



City of Parksville

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Your Parksville. Your Priorities.



Earlier this year, Mayor Mayne brought together members from the Parksville community at the Mayor's Roundtable to start a conversation and learn what residents love about Parksville and to help determine the priority actions the community wishes Council to focus on during this term of office.

The results from the roundtable were presented at the March 18 Council meeting with the five priorities determined to be housing, healthcare, recreation, community safety and economic development. The Mayor's report and the roundtable results are available from the homepage of the City's website. Resident comments received from the survey will inform Council priorities for the next three years and help Council develop its strategic plan.

A survey will be posted to the homepage of the City's website on April 30. The survey will be open until May 20 to gain further input from all community members on these five priorities as well as receive general comments from residents. While an online survey can't be considered scientifically valid, it will provide Council a flavour of issues important to residents.

Budget Deliberation Meetings

Open meetings to discuss the City's 2019 municipal budget and 2019-2023 financial plan continue through April. Parksville residents are encouraged to attend meetings to learn more and provide comments. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17 and should an additional meeting be necessary, it will be held on April 24. Meetings start at 6 pm in the Forum, 100 Jensen Avenue East. Comments may also be emailed to council@parksville.ca.

Water Restrictions

In effect until April 30, **Stage 1** allows for watering of lawns between 7 pm and 7 am, any day of the week. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from water restrictions.

Stage 2 watering restrictions are effective from May 1 through September 30 (unless otherwise notified) and allow for every other day lawn watering between 7 and 10 am or 7 and 10 pm for a maximum of two hours. Please note vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from all watering restrictions. Information was mailed to residents with utility notices in March and is also available from City offices. Please direct questions to 250 248-5412 or publicworks@parksville.ca. Info is on our website at [\[Quicklink/Water Conservation\]](#)



Parks, Trails and Open Spaces Master Plan

The draft Parks, Trails and Open Spaces Master Plan, an update to the 2005 Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan was presented to Council in March by Vancouver Island University Master of Community Planning Program students in partnership with Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Research Institute. The plan which includes 99 recommendations (short-term, medium-term, long-term and ongoing), may be viewed from the City's website.

Activities have included a parks and trails inventory, policy analysis, extensive community engagement, mapping and research into best practices. The students conducted a variety of public consultation activities such as community events, open houses, individual and group interviews, comment boxes and an online survey as well as many meetings with parks staff all of which assisted the students to draft the new plan.

These are the guiding principles used by the students to develop the plan:

- Encourage safe and healthy opportunities for all community members
- Create a more accessible park network for everyone
- Support sustainable infrastructure use and maintenance
- Protect and enhance the natural environment
- Promote physical and mental well-being for all

Public Open House – April 23

The final public open house to receive comments on the draft master plan is scheduled for April 23 from 3 to 7 pm at the Parksville Community Centre. The VIU and MABRRI team will include the comments from the public in the final plan which will come back to Council in May. Comments may also be emailed to info@parksville.ca



April 7 to April 13 was proclaimed Volunteer Week in Parksville and we wish to acknowledge and thank the outstanding contributions of volunteers and organizations in our community. Volunteers contribute to the well-being of our community and without their dedication, it would be impossible to sustain the services we all enjoy. We recognize the vital contribution volunteers make to Parksville and the impact volunteers have on the quality of life in our community. Thank you!

Community Volunteers are the Best!

THINGS TO KNOW...

Follow Us on Instagram

We have a new Instagram profile and we'd love if you would follow us at [Instagram.com/parkvillecity](https://www.instagram.com/parkvillecity). You won't be disappointed!



Utility notices - Reminder to residents, utility notices covering water, sewer, garbage and recycling have been mailed and are due April 30. Receive a 10% discount when your payment is received before the due date of April 30. A 1% interest charge per month will be applied for late payments. If you do not receive your notice, please call 250 248-6144.

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.

Coffee with the Mayor - is held the first and third Thursday of the month from 2 to 4 pm. Please confirm dates on the website calendar.

Oceanside Mother's Day Race - check out the Oceanside Running Club event on May 12 which supports the Parksville Haven Society, Forward House and the Mid Island Distance Running Club. The event features a 10K run through Rathtrevor Beach Provincial Park and a 5K course for runners, walkers and baby strollers along the Englishman River Estuary. Info and registration at orcarunning.ca. Online registration \$30 and \$40 on race day.

City Dates

April 17	Budget Meeting
April 18	Coffee with the Mayor
April 19	Easter Friday (offices closed)
April 22	Easter Monday (offices closed)
April 23	Parks, Trails Master Plan Open House
April 24	Budget Meeting (if required)
May 2	Coffee with the Mayor
May 6	Council Meeting
May 16	Coffee with the Mayor
May 20	Victoria Day Holiday (offices closed)
May 22	Council Meeting
June 3	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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