



March 12, 2026



Next Steps for Parksville's 2026-2030 Financial Plan

Approved by Council in January, the 2026-2030 financial plan sets priority services, programs and initiatives for the next five years and how the City will pay for them. The next step in the process is Council's consideration of amendments to the 2026-2030 financial plan to reflect new information, updated BC Assessment data and completion of the 2025 fiscal year. The amended plan will be used for setting final property tax and utility rates for 2026.

Residents are encouraged to attend meetings and provide input on the amended plan at the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 13.



April 8 - Regular Council meeting - introduction of recommended amendments to the financial plan and analysis of the BC Assessment Revised Roll and current property tax and utility rates

April 13 - Special Committee of the Whole and Council meetings - to discuss amendments and direction from Council

April 27 - Special Council meeting - additional meeting should further deliberation be required

May 4 - Regular Council meeting - three readings of 2026-2030 amended financial plan bylaw and 2026 water, sewer and property tax rates bylaws

May 6 or 7 - Special Council meeting - final adoption and 2026 rates bylaws from May 4 meeting

Final property tax and utility rates for 2026 will be set during these meetings. The rate increases forecasted for 2026 are 6.77% for property taxes, 6% for water fees and 6% for sewer fees, expected to result in an increase of about \$178 for an average residential property. Property tax notices will be mailed at the end of May, following adoption of the financial plan and property tax rate bylaws. Info about the City's financial plan process is available on letstalkparksville.ca/financial-plan-2026 and Council meetings may be viewed on our website through webstreaming.

Parksville Pathway Phase 1 Construction Underway

In January, Council approved the contract award for the Parksville Pathway Project Phase 1 to Graf Concrete and Iron Inc for \$999,999 plus GST. Construction of the 1.1-kilometre pathway which follows existing sewer line

and trail is scheduled for completion in October. The objective of phase 1 is to connect the Parksville Community Park at Corfield Street North to the north end of Shelly Road and The Nature Trust of BC trailhead property, traversing along forest, estuary and urban areas.



What the public should expect during construction

Pedestrian access to The Nature Trust of BC estuary property at Mills Street and Shelly Road will be maintained during construction; however, the public should expect some disruptions during construction.

- Parking lot at 132 Corfield Street North will serve as a temporary site office and truck turnaround. Public parking will be available when possible; otherwise, Parksville Community Park lots should be used.
- Road works on Corfield Street North and Nerbus Lane are scheduled for early spring.
- During construction, there will be times when parking is restricted on Mills Street and Shelly Road, and access to the informal pedestrian path connecting Shelly and Mills may also be limited.
- Vegetation clearing outside the riparian areas will take place in early spring with construction in the wetland areas during summer.

The pathway project is part of a broader strategy to improve accessible pedestrian connectivity within the City. This initiative is being undertaken in collaboration with Nature Trust and its partners, enabling the development of a pathway crossing both City-owned land and land owned by Nature Trust, situated within the traditional territories of the Coast Salish, Qualicum and Snaw-Naw-As First Nations. Project info on [Let's Talk Parksville](#). Questions should be directed to engineering@parksville.ca.

Community-led Events in Parksville

The City encourages events held in our public spaces which bring people together and help build community. Whether planning a casual event such as a family picnic, or a community-led event such as a fundraiser, concert or a not-for-profit event, the City's role is to help ensure events are safe and enjoyable for everyone.

At February 27, there are 576 community-led or casual use events conditionally approved for 2026. There were 808 community-led or casual use events at City facilities in 2025 and which required booking and approval by City staff. In addition, the park accommodates many organized sports events and tournaments throughout the season such as volleyball, pickleball, soccer, lacrosse, football, softball, and baseball.

The Parksville Community Park is busy during the summer months, from mid-June until Labour Day, with weekends being particularly busy. The Parksville Beach Festival Society hosts the annual sandcastle exhibition as well as many concerts so on most days from early July to mid-August, visits to the park can be well-over 5,000 per day. When approving events, the City considers park capacity, complementing events, available parking, and most importantly park visitor experience.



Event process explained

The City of Parksville supports community-led events by providing at no charge, access through bookings to City-owned venues, such as the Parksville Community Park, Memorial Plaza, Foster Park, and Springwood Park, or on City streets or sidewalks. Space may also be booked in small neighbourhood or pocket parks.

Using municipal property for community led events involves application, permitting, insurance, and adherence to City-specific policies to ensure safety and community benefit. We generally accept applications for events

which promote culture, recreation, festivals, and community connection. Prior to approving an event request, the City must consider a variety of factors:

- Does the date/schedule conflict with other events or City works?
- Will the event have an impact on parking, traffic and noise?
- What other events are being held in the park on a given day?
- Is the size of the event appropriate for the venue?
- Is the event appropriate for the venue? Is it commercial in nature?
- Is a risk assessment required to ensure safety of the event, guests and public?
- Can the organizer confirm there will be no damage to City infrastructure and assets?
- Does this event require additional City staff support and at what level?
- Can RCMP, fire department and bylaw compliance support the event if needed or if complaints are received?
- Does the event require additional resources such as garbage bins and portable toilets?
- Is the event organizer looking to serve food or alcohol?

Applications for current-year events are accepted throughout the year, and annual events receive priority if submitted by November 30 for the following year. After this date, applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to availability. Community-led events open to the public require submission at least six months before the proposed date and private bookings for casual use must be submitted at least thirty days in advance. For more details, documents and applications refer to the City's [website](#).

IN OTHER NEWS!

Annual Wood Chipping Program

Our wood chipping program will take place April 7 through April 30. The City is divided into two zones - west and east of Craig Street; properties west of Craig will receive collection between April 7 and April 17 and properties east of Craig are scheduled between April 20 and April 30. Materials must be at curbside by 8 am on:

- April 7 - For collection at properties WEST of Craig Street
- April 20 - For collection at properties EAST of Craig Street

Refer to map and collection details on our [website](#). Questions should be directed to operations, ops@parksville.ca or 250 248-5412.



Traffic Bylaw No. 1436 states that no person shall cause damage to, cut down or remove trees, shrubs, plants, bushes and hedges, fences or other things erected or maintained on a boulevard. To request pruning of a City-owned tree, phone 250 248-5412.

REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW...

Water Conservation Level 1 in April allows for watering of lawns between 7 pm and 7 am, any day of the week. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from conservation levels. Details on [Let's Talk Parksville](#).



Watermain flushing program continues through April, 7.30 am and 3.30 pm, weekdays. Residents can expect some discolouration of water and intermittent drops in pressure; keep a fresh supply of drinking water in your fridge. Check for discolouration of water before doing laundry and if discoloured, run outside tap (after 3.30 pm) until it clears.

Parksville beaches closed to dogs

To limit disturbance to migrating Brant geese, our beaches are subject to seasonal "no dog"

Rebate programs are offered for properties located within City limits. Rebates are issued on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to the

restrictions and applies to both on-leash and off-leash within Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area. Rathrevor Beach and Parksville Bay Beach are closed to dogs until April 30.



availability of funding which may be exhausted during the year. We offer low flush toilet, rain barrel, security camera, and tree rebates. Details on our [website](#).

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.

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Next
Council Meeting
Monday, March 16
parksville.ca 1 pm

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CITY DATES

March 16	Regular Council Meeting
April 3 and 6	Easter Holidays (offices closed)
April 8	Regular Council Meeting and Financial Plan
April 13	Committee of the Whole (Financial Plan)
April 20	Regular Council Meeting
April 27	Special Council (if required)
May 4	Regular Council Meeting (Financial Plan)
May 6 OR 11	Special Council Meeting
May 18	Victoria Day (offices closed)
May 20	Regular Council Meeting

For more information:

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