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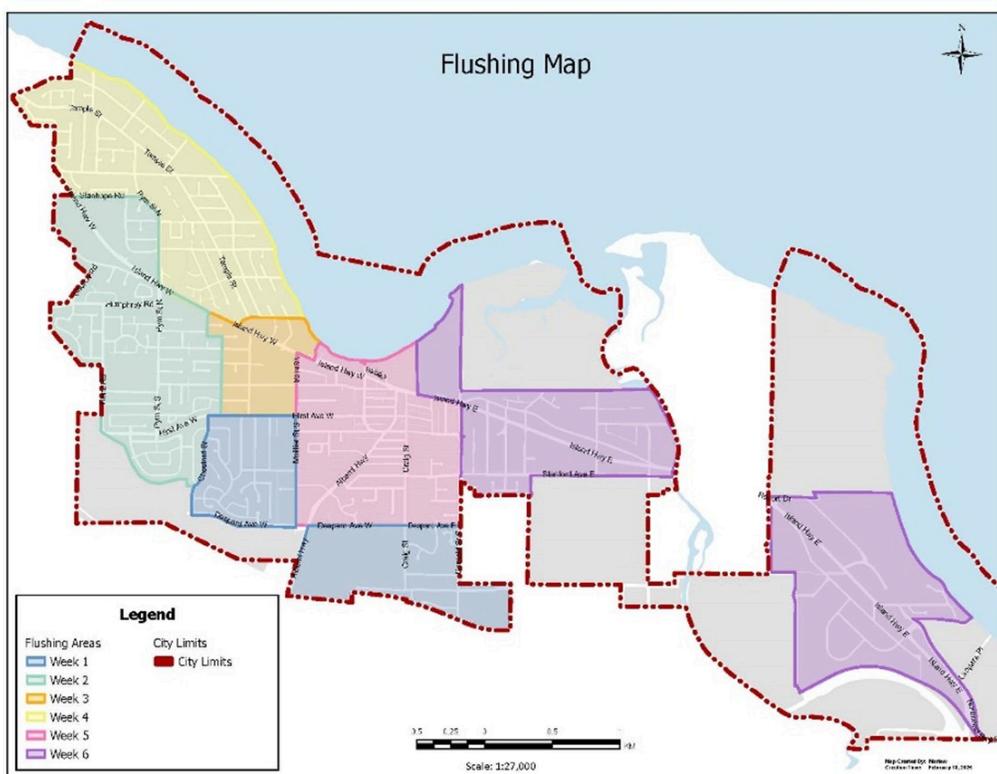


This issue of It's Your City! eNews includes reminders and things we would like you to know related to City services.

Annual watermain flushing program runs through April. An important part of our ongoing maintenance program, flushing ensures the integrity of the water supply system for residents and businesses. Flushing generally takes place between 7.30 am and 3.30 pm, Monday to Friday. A map is available below and on our [website](#) to help 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 a temporary condition and is not a health concern. Please follow these guidelines during the water main 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.



Residential family water rates - Large 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 application forms from City Hall and the [website](#).



Snow and ice control - Should the weather turn, we're 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, crews are dispatched to clear roads on a priority basis. Information about our snow and ice control program is available on [Let's Talk Parksville](#).

Spring grant-in-aid applications - Subject to the 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. Program, policy, application, and instructions may be obtained at City Hall or from the [website](#).



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. Please refer to this [link](#) for details.



Dog licences were due January 31 and may be purchased from City Hall and the BC SPCA. The 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.



Rebate programs are offered for properties located within City limits. Rebates are issued on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to the availability of funding which may be exhausted throughout the year. The City offers low flush toilet, rain barrel, security camera, and tree rebates. Information at this [link](#).

Temporary closure of Parksville beaches to dogs - To limit disturbance of migrating Black Brant geese, our beaches are subject to seasonal "no dog" restrictions, both on-leash and off-leash within Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area.

**BEACHES
CLOSED
TO DOGS**

Rath Trevor Beach
February 15 to April 30

Parksville Bay Beach
March 1 to April 30

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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 from 10 am to 3 pm at 1080 Industrial Way.



PARKSVILLE FIRE RESCUE

Firefighter recruitment campaign for 2026 wraps up soon with application deadline February 27. If you or someone you know may be interested in applying to be a paid on-call volunteer firefighter, please call Parksville Fire at 250 248-3242 to speak with an officer or arrange a tour. Details on Parksville Fire [website](#).

Parksville firefighter Petraschuk 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. Running this year is Parksville firefighter, Karen Petraschuk, 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 sees fitness as both a physical and mental anchor. [Support Karen](#) and the run at [Wounded Warriors](#). [More info](#).



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 **City of
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Next

**Council
Meeting**

Monday, March 2

parksville.ca 1 pm

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**We're
Hiring!**

Learn more at parksville.ca

March 2	Council Meeting
March 16	Council Meeting
April 3 and 6	Easter Holidays (offices closed)
April 8	Council Meeting and Financial Plan
April 13	Committee of the Whole (Financial Plan)
April 20	Council Meeting
April 27	Special Council Meeting (if required)
May 4	Council Meeting (Financial Plan)

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