

***Let's Talk Parksville!* Engagement Platform**

Today we launched a new citizen engagement platform called, *Let's Talk Parksville*. This new platform provides an easy and secure way for our residents to participate online and will improve the City's tools for community engagement. We hope this forum will change the way Parksville residents share ideas and access information about City programs, services and decisions.

With *Let's Talk Parksville*, residents can share their ideas and feedback on specific projects and initiatives and will be able to see what others are saying. *Let's Talk Parksville* gives citizens the opportunity to have their say on local projects and initiatives. As the platform becomes more established and popular with residents we hope to add other elements for participation such as forums where participants can engage with each other, "virtual post-it notes", maps to gather feedback, quick polls and stories.

Comments are moderated by the host of this new platform, Engagement HQ and the City of Parksville. When submitting ideas and comments, please keep them positive and constructive. The goal for this site is to respectively bring residents together in consideration of what we can all contribute so that Parksville is the best place to live, work and visit.

A single registration gives participants full access to all online public engagement opportunities offered on *Let's Talk Parksville*. Registered users can tailor their preferences to receive notifications about topics that mean the most to them. The interactive user-friendly site allows users to participate in different ways and stay updated throughout the lifetime of a project.

Check out www.letstalkparksville.ca to see how it works and register to stay informed about current and future topics of interest. Some of the current topics which will be updated often include Memorial Avenue upgrades, interactive photo challenge, water restrictions and how to conserve, your priorities for the community, the Community Park, updates on the Parks, Trails and Open Spaces master plan and an opportunity for you to share your ideas and stories about Parksville. *So Parksville... Let's Talk!*

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