



City of Parksville

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Parksville Wetlands BioBlitz and Walking Tours - March 8



We are pleased to partner with fourth year Vancouver Island University geography students on an education/outreach project for the Parksville Wetlands. Students have familiarized themselves with the wetlands and invite the public to the Parksville Wetlands Mini BioBlitz on March 8 from 9.30 to 11.30 am. The 35.9 hectare wetlands were purchased by the City in 2017 to be maintained as a park in perpetuity for the enjoyment of residents.

- WHO** City of Parksville, VIU geography students and MABBRI
- WHAT** Mini BioBlitz and Wetlands Walking Tours
- WHERE** Parksville Wetlands (foot of Despard Avenue near Springwood School)
- WHEN** Friday, March 8 from 9.30 to 11.30 am
Guided walking tours at 10 and 11 am
- WHY** Discover the Parksville Wetlands and help VIU students with their research. Lots more info about the project and the BioBlitz on the City's website.

Budget Deliberation Meetings

Residents are encouraged to attend budget deliberation meetings for 2019 budget and 2019-2023 financial plan. Meetings will be in the Forum, 100 Jensen Avenue East. As part of the budget process, Council has requested department presentations to help familiarize themselves with budget details.

- February 25 Administration, bylaw, information technology, human resources, finance, Council expenses)
- March 4 Parksville Fire Department, emergency program, communications
- March 11 Planning, engineering, operations, utilities
- March 18 Capital program

The consolidated budget presentations to Council are scheduled for April 8, April 11 and April 17 (if required). In some instances the budget presentations will be included as part of the regular Council meetings while others will be special Council meetings. Please refer to the website to confirm dates and times.

Public input is an important part of the financial planning process and Council will provide an opportunity for comments and questions from residents at meetings listed here. As well, residents may email comments and questions to council@parksville.ca. If you are not familiar with the City's budget and financial plans, info may be viewed on the website.

Beach Closures to Dogs

The Black Brant geese you see along the shores of Parksville are on a remarkable and arduous journey of migration from California and Mexico to northern nesting grounds. Our beaches provide an abundant food source for the geese which need to gain weight and strength before making another non-stop flight.

To limit disturbance to migratory Brant geese, our beaches are subject to seasonal "no dog" restrictions. This applies to dogs both on-leash and off-leash. All dogs must be on leash year round on beaches within the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area.

- Beach closures:
- Rathrevor Beach to April 15
 - Parksville Bay Beach, March 1 to April 30

Consider becoming a VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

Looking for a Rewarding Volunteer Opportunity? The Parksville Fire Department is now recruiting for the spring class. Paid on-call volunteer firefighters are the backbone of fire and rescue operations in our region. To find out if firefighting is in your future, stop by the Firehall at 160 Jensen Avenue West, call 250 248-3242 or refer to the department's website [parksvillefirerescue.ca] for more details. Application deadline is 4 pm, March 1.



Watermain Flushing

The City's annual watermain flushing program runs through the first week in April. Flushing is an important part of our ongoing maintenance program to ensure the integrity of the water supply system. Flushing will occur mainly between 7 am and 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday. During these times, residents can expect some discoloration of water and intermittent drops in water pressure and should keep a fresh supply of drinking water in your fridge. Check for discoloration of water before doing laundry and should water be discoloured, run an outside tap (after 3:30 pm) until the water runs clear. Please direct questions to 250 248-5412.

Residential Family Water Rates

Large families with five or more immediate family members consisting of parents and dependent children less than 18 years of age may qualify for modified water rates. Application deadline is February 27 at 4 pm. Information and application forms may be obtained from City Hall and from the City's website [Residents/Utility Billing].

Seeking Advisory Design Panel Members

We are looking for individuals who wish to be considered for appointment to the Advisory Design Panel which advises Council on design matters associated with specific development applications. Members are expected to have design experience and qualifications; there is no remuneration for this community service work. Details on the panel and how to submit an application is on the City's website. Application deadline is March 8.

February 20 Council Meeting at Ballenas

The next regular Council meeting will be held at Ecole Ballenas Senior Secondary on Wednesday, February 20 at 1:30 pm. Council will be holding meetings in the community to provide residents with additional opportunities to attend and with this meeting, engage students in the local government process. The meeting will be school focussed with delegations from students and an expanded question period. The public is welcome.

Spring Grant-in-Aid Applications

Subject to the provisions of the City's grant-in-aid applications policy, the City may provide financial assistance to community groups and organizations for events that benefit our citizens and visitors. Community non-profit organizations in the arts, cultural, recreational or social services fields are eligible applicants. Deadline is 4 pm, March 1. The policy, application and instructions may be obtained at City Hall or from the website [Mayor and Council/Grant-in-Aid Applications].

City Dates

- February 20 Council Meeting at Ballenas
- February 21 Coffee with the Mayor
- February 25 Budget (Special Council) Meeting
- March 4 Council Meeting
- March 7 Coffee with the Mayor
- March 8 Parksville Wetlands BioBlitz
- March 11 Budget (Special Council) Meeting
- March 18 Council Meeting
- March 21 Coffee with the Mayor
- March 25 Parks, Trails – Open House
- March 29 Parksville Wetlands Open House
- April 1 Council Meeting
- April 4 Coffee with the Mayor
- April 8 Budget (Special Council) Meeting
- April 11 Budget (Special Council) Meeting
- April 15 Council Meeting

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.

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