

The City of Parksville is located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations, home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.

Administration Department

250 954-4650

bylaw@parksville.ca

100 Jensen Avenue East
(PO Box 1390)
Parksville, BC V9P 2H3



parksville.ca

The City's bylaw compliance department provides the citizens of Parksville with a variety of services related to regulatory issues. Bylaw officers work primarily on a complaint-driven basis, in accordance with Council Policy No. 3.33. The bylaw compliance department attempts, where possible, to gain compliance with the municipal bylaws before resorting to enforcement actions such as issuing tickets or seeking stronger legal solutions.

October 2024



USE OF CITY STREETS

Regulation Regarding Solicitation
on Streets and Public Spaces

SOLICITATION: A LEGAL OVERVIEW

The Province of BC enacted the Safe Streets Act in 2004. This legislation regulates aggressive solicitation in all locations of the province as well as captive audience solicitation. The provincial legislation recognizes land use conflicts may occur in public spaces and attempts to balance the rights of diverse users who may have competing interests.

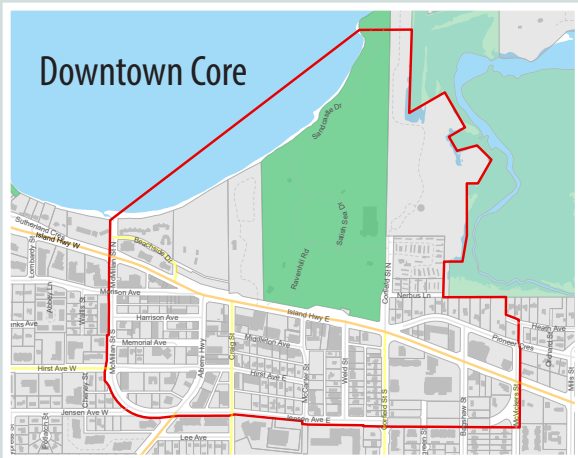
In response to increasing community complaints, Council directed staff to develop regulations to reduce impediments to the safe and efficient movement of people in City rights-of-way. [Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 2019, No. 1436.3](#), adopted April 15, 2019, supplements the Safe Streets Act by providing a balance for the diverse use of public space and addresses the efficient flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic in downtown City streets.

People who are soliciting on public streets will continue to be permitted to do so, but there are restrictions on the areas where this can occur. Aggressive or intimidating behaviour will not be permitted.



Solicitation is prohibited within the following streets in the Parksville downtown core:

- Along the Alberni Highway (Jensen Avenue to Highway 19A), at all times.
- Craig Street (Jensen Avenue to Highway 19A), during the operation of the seasonal Craig Street market.



No solicitation shall be permitted within 10 metres of the following:

- Entrance to a bank, credit union, or trust company.
- Automated teller machine.
- Liquor store or establishment licensed to sell liquor.
- Cannabis retail store.
- Entrance to a grocery store.
- Bus stop or bus shelter.

No person shall solicit from an occupant of a motor vehicle which is stopped at a traffic signal or intersection, and located within the flow of traffic.

No person shall solicit at any time during the period of sunset to sunrise.

A person must not place any object, obstruction or thing that is or is likely to be a nuisance or a hazard on a city street. City sidewalks are intended for the safe and efficient flow of pedestrian traffic.

No person shall solicit or occupy a city street in a manner which causes an obstruction.

“Cause an obstruction” means to:

- a. Impede or obstruct the convenient passage of any pedestrian traffic in a street in the course of solicitation.
- b. Continue to solicit from or follow a pedestrian after that person has made a negative initial response to the solicitation.
- c. Verbally threaten or insult a pedestrian in the course of solicitation.
- d. Physically approach and solicit from a pedestrian as a member of a group of three or more persons.

PASSIVE SOLICITATION IS PERMITTED WITHOUT THREAT OR MENACE.