

Parksville Mayor Reflects on 2022-2026 Council Term Successes

At a recent Parksville Council meeting, Mayor Doug O'Brien presented and shared a comprehensive overview on Council successes and achievements over the 2022-2026 term. Highlights and successful activities included:

- Redefined Strategic Plan priorities and decisions around Advocacy, Official Community Plan (OCP) Review and Update, Vibrant and Liveable Downtown, Community Engagement, Water Use Planning and Management, and Investment in Recreation Amenities.
- Fostered strong collaboration between the city and numerous community organizations, sports associations, and local partners.
- Worked with developers and community stakeholders to advance a vision for balanced housing options, including affordable housing, market rental housing, and missing middle-housing.
- Prioritized recommendations from key documents such as the Transportation Master Plan, Urban Forest Strategy, Water, Storm and Sewer Master Plans, and relevant Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) documents.
- Helped with community supports, including \$10 per day childcare at the city-owned Jensen Centre, family physician recruitment and retention, brain injury rehab facility supports, Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) grants for emergency preparedness equipment and training, and many more.
- Served as a bridge between the city and groups such as Parksville Beach Festival, the Parksville Downtown Business Association, the Parksville & District Chamber of Commerce, Access Oceanside, local sports organizations, and community event organizers.
- Supported the proposed dedication of 104 acres of parkland adjacent to the Englishman River for future community benefit.
- Promoted a safe, secure, and inclusive community, consistent with commitments made during the election campaign.
- Built meaningful relationships with residents, non-profit organizations, schools, businesses, and community groups throughout Parksville.
- Increased parking options in the downtown core to improve accessibility, support local businesses, encourage visitation, and enhance the overall vibrancy of the downtown experience for residents and visitors alike.
- Continued emphasis on responsible asset management and long-term infrastructure planning to ensure downtown amenities, transportation networks, and public spaces remain safe, sustainable, and capable of supporting a thriving and growing community.

Read the full report and presentation below:

- [View Mayor's Report](#)
- [PowerPoint Presentation](#)

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

Quote: Mayor Doug O'Brien

"As I reflect on the privilege that holding elected office brings, I am very proud of the work I have done to improve the daily quality of life for Parksville residents, business owners, and visitors. Looking back, I am especially thankful for the opportunity to support and collaborate on projects that reflect our community's values and aspirations, including the Outdoor Performing Arts Theatre, the Gathering Place, the Parksville Pathway project, the Oceanside Track initiative, and the Mobi-Mat installation on our community beach."

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