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Parksville Aquatic and Recreation Centre Project

At the February 1 meeting, Council released the "Parksville Pool and Multiplex Facility Feasibility Study" along with background, reports, timelines, and stakeholder engagement results, available on our public engagement platform, *Let's Talk Parksville*. The first step in a complex multi-year process, the report summarizes the feasibility and benefit of a multi-use aquatic centre in Parksville and shows Despard Avenue as the test site. [letstalkparksville.ca]



As soon as it is safe to do so, in-person community engagement will be held. In the meantime, we look to online engagement opportunities and encourage residents to share comments, ideas, ask questions and sign up for project updates through *Let's Talk Parksville*. Comments may also be emailed to letstalk@parksville.ca.

During phase 2, the community will be asked to finetune the concept presented in the feasibility study. Based on this input and results of studies and assessments, we expect substantial changes to the concept. We will engage a consultant to facilitate community involvement and provide final detailed design and cost estimates for construction of the project and its operations. When design, cost estimates and potential grants are determined and prior to construction, electors will be asked for approval to borrow through a referendum.

Beach Closures to Dogs

To limit disturbance of migrating Black Brant geese, our beaches are subject to seasonal "no dog" restrictions. This applies to both on-leash and off-leash within the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area. Rath Trevor Beach is closed February 15 to April 15 and Parksville Bay Beach from March 1 to April 30.

Wildlife Feeding Prohibited

Reminder to residents that feeding feral animals and wildlife such as deer, racoons, squirrels, or feral rabbits is prohibited under our animal control bylaw. With feeding, animals lose their fear of people, may become aggressive and need to be destroyed to protect people and property. Feeding can also harm the animal, leading to public health concerns and potential spread of disease. Feeding of feral animals or wildlife will result in a \$100 fine under Bylaw No. 1524.

Recruiting Now!

Do you have what it takes to be a volunteer paid on-call firefighter? The Parksville Fire Department is recruiting positive, energetic and community minded women and men to join their team of volunteer paid on-call firefighters. Classes begin in the spring and applications are accepted until March 5. You need to live within our fire protection area (ideally within City boundary), be reasonably fit, available for weekly fire practices, have a good driving record and between 19 and 60 for regular members. Details at parksvillefirerescue.ca. If interested, call 250 248-3242, weekdays, 8 am to 4 pm, to chat with an officer.

2021 Budget Survey

Public input is an important part of the financial planning process and Council is looking for residents and businesses to comment to help determine the City's 2021 municipal budget and 2021-2025 financial plan. You are encouraged to complete a short online survey to assist Council to better understand where residents should prioritize monies to be spent in 2021. The survey, available until February 21, may be accessed from the website and paper copies are available from City Hall. Council budget deliberation meeting dates will be advised; however, in-person attendance at meetings is not allowed at this time. As we get closer to the dates, we will provide residents with information about how they can participate in a safe manner.

Watermain Flushing

The City's annual watermain flushing program runs February 15 through early April. An important part of our ongoing maintenance program, flushing ensures the integrity of the water supply system. Flushing occurs mainly between 7 am and 3:30 pm, weekdays. Residents can expect some discolouration of water and intermittent drops in pressure; keep a fresh supply of drinking water in your fridge. Check for discolouration of water before doing laundry and if discoloured, run outside tap (after 3:30 pm) until clear. Please direct questions to 250 248-5412.

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. Deadline March 1, 3 pm. Information on the program, policy, application, and instructions may be obtained at City Hall or from the website [[Mayor and Council/Grant-in-Aid Applications](#)].

THINGS TO KNOW...

- **Business licences** were due January 31 and may be mailed or paid at City Hall. Bylaw 1550 requires all businesses obtain a valid licence if carrying on business in the City. [[Business/Licences](#)].
- **Dog licences** were also due by January 31 and may be purchased from City Hall and the BC SPCA. The cost to renew is now \$25 for spayed/neutered and \$35 for not spayed/neutered.
- **Credit cards** may now be used to pay fees in-person and online for business licences, bylaw infraction tickets and comfort letters.
- **Mobile food concession** - the City has issued a request for proposals for mobile food concession in the Parksville Community Park. More info on website.
- **Residential family water rates** - large families with five or more immediate family members consisting of parents and dependent children less than 18 years may qualify for modified water rates. Application deadline is February 26. Info and application forms from City Hall and the website [[Residents/Utility Billing](#)].
- **It's Your City Enews** – a monthly newsletter delivered to your inbox. Signup is from the website.



City Dates

February 15	Family Day (offices closed)
February 17	Council Meeting
March 1	Council Meeting
March 15	Council Meeting
April 1	Parks and Open Spaces
April 2	Good Friday (offices closed)
April 5	Easter Monday (offices closed)
April 7	Council Meeting

Services During Covid-19

The finance department is open Monday to Friday, 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 3 pm to process homeowner grants, accept property tax, utility, tickets/licence fee payments and purchase bus passes, dog licences and building permits. All other business by appointment and walk-in services not available. Please access services electronically. Info on payment options on our website. Phone 250 248-6144 or refer to website to book appointment.

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