

## Multiplex Engagement Continues

On behalf of the City, HDR, the public engagement consultant for the proposed aquatic and recreation centre, spoke with people in the community to gauge interest in the project. Next steps will include facilitated public engagement events in September and October as well as youth and student engagement. Stay involved by signing up for newsletters, email [HDR@parksville.ca](mailto:HDR@parksville.ca).

### Virtual Public Meeting Wednesday, September 29, 6-7 pm

In this virtual listening session via Zoom, the project team will provide a brief history of the project, overview of studies conducted to date and describe the status of the project. Participants will get to ask questions, provide feedback, and share ideas. If you wish to participate, RSVP to [hdr@parksville.ca](mailto:hdr@parksville.ca). Your space will be confirmed and a few days before the meeting, instructions will be emailed to you. The meeting is a closed event; however, your screen name will be visible to other participants.



### In-person Workshops Wednesday, October 27

If safe to do so, in-person workshops will be held to provide input on the amenities, programs, location, and more. One afternoon and one evening workshop will be scheduled with more details in early October.

Stay involved over the next several months by signing up for newsletters at email [HDR@parksville.ca](mailto:HDR@parksville.ca).

## THINGS TO KNOW

**Hirst and Memorial Upgrades** - construction is underway on Hirst Avenue West with work on Memorial Avenue expected to start in December, continuing into spring 2022. Materials and equipment stored in part of the City parking lot at 146 Memorial Avenue will impact users; however, some spots have been retained for public use. The City lot at 171 Memorial should not be affected until work on Memorial begins.

**Property tax sale** - property tax accounts with delinquent taxes (outstanding from 2019) on September 27, 2021, are subject to tax sale which if required, will be held in the Forum, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre at 10 am, September 27.

**Late payment of property taxes** - due to COVID-19, penalties were not immediately applied after the due date, July 2, 2021. Instead, a 10% penalty will be applied on October 1, 2021, to current year property taxes and unclaimed homeowner grants outstanding after September 30, 2021. Please note, City offices will be closed on September 30; therefore, payment should be made by September 29. Penalties are applied in accordance with Sections 233 and 234 of the Community Charter and City Bylaw 1571.

**Stage 1 water restrictions** - in effect for October 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 3 restrictions remain in place for September.*



## Fire Prevention Week Open House - October 3

Each year, the Parksville Fire Department recognizes Fire Prevention Week and will host an open house on Sunday, October 3, 10 am to 3 pm at the training centre, 1159 Franklin's Gull Road in the Industrial Park. Events are outside; please dress for weather and bring your camera. Demonstrations scheduled as follows:

11 am, Auto extrication | 1 pm, High angle rope | 2 pm, Motor vehicle fire | 3 pm, Side-by-side burn

The side-by-side burn demonstration at 3 pm will include two similarly furnished rooms; one protected with fire sprinklers and the other without fire sprinklers. Other activities for the day include educational displays, hose and target practice, home sprinkler display, rides in a fire truck and fire prevention materials to share. Members will answer questions about recruitment and fire safety and our popular mascot will look to share an elbow or fist bump with guests.

This year's theme, **Learn the Sounds of Safety**, focuses on educating about smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, their necessity and how the sounds they make help save lives. Understanding the different sounds and knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe. Parksville Fire would like families to focus on prevention by planning and integrating a few simple fire safety behaviours into everyday lives. By paying attention and eliminating potential fire hazards in your home, you can make a difference to prevent or reduce fire related injuries, deaths and property damage.

## Urban Forest Strategy

With consultant, Diamond Head, we will be developing an urban forest strategy, a comprehensive document which will provide baseline information about the state of our urban forest, develop a long-term vision, and adopt tangible goals for management and growth. An urban forest strategy is necessary to help preserve the urban forest, establish acceptable canopy coverage and forest health targets, and achieve these goals while managing challenges.

Details about the strategy will be posted to *Let's Talk Parksville*. We are asking the public to participate in a survey to help shape the urban forest vision and strategic directions for the strategy. The survey will be open September 20 to October 22.



## BC Vaccine Card

Residents are now required to have a BC vaccine card to access non-essential activities and businesses. Starting September 27, only the BC vaccine card will be accepted as proof of vaccination. At this time, BC residents 12 years and older are required to provide proof of at least one dose of vaccine. By October 24, only fully vaccinated people will be permitted entry (fully vaccinated seven days after dose 2).

The BC Government website provides detailed info about the card system and how to download the card. A digital version may be saved to your phone or tablet or a copy can be printed for your wallet. A paper copy may be ordered by phone 1 833 838-2323 (open daily, 7 am to 7 pm). There is a transition period until September 26; people will be able to use the vaccination record received at BC vaccine clinic or pharmacies as proof of vaccination. [[gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard](http://gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard)]

## City Dates

September 20	Council Meeting
September 27	Property Tax Sale
September 29	Multiplex Virtual Public Meeting
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (offices closed)
October 1	Property Tax Penalty 10%
October 4	Council Meeting
October 11	Thanksgiving (offices closed)
October 18	Council Meeting
October 27	Multiplex Workshops

## How to Reach Council

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Al Greir	250 248-1285	<a href="http://parksville.ca">parksville.ca</a>
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