

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.

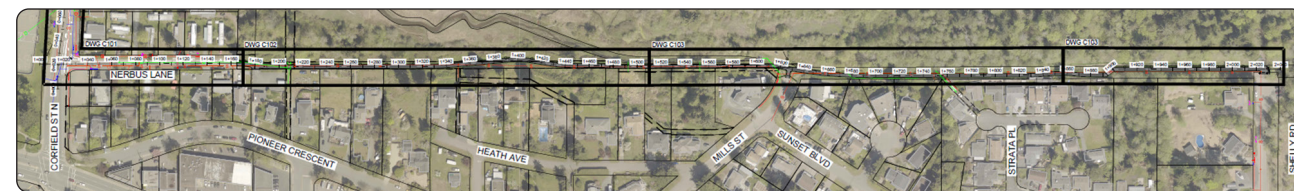
Final property tax and utility rates for 2026 will be set during a series of meetings through April and May. The rate increases forecasted for 2026 are 6.77% for property taxes, 6% for water fees and 6% for sewer fees, expected to result in an increase of about \$178 for an average residential property. 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 webstreamed through website.

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 meeting - to discuss amendments and direction from Council
- April 27** Special Council 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 11** Special Council meeting - final adoption and 2026 rates bylaws from May 4

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 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 letstalkparksville.ca/parksville-pathway. Questions to engineering@parksville.ca.

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. *[Residents/Wood Chipping]* Questions should be directed to operations, ops@parksville.ca or 250 248-5412.

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

How to Reach Council

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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 restrictions.

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.

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 the availability of funding which may be exhausted during the year. We offer low flush toilet, rain barrel, security camera, and tree rebates. *[Residents/Rebates]*

Parksville beaches closed to dogs - to limit disturbance to migrating Brant geese, our beaches are subject to seasonal "no dog" 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.