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Memorial Avenue Project Update

Following input received from residents through the engagement events, the Memorial Avenue streetscape and utility upgrades project team is now working on the conceptual design for Memorial Avenue. The community's vision and ideas will be integrated into the technical requirements for the space. The City appreciates the feedback provided by participants; we now have a better understanding of how this unique street is used, remembered and experienced. Questions or comments about the project should be emailed to MemorialAve@Parksville.ca and the project webpage may be viewed at MemorialAve.ca. In the coming months, the City will bring the streetscape design options to the public for further input.

Let's Talk Parksville!

Sign up and Let's Talk Parksville! Visit the City's new public engagement platform to follow along and contribute your ideas and opinions on community matters. We love that Parksville residents have plenty of ideas on how to make our City a better place and we hope you will be active participants in shaping the future of Parksville. Our new monthly e-news will provide a snapshot of most recent updates on City projects and will keep you informed about other important Parksville news. It's easy, just go to Letstalkparksville.ca and sign up.



Grant-in-aid Program

Info about the City's fall grant-in-aid applications is now available; deadline is 4 pm on August 30. Non-profit organizations in the arts, cultural, recreational or social services fields are eligible to apply. Information on the program, policy, instructions and application may be obtained at City Hall or from the website [Mayor and Council/Grant-in-Aid Applications].

Camera Rebate Program

In June, Council approved funding for a new security camera rebate program. Eligible applicants may receive a rebate of up to \$100 toward the purchase and installation of a security camera purchased after July 2, 2019. Funding for the program is limited and the \$2,500 funding allocated for 2019 has nearly been exhausted due to high interest in the program. Applications received after the funding is exhausted may be eligible for funding in 2020 and residents may continue to submit applications. Applications will be processed in 2020 in order of receipt until the approved 2020 funding is exhausted. The application form is available on the City's website and questions about the rebate program may be directed to the administration department at 250 954-3060 or administration@parksville.ca.

Hirst Avenue West Project

The City recently launched a streetscape and utility upgrades project for Hirst Avenue West, between McMillan Street and the Alberni Highway. Project consultant, McElhanney Ltd, will plan, design and oversee construction for the renewal of underground storm sewer, sanitary sewer and water utilities and upgrade the streetscape corridor to our current downtown standard. Construction is preliminarily anticipated to commence spring 2020.

This section of Hirst Avenue West is located in downtown Parksville with a number of businesses and residences. The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #49 - Mount Arrowsmith and the Rod & Gun Bar & Grill located on Hirst Avenue West are historically significant buildings which encroach onto the road right-of-way; these encroachments will be accommodated in the streetscape design. The Rod & Gun building in particular, was one of the earliest buildings in Parksville; built and owned by the Hirst family.

Some of the first steps for the project will be to collect information about the existing utilities, encroachments and subsurface conditions. A geotechnical engineer will assess the existing road structure to evaluate its condition and provide recommendations for detailed design. The project team will also assess how this section of Hirst Avenue West is being used within the transportation network by pedestrians, cyclists and drivers. Local stakeholders will be contacted and their input will help inform the streetscape design.

As this project progresses, the City's website will provide the updates. Questions about the project should be directed to engineering@parksville.ca.

Craig Creek Culvert Replacement

Northwest Bay Road at the Parksville Boundary between Gabriola Drive and Terrien Road was reopened to traffic this morning. Work on the Craig Creek culvert project will continue for the next couple weeks, please expect interruptions to traffic and intermittent alternating single-lane usage. The City apologizes for the inconvenience and thanks the public for their patience during the culvert replacement.

Emergency Preparedness Expo 2019

Hosted by Emergency Management Oceanside, Expo 2019 set for Saturday, October 5 offers something for everyone and it's all free! First responders, government agencies, emergency supply vendors, utilities and emergency partners will host a variety of activities to help emphasize the importance of taking steps to improve emergency preparedness and response. There will be displays, demonstrations and workshops to learn about the challenges we face in an emergency and how to be better prepared. Please mark your calendars for October 5 at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre.

Things to Know

- The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4. As well, Coffee with the Mayor returns Thursday, September 5. It's business as usual for administration, community planning and building, engineering, finance and operations. General questions may be directed to info@parksville.ca or 250 248-6144.
- Water Restriction Stage 3 remains in effect through September unless otherwise advised. Stage 3 encourages voluntary conservation. Outdoor watering can only occur on even days for even-numbered houses and on odd days for odd-numbered houses for a maximum of two hours between 7-10 am or 7-10 pm. [[Quicklinks/Water Conservation](#)].
- Two hour parking restrictions are now in place on Weld Street and signs have been posted.
- There is now a two-hour time limit in place at the City's electric vehicle charging stations. This new restriction is intended to address issues with vehicle turnover and station access. A limit of two or three hours is a provincially generally recommended best practice for level two chargers. The duration of two hours was selected to be consistent with other parking time limits administered by the City.

City Dates

September 2	Labour Day (offices closed)
September 4	Council Meeting
September 5	Coffee with the Mayor
September 16	Council Meeting
September 19	Advisory Design Panel
September 19	Coffee with the Mayor
October 3	Coffee with the Mayor
October 5	Emergency Preparedness Expo
October 7	Council Meeting
October 14	Thanksgiving (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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Parksville Fire Pop-up Water Parks

The department held pop-up water parks at Nicholls Park and Kids Fest this month. The next two are set for August 23 at Shelly Creek Park (497 Corfield Street) and August 30 at Foster Park – both from 6-8 pm. More info on Facebook. Great place to cool down and have fun for kids and kids at heart!

