

Thousands of Flowers Planted to Celebrate Summer in Parksville

Over the last few weeks, City crews have planted over 11,000 annual flowers, bringing splashes of colour throughout Parksville. Getting much of the planting attention is the Pym Street garden, Parksville Community Park, and various parts of downtown Parksville.

By the numbers:

- 11,000 annuals
- 19 garden beds or garden areas
- 133 hanging baskets
- 26 planters

To honour the Royal Canadian Legion's 100th anniversary, the Pym Street garden was designed as a beautiful poppy, marking this incredible milestone and honouring those who have served this country. The red poppy is a Begonia 'Cocktail Vodka', the black centre is an Ipomoea 'Spotlight Black', the grey outline is a Dusty Miller 'New Look', the sky is Ageratum 'Aloha Blue', and the hills/fields background features a mix of turf, Lantana 'Shamrock White', Zinnia 'Profusion White', Zinnia 'Profusion White', Toothache plant 'Lemon Drop', and Salvia splendens 'Reddy White Surprise'. Over 3,500 plants went into making this masterpiece!

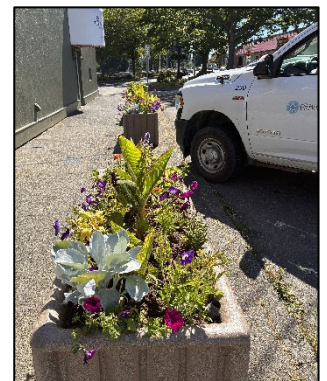
Plants are chosen based on site-specific conditions, deer resistance, watering needs, and colour/tone. The core species of annuals in the beds throughout the City are agastache, ageratum, begonias, lantana, marigolds, salvias, and zinnias.

Our staff take great pride in their planting work; we hope you enjoy its beauty and charm all summer!

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home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.*
