

Parksville-Qualicum Beach Community Update

May You Enjoy the **Holidays!**

We are truly grateful for your continued support of Emergency Management Oceanside and we look forward to sharing more interesting and relevant emergency preparedness information with you next year.



We are still learning to navigate life during a pandemic. There's no doubt, 2020 and 2021 provided us with many challenges, and it hasn't been easy as we continue to adjust.

May you enjoy the holiday season and be healthy and safe. It's natural to get caught up in this busy time of the year. Please take a moment to check that your family and home are safe during the holidays and your emergency kits and go bags are in the best possible condition. The flooding and extreme weather events of the past few weeks have brought home once again, the importance of being prepared for an emergency.

On behalf of the EMO team, the Councils and staff of the Town of Qualicum Beach and City of Parksville, we wish you a most wonderful holiday season and a safe and healthy 2022. Here's hoping your holidays are as you wish them to be.

EMO Supports Flooding Situation

During the extreme weather and flooding in mid November, EMO activated emergency reception centres in Parksville and Qualicum Beach. The centres provided short-term assistance to residents in the Regional District of Nanaimo who were forced to leave their homes because of flooding. Areas affected were Martindale Road, Parksville and Cedar Grove Campground, Qualicum Beach. As well, the emergency support services reception centre accommodated residents from Halalt First Nation near Chemainus who were displaced because of flooding.

[Full release](#)



Island Health Vaccination Clinic at Parksville Community Centre

Anyone five years of age or older is eligible for the vaccine. Children and adults must be registered in the Get Vaccinated system to make an appointment which can be booked online at gov.bc.ca/getvaccinated or by phoning 1 833 838-2323.

For December, clinic hours at the Parksville Community Centre are Monday to Friday, 11 am to 7 pm and Saturday and Sunday, 8.30 am to 4.30 pm. The clinic will be closed December 12, 19 and December 20.

EMO and PQBeat

EMO emergency program coordinator, Aaron Dawson, recently discussed recent floods and emergency preparedness for weather events with PQBeat.

Read in the PQB News or [Have a listen!](#)



Weather Terminology

Wed 8 Dec	Thu 9 Dec	Fri 10 Dec	Sat 11 Dec	Sun 12 Dec	Mon 13 Dec	Tue 14 Dec
 6°C A mix of sun and cloud	 4°C 40% Chance of flurries	 5°C Rain	 5°C Showers	 6°C 60% Chance of showers	 4°C 60% Chance of flurries or rain showers	 4°C 60% Chance of rain showers or flurries

For general interest, here is the terminology weather forecasters use to describe the likelihood of hazardous conditions.

ADVISORY – issued when weather could cause a significant inconvenience but could also lead to life threatening conditions if precautions are not taken.

WATCH – issued when weather events have the potential to threaten life and property, but the exact timing and location of the storm is uncertain.

WARNING – issued when weather events are occurring or are imminent and pose a threat to life and property.

Following are some terms specific to winter conditions:

- **Winter storm watch** – issued when conditions are favourable for the development of hazardous conditions. These bulletins may be issued 48 to 60 hours in advance.
- **Winter storm warning** – issued when a combination of hazardous winter conditions are occurring or expected to develop no more than 12 to 14 hours in advance.
- **Blizzard warning** – issued when winds of 40 km/h or more are expected to cause widespread reductions in visibility and very low wind chill values.
- **Snowfall warning** – issued when hazardous amounts are expected to fall over a 12 to 24-hour period.
- **Freezing rain warning** – issued when hazardous walking and driving conditions are expected from freezing rain or drizzle. A warning may be issued if ice has the potential to cause damage to trees and electricity and telecommunications wires.
- **Ice storm (flash freeze) warning** – a rapid drop in temperatures, causing freezing or residual water on roads and sidewalks to quickly build up.

(This information was taken from Smart Workplace Talks Zone TZ5117)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Town of Qualicum Beach

Town Hall is open to the public with full services. Hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4 pm (except statutory holidays). Offices will be closed December 24, December 27 and January 3 for the holidays.

Although the office is open, residents are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the other payment options including payment through your financial institution; mail a cheque; or drop off a cheque at Town Hall drop box (location below). During utility billing, for online or telephone banking payments, select “Qualicum Beach, Town of - Utilities” as the payee and enter your account number. Please contact your branch if you require assistance. If you do wish to visit Town Hall to conduct business, masks are mandatory while in the building.

- Email gbtown@qualicumbeach.com
- Phone 250 752-6921
- Post PO Box 130, Qualicum Beach V9K 1S7
- Mail Slot Out front of Town Hall, nearest the fountain
- [Website](#)

City of Parksville

City Hall is open to the public from 8 am to 4 pm and our operations department from 8 am to 4 pm and closed noon to 1 pm. Offices will be closed December 27, December 28 and January 3 for the holidays.

Information for the public when visiting:

- Entrance to the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre is from Jensen Avenue East only.
- Masks are mandatory while in the building.
- Staff may elect to meet with the public either in-person or virtually and in-person meetings will comply with protocols on distancing and masks.
- For now, access to the Vancouver Island Library continues to be the outside entrance, east parking lot.
- Main floor washrooms are open for public use.
- The public is welcome to attend Council meetings in-person; however, attendance is limited. Meetings are webstreamed, live and archived, from the City's [website](#).
- If sick, please stay home.
- Refer to the City [website](#) and [Let's Talk Parksville](#) for more information.

[BC Centre for Disease Control](#)

[Island Health](#)

[Vaccine info](#) - 1 833 838-2323

Medical COVID-19 information - 811

[Proof of vaccination info](#)

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