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The City of Parksville is located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations, home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.

CITY SERVICES

More Parksville Wetlands Engagement!

We're not quite finished and need your feedback. We've completed the first phase of engagement with an open house and survey. Phase two engagement included the Popup in the Park open house earlier today and to further engage, we are asking residents to participate in a second survey open until October 16.

Prior to participating in this survey, please review the information provided at today's open house now on letstalkparksville.ca/parksville-wetlands. We are excited to share the park concept plan which highlights proposed future habitat improvements, path connections and supportive infrastructure including direction and guidance on the types, locations, uses, and activities within different parts of the park. We look forward to receiving your feedback on the concept plan and park management plan.



Parksville Fire Prevention Week Open House - October 15

Parksville Volunteer Fire Department members will welcome residents to their annual open house on **Sunday, October 15, from 10 am to 2 pm** at the Parksville Fire Rescue Training Centre, 1159 Franklins Gull Road.

Residents will learn about fire safety; home fire sprinklers, smoke alarms and home escape plan along with educational displays and activities where you will learn how to use a fire extinguisher, perform CPR, try hose and target practice, and there's a kids' bunker gear challenge. The day features an auto extrication demonstration at 11 am and at 1.30 pm a side-by-side burn demonstration with two similarly furnished rooms; one protected with fire sprinklers and the other without fire sprinklers. The demo shows how quickly a fire can become deadly versus the quick response and effectiveness of a fire sprinkler system in controlling or extinguishing a fire.



This year's fire prevention week theme, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention," works to educate about simple but important actions one can take to keep themselves and those around them safe when cooking. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires and deaths, and cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. parksvillefirerescue.ca

We're Getting There!

Upgrades in the Parksville Community Park continue with a few things crossed off the list, such as the skatepark and sports courts resurfacing. Washroom construction and accessibility upgrades are underway, and the gathering place will complete later this year. More info about planned park improvements at letstalkparksville.ca/parksville-community-park.

Sandcastle Drive is closed to vehicles until October 3. Sandcastle Drive along to Arbutus Point is open to pedestrians and bicycles with accessible parking located near the Lions Ventureland Playground. Vehicle parking is available in the lots near the sports fields and curling rink. Signage has been posted at the entrance and throughout the park. We understand and apologize for the disruption.



THINGS TO KNOW

Late payment of property taxes - A 5% penalty was applied to current year property taxes and unclaimed homeowner grants which were outstanding after the due date of July 4, 2023. An additional 5% penalty will be applied to current year property taxes and unclaimed homeowner grants that remain outstanding at the close of business on September 15, 2023. Penalties are applied in accordance with Sections 233 and 234 of the Community Charter and City of Parksville Bylaw No. 1583. The City has no authority to waive or modify penalty amounts.

It's back to school - We're urging all drivers to slow down and take time on the road with our youth now back to school. Drivers are reminded to pay attention to 30 km/h hour school-zone speed limits, from 8 am to 5 pm.

Dance with Me at Memorial - Our thanks to everyone for helping make our four Memorial events such a success. We hope to do it again next year!

Transportation Master Plan - Council recently approved consultant, McElhanney Ltd, to complete a transportation master plan, which will help guide the City's infrastructure renewal, upgrade, and development cost charge programs, and provide information on required levels of funding. Details about public engagement available in October.

Campfire ban remains in effect and applies to open fires of any size including campfires. Implemented by the Parksville fire chief for the Parksville Fire Protection Area in conjunction with the Coastal Fire Centre ban for Vancouver Island and south coast.

Fear of missing out? For some time now we have offered an newsletter by subscription, delivered every other Friday, direct to your inbox. It's the best way to stay current on City activities and projects. Signup is easy from our website; just click the link on the right side of the website.

Watering Ban Continues

Is your grass looking yellow? Well, that's a good thing as lawn watering is prohibited. Stage 4 restrictions continue for City residents due to the lack of rain. East Vancouver Island has been at provincial Drought Level 5 since July and the fire danger level remains high. Stage 4 restrictions help ensure essential water needs for drinking water, hygiene and fire protection are met, and water flows for fish and aquatic habitats are maintained. The ban reduces the pressure on surface water and groundwater sources vulnerable to drought. Thank you for doing your part to conserve.

TYPE OF WATER USE	STAGE 4
Frequency	SPRINKLING BAN Lawn Watering NOT PERMITTED
Lawn watering times	Between 7-10 am or 7-10 pm
Hand-watering drip irrigation, micro irrigation	NOT PERMITTED
Washing vehicles, boats, houses (siding)	NOT PERMITTED
Filling fountains, pools, hot tubs	NOT PERMITTED
New lawn permits	NO PERMITS ISSUED
Pressure washing walkways, driveways, siding	ONLY prior to application of paint preservative, stucco or sealant.

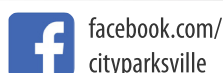
letstalkparksville.ca/water-restrictions

City Dates

September 13	Parksville Wetlands Open House
September 15	Second Property Tax Penalty
September 27	AWS and ERWS board meetings
September 30	National Truth and Reconciliation Day
October 2	Statutory Holiday (offices closed)
October 4	Council Meeting
October 9	Thanksgiving Holiday (offices closed)
October 15	Parksville Fire Open House
October 16	Council Meeting
November 6	Council Meeting
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 13	Statutory Holiday (offices closed)
November 20	Council Meeting

How to Reach Council

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