

**April 23, 2026**



## Evolve Rides in Parksville

*50 shared e-bikes and e-scooters are ready to roll in Parksville.*

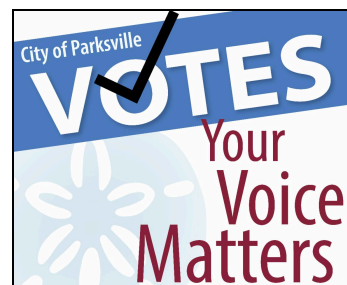
Evolve, created by BCAA, has launched in Parksville with 20 e-bikes and 30 e-scooters across the community. From Rathrevor Beach to downtown and key shopping areas like Quality Foods, Evolve makes it easy to get around, run errands, and explore more of Parksville without a car. Safety is built into every ride, with features like automatic lights, turn signals, and shared helmets. Plus, keep an eye out for Ride Safe events to help you get started. Sign up and claim your free minutes to get ready to ride. Download the Evo app and set up your account. Get started at [EVOLVE](#) and [Let's Talk Parksville](#).



## Parksville Local Government Election 2026

Local government elections in BC are held every four years. The City of Parksville municipal Council is made up of a Mayor and six Councillors, each to be elected for a four-year term. The election for the City of Parksville is set for Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 8 am to 8 pm at the Jensen Centre and Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church. Advance voting will be held on Wednesday, October 7 and Wednesday, October 14, 2026, from 8 am to 8 pm at the Jensen Centre, 132 Jensen Avenue East.

Details including key dates and information for voters and for candidates running for Council are available on [Let's Talk Parksville](#) and from the [City's website](#). We hope you will spend some time reviewing our election site on [Let's Talk Parksville](#) to familiarize yourself with the City of Parksville's local government election. Please refer questions about the election to the Chief Election Officer at [election-official@parksville.ca](mailto:election-official@parksville.ca).



**Next Steps for Parksville's 2026-2030 Financial Plan**

At the April 13 Special Committee of the Whole meeting, Council provided direction regarding the 2026-2030 financial plan. The amended financial plan bylaw and the 2026 water, sewer and property tax rates bylaws are expected to receive three readings at the May 4 meeting and a special Council meeting on May 6 will be held to provide final adoption of the bylaws. Property tax notices will be mailed by end of May, following adoption of the financial plan and property tax rate bylaws. Documents and recent staff presentations may be viewed on [Let's Talk Parksville](#).

## IN OTHER NEWS!

### New Parkland for Parksville

This week, Council passed a bylaw formally dedicating a 1.8-acre (.73-hectare) parcel of land to the south of 100 Jensen Avenue as a park. This greenspace between the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre and Jensen Centre and Stanford Place has been enjoyed as a park for many years despite not having a formal designation.



This decision from Council confirms the area as a park and any future changes in use would require approval of the electors. Residents will not see any changes on the ground and there are no plans to increase or change service levels associated with the space, meaning there are no tax implications arising from the designation. The motion was brought forward by Councillor Gaur and approved by Council in 2025, with the intent of formalizing the designation before the end of this Council's term. Adoption of the bylaw fulfills the commitment of Council.

### New Pedestrian Accessibility Map

Check out our new Pedestrian Accessibility Map, available from the [City's website](#) and [Let's Talk Parksville](#). Whether using a mobility aid, pushing a stroller or getting around a challenging terrain, this map can help plan the safest route. The City of Parksville recognizes the importance of accessibility for everyone.

The interactive map identifies accessible parking stalls, washrooms, pathways, and community amenities, along with elevation details for sidewalks and trails. Created by the City's GIS staff, the map provides benefits to the public which include:

- Improves independence by allowing residents and visitors to plan routes that best meet their accessibility needs.
- Increase awareness of accessibility features and barriers throughout the City.
- Supports informed decision making for daily travel, recreation and access to services.

Information about the City of Parksville's accessibility plan and accessibility projects available on [Let's Talk Parksville](#).

[Pedestrian Accessibility Map](#)



## Bylaw Would Like You to Know

*Reminder to Residents: Door to Door Sales Not Permitted*



The City's bylaw compliance department provides the citizens of Parksville with a variety of services related to regulatory issues. Please refer to our

[website](#) for info about bylaws and as well as some frequently asked questions.

We are reminding residents that door-to-door sales activities are not allowed under City bylaws. Bylaw No. 1550 clearly states, *“No person, without prior instructions from the owner or occupier of the premises, shall attend upon or canvass or solicit at any residential premises for the sale or promotion of goods or services.”* This does not include charitable fundraising; the Girl Guides can sell all the cookies they want!

If an unauthorized salesperson comes to your door, you can help the City’s bylaw compliance team by requesting the representative’s name and contact information. Residents are encouraged to forward these details to bylaw for follow-up. We thank the community for helping maintain a safe and respectful environment for all residents.

---

## Utility Bills Due April 30

Utility bills will have arrived in mailboxes. Utility notices are mailed twice a year to bill for water, sewer and solid waste (garbage, green bin and recycling services). If you have not received your notice by April 10, contact 250 248-6144 or [cashier@parksville.ca](mailto:cashier@parksville.ca)

There are many ways to pay by the due date of April 30, all available on our [website](#). As well, you may wish to consider PAWS - **Pre-Authorized Withdrawal Service**, a preauthorized withdrawal plan which allows homeowners to contribute a fixed monthly payment towards their taxes and/or utilities. Details about this program are on our [website](#). Please direct questions to the City’s finance department at 250 248-6144 or [cashier@parksville.ca](mailto:cashier@parksville.ca)



We’re excited to host Canada Day events again this year. We hope you will share in the day and connect with families, neighbours and friends.

The day’s activities are coming together nicely with details on [Let’s Talk Parksville](#). The day kicks off with the popular Shriners’ pancake breakfast on Craig Street and the best parade on Vancouver Island along Island Highway East. Then it’s a full day of activities in Parksville Community Park. Live mainstage music

at the Parksville Outdoor Theatre, entertainment and activities in the gathering plaza and waterfront gazebo including Craig the Magician back for a second year. Also adding to the fantastic day will be sandcastle building, face painters, demos, displays, food trucks, and Canada Day cake and cupcakes.

Canada Day parade applications and latest event updates are posted to [Let’s Talk Parksville](#) and social media including the Parksville Canada Day [Facebook page](#). Questions to [canadaday@parksville.ca](mailto:canadaday@parksville.ca).

## REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW...

**Water Conservation Level 2** is in effect from May to October unless otherwise notified. Odd numbered civic addresses may water on odd numbered days and even numbered civic addresses may water on even numbered days. Watering times are 7 am to 10 am OR 7 pm to 10 pm for a maximum of two hours of total allocated watering per day. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from restrictions. For details about the City’s water conservation program, refer to [Let’s Talk Parksville. Information release](#) posted to our website on April 23.

**Food Trucks in Parksville Community Park** - We’re excited again this year to manage the food trucks in the park from May 1 to September 30. About one week ahead, the schedule for the coming month will be posted to the

[website](#) and social media. Regular food truck hours will be 11 am to 7 pm with two trucks on the food truck pad and a third truck on busy days in the gathering plaza. [May Schedule](#)

**Rebate programs** - We offer rebates for properties within City limits, available on a first-come, first-served basis while funds last. Rebates include low flush toilets, rain barrels, security cameras, and trees. Info on our [website](#).

**Recycle BC pop-up depot** in Parksville at 1080 Industrial Way 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.

**Follow the City on Facebook and Bluesky** to get updates and stay connected to what's happening in the community. We use these channels to share news, service information, important notices and more!



Next  
**Council Meeting**  
Monday, May 4  
parksville.ca 1 pm



Join us  
**We're Hiring!**  
Learn more at [parksville.ca](#)

RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS  
DURING A LOCAL EMERGENCY



## CITY DATES

May 4	Council Meeting
May 6	Special Council Meeting (Financial Plan)
May 18	Victoria Day (offices closed)
May 20	Council Meeting
June 1	Council Meeting
June 15	Council Meeting
July 1	Canada Day
July 6	Council Meeting

**For more information:**

Deb Tardiff, Manager of Communications  
[communications@parksville.ca](mailto:communications@parksville.ca); 250 954-3073

[parksville.ca](#) | [letstalkparksville.ca](#)





Try email marketing for free today!