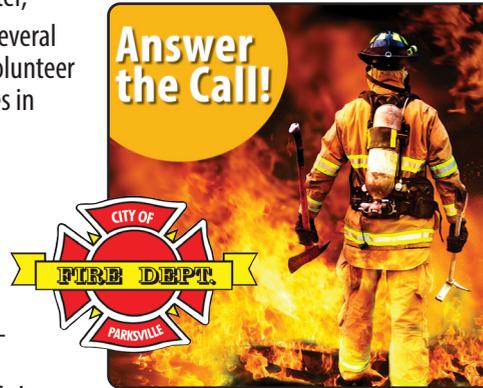
Parksville Fire Rescue is looking for people to join our team of paid on-call firefighter, passionate about helping others and protecting the community. We hope to add several positions to our team of paid on-call firefighters. We rely on the commitment of volunteer paid on-call and career firefighters to provide fire and emergency response services in the Parksville Fire Protection Area.

Are you looking for a challenge?

Willing to learn, help and work well as part of a team? Previous firefighting experience not required. Fire service is one of the most diverse and challenging professions and it is the diversity and challenge that inspires men and women to volunteer as paid on-call firefighters. We provide professional training and on-the-job experience, which is a unique opportunity to learn and develop leadership and communication skills while working with a team of skilled and dedicated firefighters.

Paid on-call firefighting is a rewarding and fulfilling opportunity.

We'd love to share more about what we do at Parksville Fire Rescue! Call 250 248-3242 to speak with an officer and arrange a tour. Application deadline is February 27. Details and info at Parksvillefirerescue.ca/recruitment.



Sidewalk Renewal

We recently completed a downtown sidewalk renewal project at Weld Street and Island Highway East to replace sidewalk damaged by long-term tree root intrusion and which will improve safety and provide a smoother, more accessible walking surface. New planters and trees in the spring will complete streetscape improvements and minimize risk of future damage.



Annual Watermain Flushing

The City's annual watermain flushing program starts February 17 and runs through April. An important part of our ongoing maintenance program, flushing ensures the integrity of the water supply system. Flushing generally takes place between 7.30 am and 3.30 pm, Monday to Friday. A map on our website helps to determine when watermain flushing will take place in your area.

During these times, customers can expect some discolouration of water and intermittent drops in water pressure. This is temporary and not a health concern. Please follow these guidelines during the flushing program:

- Keep a fresh supply of drinking water in your refrigerator.
- Check for discolouration of water prior to doing laundry.
- If your water is discoloured, run an outside tap (after 3.30 pm) until the water clears.

Rebate Programs

We offer several rebate programs for properties located within City limits. Rebates are issued on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to funding which may be exhausted throughout the year. The City offers low flush toilet, rain barrel, security camera, and tree rebates. *[Residents/Rebates]*



Wounded Warriors Run - 8 days, 8 runners, 800 km

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 run through communities, raising funds and awareness for Wounded Warriors Canada mental health programs.



Parksville firefighter, Karen Petraschuk, is one of eight chosen to run this year. Karen is an advocate for staying active and how it can impact a person's mental health. Karen understands the struggles of PTSD and is passionate about encouraging those struggling to seek support. A runner since her teens, Karen has participated in half marathons and triathlons and sees fitness as both a physical and mental anchor. Support Karen and the run at woundedwarriors.ca/run-bc.

David Graham Photography

REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW...

Residential large family water rates - Families with five or more immediate family members consisting of parents and dependent children less than 18 years may qualify for modified water rates. Applications due February 27. Info and forms from City Hall and our website.

Spring grant-in-aid applications - Subject to provisions of the City's grant-in-aid policy, the City may provide financial assistance to community groups and organizations for events which benefit our citizens and visitors. Community non-profit organizations in the arts, cultural, recreational, or social services fields are eligible. Deadline 4 pm, February 27. Details from City Hall or the website *[Mayor and Council/Grant-in-aid]*.

Winter conditions info about monitoring of road and weather may be viewed on our website with tips on how residents can prepare and help *[Quicklink/Snow and Ice Control]*.



Dog licences were due January 31 and may be purchased from City Hall and the BC SPCA. Cost to renew is now \$25 for spayed/neutered and \$35 for not spayed/neutered. All dogs over the age of six months must wear a municipal dog tag, renewed yearly, purchased from the City or BCSPCA. *[Residents/Dog Licences]*.



Business licences are due and may be paid by credit card from the City's website, by mail or in-person at City Hall. Bylaw 1550 requires all businesses obtain a valid licence if doing business in the City. Past due accounts are subject to \$50 late fees. *[Business/Licences]*.

Temporary closure of Parksville beaches to dogs - to limit disturbance of migrating Brant geese, our beaches are subject to seasonal "no dog" restrictions, both on-leash and off-leash within Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area. Rathtrevor Beach is closed to dogs February 15 to April 30 and Parksville Bay Beach from March 1 to April 30.

City Dates

February 16	Family Day (offices closed)
February 18	Council Meeting
March 2	Council Meeting
March 16	Council Meeting
April 3 and 6	Easter Holidays (offices closed)
April 8	Council Meeting
April 20	Council Meeting

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