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## Be Ready for Anything!

Emergency Preparedness Week is a national event supported by Public Safety Canada, working closely with provincial and local government emergency management organizations, Indigenous organizations, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector. An annual event for over 25 years, the week is recognized during the first full week of May.

This year's theme is Emergency Preparedness: *Be Ready for Anything*. Everyone has a role to play in an emergency. EP Week is an opportunity for you to take action to ensure you are prepared to protect yourself, your family, and your community during an emergency. Emergency Management Oceanside is a partnership between the City of Parksville and Town of Qualicum Beach to provide large scale emergency support and disaster services to residents of our region. The EMO website [[emergencyoceanside.ca](http://emergencyoceanside.ca)] is a great resource for emergency preparedness and you can sign up to receive emergency preparedness newsletters.



**Know the risks • Make a plan • Get an emergency kit**



## Council Sets 2022 Tax and Utility Rate Increases

Each year, the City creates a five-year financial plan which outlines how resources will be allocated to achieve Council's identified strategic goals in a fiscally responsible manner. Parksville Council sets the rates for property tax and water and sewer services during this annual process. Meetings to determine the financial plan have concluded and Council directed staff to prepare the 2022-2026 financial plan and tax rates bylaws for consideration at the April 20 meeting. Staff presentations from the March meetings and the financial plan are posted to Let's Talk Parksville. Meetings are archived on our website through webstreaming.

## Notice of Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel

For those who received written notification from the City, the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel will meet on April 20 at 5:45 pm in the Forum to hear complaints and review and correct the assessment rolls. The panel will hear complaints to:

- Ensure names and addresses of the owners are correct
- Parcels of land not abutting the water and/or sewer mains
- Errors or omissions respecting the inclusion of property on the roll

The revised Water and Sewer Parcel Tax Rolls will be open for inspection from 9 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday until April 19 in the finance department. The panel will not hear a complaint unless written notice is submitted to the City at least 48 hours prior to the appointed meeting time of the panel.

## Public Works Open House - May 18

To celebrate National Public Works Week, the City will host an open house on May 18, from 10 am to 3 pm in the Parksville Community Park. Activities will interest residents of all ages with demonstrations, displays and of course, a chance to explore and ask questions of our staff. We are proud to highlight services provided by our public works team and hope this open house will increase awareness of the work necessary to maintain City infrastructure and services.

## Wood Chipping Program

Annual wood chipping program continues. The City is divided into two zones - west of Craig Street and east of Craig Street. Materials must be curbside by 8 am, April 19 for properties EAST of Craig Street. One pile per residence; limit 5 feet wide x 5 feet long x 3 feet. Branches with a maximum diameter of 6 inches (15cm), stacked with the larger end of the branch or trunk facing the roadway. Smaller shrub branches piled for ease of access by the chipping crew. [[Residents/Wood Chipping](mailto:Residents/Wood Chipping)]

## Year of the Garden in Parksville

Parksville Council endorsed a motion to declare 2022 as "Year of the Garden in Parksville." Also included is the concept of minimal mowing in May for residential yards in the City intended to assist the declining insect population and enhance biodiversity.



## Thank You Community Volunteers

April 24-30 is Volunteer Week in Canada and the City of Parksville recognizes and thanks volunteers for their many contributions to our community. Volunteers contribute significantly to the well-being of Parksville and without this dedication, it would be impossible to sustain the services we all enjoy. We recognize the vital contribution volunteers make to our community and how our quality of life is so much better because of volunteers. **Thank you!**



## THINGS TO KNOW

**Utility notices** for the City of Parksville are due April 29. If you do not receive your notice in the mail, please contact 250 248-6144 or [cashier@parksville.ca](mailto:cashier@parksville.ca).

**No dogs allowed on beaches** - to limit disturbance of migrating Brant geese, beaches are subject to seasonal "no dog" restrictions. Rathrevor Beach and Parksville Bay Beach are closed to dogs, on and off-leash, until April 30.

## Tree Rebate Program

We offer a \$50 rebate for the owner of a residence or business who wishes to plant a tree on their property. Please see our website for details. [[Residents/Rebates](mailto:Residents/Rebates)].



## Water Restrictions

Stage 1, watering of lawns between 7 pm and 7 am, any day of the week, is in effect for April. Stage 2 watering restrictions in effect from May 1 through September 30 (unless otherwise notified), allows for every other day watering between 7-10 am or 7-10 pm for maximum of two hours. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from watering restrictions. Schedule mailed to residents with utility notices in March. [ops@parksville.ca](mailto:ops@parksville.ca)

## City Dates

April 15 & 18	Easter (offices closed)
April 20	Parcel Tax Roll Review
April 20	Council Meeting
May 2	Council Meeting
May 16	Council Meeting
May 18	Public Works Day
May 23	Victoria Day (offices closed)
June 6	Council Meeting

## How to Reach Council

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