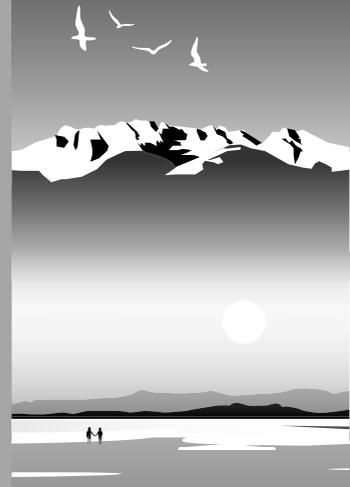
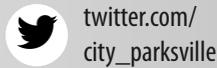




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## 75th Birthday Greetings from Parksville Mayor

Happy birthday Parksville! For the past four months, we have changed how we go about our day-to-day lives, adjusting to the impacts of living during a pandemic. We have changed how we spend time with friends and family and how we do business. I know for many, adjusting to the new normal has not been easy and understand just how challenging and daunting it has been for residents and their families.

Parksville residents are truly amazing! Collectively, we have minimized the spread of the virus in our community. You have done your part to keep us all safe and in one of the oldest communities in Canada. My sincere thank you to Parksville residents for stepping up; it is heartwarming to see how you have all come together. Your shared commitment to success has allowed us to flatten the curve and with physical distancing, you will continue to keep your family and friends safe.

June 19, 2020, is the City's 75th birthday and plans for celebration events were well underway but like so many other events and festivals in our City, this year's celebrations will be virtual. I do look forward to when we can safely celebrate again in-person but for now, out of caution and concern for public health, we are all doing our part to stay home and stop the spread of COVID-19.

On behalf of Parksville Council, we invite you to celebrate with us on June 19, 2021, and what a party it will be! Until then, happy 75th birthday Parksville! My wish for you... stay safe, stay well and enjoy your summer! Although apart but together, we celebrate our City and our community.

**Mayor Ed Mayne**  
City of Parksville



## Gradual Return of Services

We are encouraged by recent COVID-19 statistics from the province that show the community's efforts have dramatically reduced the spread of the virus in our region and on Vancouver Island.

The City is cautiously re-opening outdoor amenities and allowing recreational activities to resume in accordance with the provincial requirements. Following the advice of health officials has served us well and we continue to mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19 as we see a return to some normal activities.

The City announced plans to restore amenities and services closed in March due to the pandemic. This plan is a gradual multi-step approach to reopening services in a manner that will maintain and protect public safety. The City proactively closed playgrounds and other outdoor facilities due to concerns users were not physically distancing and as a precautionary measure to limit the spread of COVID-19.

On June 26, the splash park in the Parksville Community Park will open and the City will be in a position to issue special event permits, including recreational sports bookings, provided the event hosts are able to show appropriate COVID response and mitigation plans.

Beginning July 2, full service will be offered by the City's finance department (bus passes, garbage tags, dog licences and tickets/licence fees may be paid). Hours will remain as Monday to Friday, 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 3 pm. All other City business is by appointment and walk-in services are not available at this time. To book an appointment, call 250 248-6144 or refer to contact info on website.

To accommodate physical distancing and attendance of Council and staff in the Forum, seating is extremely limited. Unless there is a reason to attend in person, please continue to view meetings online. Comments may be emailed to [council@parksville.ca](mailto:council@parksville.ca)

Also starting July 2, the City will resume such activities as in-person public hearings and community engagement, with sanitation and distance protocols in place. Residents and visitors using City facilities are expected to follow public health requirements at all times. In accordance with provincial guidelines, signage is posted at City Hall and in our parks and open spaces to remind the public of rules in place. Information on reopening City services and amenities is available on the City's website and social media channels.

## Utilities, property taxes and home owner grants

We encourage the public to use "distancing" payment methods that do not require a visit to City Hall such as mail, online or telephone banking or the drop box inside the Jensen Avenue entrance to the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre. Questions about utility bills, property taxes and home owner grant applications should be directed to 250 248-6144 or [finance@parksville.ca](mailto:finance@parksville.ca)

**Utility bills due June 30** - due date extended.

**Property taxes due July 2** - 5% late payment penalties will be applied on **October 1** to current year outstanding property taxes and unclaimed home owner grants on September 30 and on **December 1** to outstanding amounts on November 30.

**Don't forget to claim your home owner grant** - grants must be claimed each year you are eligible by claiming the grant on the City website [Online Services], by mailing the completed application or in-person at City Hall. If deferring your taxes, you must also claim your home owner grant if eligible.

## City Dates

June 19	City's 75th Birthday
July 1	Canada Day (offices closed)
July 6	Council Meeting
July 9	Coffee with Mayor
July 15	Parks and Open Spaces
July 20	Council Meeting
July 23	Coffee with Mayor

## How to Reach Council

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Ed Mayne	250 954-4661	100 Jensen Avenue East
COUNCILLORS		PO Box 1390
Mark Chandler	250 951-6651	Parksville V9P 2H3
Adam Fras	250 228-3727	
Al Greir	250 248-1285	
Doug O'Brien	250 954-2327	Parksville.ca.
Teresa Patterson	250 954-9488	Comments welcome.
Marilyn Wilson	250 954-3060	250 954-3073 or <a href="mailto:info@parksville.ca">info@parksville.ca</a>

## Things we would like you to know

**2019 annual report** - City's annual report will be available for review on our website [Quicklinks/Reports] on June 30 and will be formally presented to Council on July 20. Residents may comment by email to [council@parksville.ca](mailto:council@parksville.ca) or by phone 250 954-3060.

**Permissive tax exemptions** - application deadline is 4 pm, June 30. Details, form and policy on website [City Hall/Mayor and Council/Permissive Tax Exemptions].

## Pym Street North and Forsyth Avenue Renewal Project

- road and utility renewal work is scheduled to commence after June 10 on Pym Street North from Forsyth Avenue to 50 metres past Brice Avenue and on Forsyth Avenue from Pym Street to Cameron Street. For details and periodic updates, refer to the City's website or contact the engineering department, 250 951-2484 or [engineering@parksville.ca](mailto:engineering@parksville.ca).

## Summertime Coffee with the Mayor at Parksville Museum

- is set for Thursday, July 9 and Thursday, July 23 but with a twist! Mayor Mayne will meet with residents from 2-4 pm at the Parksville Museum, outside in the museum's new courtyard. We'd love to see you there.

