

Englishman River Water Service Events

A series of ERWS public events will be held this month.

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS

Tuesday, May 19, 3-7 pm, Parksville Community and Conference Centre (City of Parksville)

Wednesday, May 20, 7 pm, Nanoose Place (Regional District of Nanaimo)

ERWS information published in the PQB News on May 12 and May 14 provided background, treatment options, fisheries benefits, costs and next steps. The articles are now available at englishmanriverwaterservice.ca.

We encourage you to take time to review the info in these two articles and bring your questions and concerns to the public info session on May 19. The public info sessions are a drop-in format to provide residents an opportunity to review preliminary designs for the water treatment and intake facilities, funding options and costs. Consultants and staff will answer any questions you might have and respond to concerns about the project.

We hope Parksville residents will then have the information they need to make comments at the town hall meeting on May 28. If you are not able to attend the info sessions, questions may be sent to info@parksville.ca.

PUBLIC TOWN HALL MEETING

Thursday, May 28 at 7 pm, Knox United Church, 345 Pym Street

Council wishes to receive comments from Parksville residents at a town hall meeting on May 28. This Council-hosted meeting is an opportunity for community members to voice their opinions about the water project. It is important for members of Parksville Council to hear the views of Parksville residents.

The ERWS project includes a new river water supply intake, a new water treatment plant, water distribution system upgrade and an aquifer storage and recovery system. ERWS is a joint venture agreement between the City of Parksville and the Regional District of Nanaimo formed to secure a bulk water supply from the Englishman River. Please refer to the ERWS website for such items as background information, reports, studies and meeting minutes.



Things To Know

Water Conservation Level 2

Now in effect, permits watering every other day between the hours of 6 am to 10 am and 6 pm to 10 pm for no more than a maximum of two hours watering per day. We wish to thank residents for their efforts to conserve water this summer. Watering of vegetable gardens, shrubs, trees and flowers is restricted to a hand-held container or a hose with shut-off nozzle if watered outside of permitted times. [\[Quicklinks/Water Conservation\]](#)

Coffee with Council

Over the summer will be held twice a month. These sessions continue to be a successful way for residents to chat informally with Mayor and Council. For the next four months, sessions will be held on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 2-4 pm. Please check the website for changes or cancellations.



Ventureland Waterpark

Is now open following final touch ups and the installation of two new water cannons and a "sneaky soaker tower". The waterpark is open daily from 9 am to 8 pm.

Property Tax Notices

Tax notices will be mailed later this month and to avoid penalty, payment must be received by the City and the homeowner grant claimed by July 2, 2015.

City Dates

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| May 19 | ERWS Info Session (Parksville) |
| May 20 | ERWS Info Session (Nanoose) |
| May 20 | Council Meeting |
| May 21 | Coffee with Council |
| May 28 | Town Hall Meeting |
| June 1 | Council Meeting |
| June 4 | Coffee with Council |
| June 11 | Advisory Design Panel |
| June 15 | Council Meeting |
| June 18 | Coffee with Council |
| June 18 | Advisory Planning Commission |

The public is encouraged to attend Council meetings held on the first and third Mondays of the month and may observe advisory committee meetings. Refer to the website for agendas and meeting highlights and minutes.

Thanking the Parksville Lions

Earlier this month, we celebrated members of the Parksville Lions Club for their commitment to the Community Park and Ventureland Playground. The community event recognized the 30-year partnership with the City and the generous donations of members including thousands of volunteer hours and significant financial contributions. Parksville Lions Club members are truly an inspiration to all.



Sandy Herle, Parksville Downtown Business Association president, Mayor Lefebvre, James Barrand, Ventureland liaison and Gail Vulliamy, Parksville Lions Club president.

Budget and Property Taxes

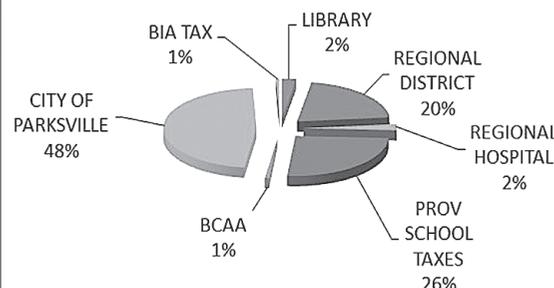
The 2015 budget was adopted in April and a new tax rate was established; Council set the residential and business property tax increase at 1.5% for 2015. The tax increase for subsequent years is projected to be 2% for 2016 and 2.5% for each of the years 2017-2019. This year's increase of 1.5%, the lowest in many years, is the result of continued prudent and responsible fiscal management.

The general fund budget of \$27,339,740 includes capital expenditures of \$11,083,370. Major capital projects in 2015 include the second phase Temple Street upgrades, Community Park and Kin Hut washrooms, Corfield Street - Stanford to 19A road project, and Ermineskin Road and Banks Avenue water main and road repairs.

When other government tax collections are added in, the total tax increase for the average priced residential property is about 2.0%. For a home with the average assessed property value of \$296,500, the City portion of total property taxes will increase by \$15.70. The library, Nanaimo Regional District, regional wastewater and regional hospital charges will increase by \$32.27. The school tax change is not released by the province at this time. The estimated property taxes for the average house (using an estimate for the school tax) are \$2,660.

Council also approved the 2015-2019 final financial plan now on the City's website [\[Quicklinks/Reports\]](#). This plan sets out the financial requirements to enable departments to carry out projects for 2015.

2015 Property Tax Distribution



Mayor Marc Lefebvre and Lorrie Mohl

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