

No In-person Public Attendance at Meetings - PHO Order

We were advised yesterday that the December 2 Provincial Health Officer order on *Gatherings and Events* repeals the November 10 order and imposes more stringent prohibitions including in-person public attendance at council meetings, public hearings, committee meetings, open houses, and other in-person meetings. This order prohibiting members of the public from attending meetings is in effect until December 7. However, given the current surge of COVID-19 infections in British Columbia, we do not expect this order will be rescinded on December 7.

Parksville Council's next scheduled meeting will be held at 3 pm, Monday, December 7 in the Forum, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre. In order to comply with the PHO order, the public may no longer attend this meeting. Residents may view the meeting live through webstreaming, accessible from the City's [website](#). The meeting video is also archived for viewing at another time. The agenda for the December 7 meeting is posted on the City's [website](#). Comments should be emailed to council@parksville.ca prior to the meeting.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a decision was recently made by Council to cancel the December 21 meeting. Prior to Council's first meeting in 2021, expected to be held on January 18, we will advise the public how they may view and/or participate in the meeting. Should residents wish to reach members of Council, please email council@parksville.ca. We apologize for this last-minute notice; however, we were advised of this revised order late on December 4.

The new Provincial Health Officer Gatherings and Events Order may be viewed [here](#).

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