



City of Parksville

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Parksville Wetlands Outreach • March 29 Open House

Vancouver Island University fourth year geography students and the Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Research Institute have been working on an outreach project for the Parksville Wetlands. Over the past month, students have familiarized themselves with the wetlands and with input from residents, held a successful Parksville Wetlands BioBlitz earlier this month.

As a next step, students will report their findings to the community at an open house on Friday, March 29 in the Forum from 9.30 to 11 am and then again from 4 to 5.30 pm. Please drop by to chat with the students about the project results and their recommendations for the wetlands.



Master Plan Open House April 23

Vancouver Island University students presented the draft Parks, Trails and open Spaces Master Plan to Council yesterday. The plan may be viewed from the homepage of the website. A public open house will be held on Tuesday, April 23 from 3 to 7 pm at the Parksville Community Centre – an opportunity for the public to comment on the draft plan.

Multiple boards will showcase the main components and recommendations. Comments will then be presented to Council for consideration when approving the final master plan. The review began in 2018 with students holding a variety of public engagement and consultation activities such as the parks on the street event, Foster Park spring mini event, user group interviews, individual park comment boxes, an online survey and a series of open houses, which all helped to inform the plan.

City Services

Budget Deliberation Meetings

City of Parksville open meetings to discuss the 2019 municipal budget and 2019-2023 financial plan continue through April. Parksville residents are encouraged to attend meetings to learn more and provide input.



Required by legislation to present a balanced budget each spring, the City is committed to sound financial management. The City collects revenues from property taxes, fees and charges to provide programs and services and manage infrastructure such as roads, water and sewer as well as parks, trails and facilities.

Department presentations may be viewed on the website. The remaining meetings to discuss the consolidated budget will be held at 6 pm on Monday, April 8 and Wednesday, April 17 (if required) in the Forum, 100 Jensen Avenue East. Comments may also be emailed to council@parksville.ca.

Notice of Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel

For those who received written notification from the City, notice is given that the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel will meet on April 15 at 5:45 pm (in the Forum, 100 Jensen Avenue East) to hear complaints and review and correct the assessment rolls. The panel will hear complaints as 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, Sewer and RDN Parks Parcel Tax Rolls will be open for inspection from 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday from March 29 until April 15 in the finance department. The panel will not hear a complaint unless written notice has been submitted to the City at least 48 hours prior to the appointed meeting time of the panel.

Corfield Street Traffic Disruptions

Over the next two months, the modular building units for the BC Housing supportive housing project will be moved to 222 Corfield Street South. The 200 block Corfield will be affected by traffic delays and when necessary, vehicles will be detoured. For pedestrian safety, the southeast sidewalk will be closed and the west sidewalk will be open for pedestrian/foot traffic.



Annual Wood Chipping Program

This year's program runs from April 1 to April 24 and is the only wood chipping program this year. The City is divided into two zones; west of Craig Street and east of Craig Street. For collection, materials must be at curbside by 8 am on April 1 for properties WEST of Craig Street and April 15 for properties EAST of Craig Street.

The only items to be placed on the boulevard in piles no larger than 5 feet wide x 5 feet long and 3 feet high are branches with a maximum diameter of 6 inches (15 cm), stacked with the larger end of the branch or trunk facing the roadway and smaller shrub branches piled for ease of access by the chipping crew. Rocks, stumps and construction waste must NOT be included in the piles and materials such as pampas grass, yucca and clematis and wisteria vines should go to the Church Road Transfer Station. Details on our website. 250 248-5412.

Reminders

- **Watermain flushing program** continues through April, between 7 am and 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday. During these times, residents can expect some discolouration of water and intermittent drops in water pressure and should keep a fresh supply of drinking water in your fridge. Check for discolouration of water before doing laundry; should water be discoloured, run an outside tap (after 3:30 pm) until clear.
- **Beach closures to dogs**
Our beaches are popular spots for migrating Brant geese, vulnerable to disturbances and for this reason, Parksville beaches within the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area (Rathtrevor and Parksville Bay beach) are closed to dogs both on-leash and off-leash until April 30.



City Dates

March 21	Coffee with the Mayor
March 29	Parksville Wetlands Open House
April 1	Council Meeting
April 4	Coffee with the Mayor
April 8	Budget (Special Council) Meeting
April 15	Council Meeting
April 17	Budget (Special Council) Meeting
April 18	Coffee with the Mayor
April 19	Easter Friday (offices closed)
April 22	Easter Monday (offices closed)
April 23	Parks, Trails Open House

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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