



City of Parksville

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## Survey on City-wide Ban on Single-use Plastic Bags



For environmental reasons, the City of Parksville is considering implementing a ban on the use of single-use plastic carryout bags within City limits. The purpose of the survey is to gather information and opinions from residents and retailers on the use of single-use plastic carryout bags to determine if there is support for a City-wide ban.

The survey which should take less than five minutes to complete includes questions for both residents and business owners in the City. The survey closes on November 30 and results will be provided to Council and Parksville residents. The survey link is located on the home page of the City's website. Paper copies of the survey may be obtained from City offices at 100 Jensen Avenue East.

## City Services

### 2018 Special Events Applications

Applications from organizations and individuals wishing to hold special events at City-owned venues or on City streets are now being accepted with the review process starting January 30. Annual events will be given priority provided the request is received by January 29, after which time applications will be addressed as first-time events on a first-come, first-served basis, based on availability. After January 30, applications must be received at least thirty days prior to the event. The policy and forms are available on the website [City Hall/Special Events Procedures], from the operations department and at City Hall. For use of the sports fields and lacrosse box, contact RDN's Recreation and Parks fieldbooking@rdn.bc.ca. For information contact the operations department, 250 248-5412 or publicworks@parksville.ca.

### 2018 Business Licences

Existing business licence holders may now renew for the 2018 calendar year. Renewal invoices will be mailed the first week in December. Fees are due by January 31, 2018, and may be mailed or paid at City Hall. Bylaw 1483 requires all businesses obtain a valid licence if carrying on business in the City. More information may be found on the website [Business/Licences].

### 2018 Dog Licences

Dog licence fees are due by January 31. Current dog licences will receive a reminder notice; if you do not receive a notice and currently own a dog, licences may be purchased from City Hall and the BC SPCA.

- By January 31  
Spayed/neutered \$20, not spayed/neutered \$30
- After January 31  
Spayed/neutered \$25, not spayed/neutered \$35

The main benefit of licensing is the quick return of dogs should they become lost. As well, fees collected help to offset the cost to maintain our off-leash dog park, provide bags and dispensers throughout the City and provide bylaw enforcement to handle public safety concerns of stray, off-leash and dangerous dogs.



### Winter Conditions

Information about monitoring of road and weather conditions by the City can be found on our website [Quicklink/Winter Conditions]. The website includes information on how residents can be prepared and how they can help.

Reminder to residents that snow clearing from sidewalks is the responsibility of the adjacent property owners who should ensure snow removed from the sidewalks is not deposited on the adjoining roadway. During heavy snowfall, in areas of heavy pedestrian traffic, adjacent to City-owned property, during regular office hours, crews will support public sidewalk clearing through use of snow blowers and other snow removal equipment as resources allow.

## Community Park Activities



### Tree Removal

In December, a number of trees will be removed along the eastern fence line of the Community Park. This strip of poplars behind the labyrinth parking has caused extensive damage to the asphalt walkway, parking areas and threatens the adjacent fence. The trees have suckered and created issues and hazards along the fence with some of the roots travelling up to 50 feet or more to heave the asphalt. Root pruning which is only used in certain circumstances, may create a public safety hazard. With the support of BC Hydro, a more appropriate tree species chosen for the space will be planted later this year. The pine trees adjacent to the walkway, much closer than the poplars, will remain.

### Community Park Master Plan

The City and the VIU consulting team successfully hosted a public open house in October to receive comments on the draft Community Park Master Plan as presented to Council in earlier in the month. 115 diverse comments came from about 130 attendees. The VIU team is reviewing the input collected at the open house and will present the final Community Park Master Plan on Monday, December 4 at 6 pm.

Many who attended the open house were concerned and sought clarity about the possibility of the City adopting user fees for the Community Park. The VIU consulting team recommendations are for user fees to be directed to large organizations hosting events in the park as opposed to individuals. The draft plan as presented to Council is available on the City's website along with an overview of the results from the consultation process between March and August.

### Splash Park Project

Demolition of the existing spray park in the Community Park will begin this week with construction of the new splash park to be completed over the winter months, ready for May 2018.

Fundraising efforts by the Parksville Lions Club and the Rotary Club of Parksville AM continue in earnest. Recent donations were received from TD Canada Trust, Shar-Kare Feeds and Pet Supplies, the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #49 and an in-kind donation from Branching Out Urban Forestry. Individual donations may be made online through Canada Helps, from parksvillesplashpark.com. Members of the Parksville Lions Club or Rotary Club of Parksville AM would be pleased to speak with you about the project or contact Deb Tardiff at 250 954-3073 or splashpark@parksville.ca.

## PARKSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Recruiting Now for 2018!



The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department is now recruiting for 2018 and is looking for enthusiastic men and women to become volunteer firefighters, an opportunity to be part of tradition. To find out if being a firefighter is in your future, please stop by the Parksville Fire Department at 160 Jensen Avenue West, call 250 248-3242 or pvfd.ca

## Things to Know

### Home Owner Grant 2016

Deadline to claim a retroactive home owner grant for 2016 (subject to qualifications) is December 31, 2017. Please contact the City's finance department for more information.

### The REDress Project

Later this week, the Canadian Federation of University Women will hang twelve red dresses in the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre. Started in 2001 by Winnipeg-based artist, Jamie Black, this project is a visual reminder of the more than 1,000 missing and murdered Indigenous women in Canada. www.theredressproject.org

## City Dates

November 21	Budget Deliberations
November 23	Coffee with Council
November 30	Coffee with Council
December 4	Council Meeting
December 7	Coffee with Council
December 14	Advisory Design Panel
December 14	Coffee with Council
December 18	Council Meeting
December 25 & 26	City offices closed

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, meeting highlights and minutes.

## How To Reach Council

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