

Your City eNews!

October 18, 2021

ENGAGE WITH US VIRTUALLY ON OCTOBER 27

Multiplex Engagement Continues!

90-minute virtual workshops, October 27 at 1 pm and 6 pm
RSVP with time to HDR@parksville.ca



HDR, engagement specialists for the proposed aquatic and recreation multiplex, are working with the community to help conceptualize the project.

Originally planned in-person, the two workshops on October 27 will now be virtual. The 90-minute workshops, set for 1 pm and 6 pm, will include facilitated discussions, small-group exercises, and activities to determine how and where the multiplex could most benefit the community. To participate, RSVP to hdr@parksville.ca. Your space will be confirmed, and instructions emailed later. Enrolment is limited and another workshop may be added if interest is high. Please do not signup unless you plan to attend.

Ongoing, the atrium in the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre will feature display boards to help understand the engagement process. Residents will learn about the project's history, review the feasibility study and recent field studies, and catch up on engagement efforts to date. There will be many opportunities to provide input, including a questionnaire. Project details and updates at letstalkparksville.ca. Stay involved by signing up for newsletters at HDR@parksville.ca.

BC SHAKEOUT - OCTOBER 21 AT 10:21 AM

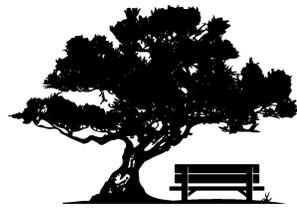
As we adapt to living and working during the COVID-19 pandemic earthquakes, storms, forest fires and other natural disasters continue. One

of the ways to be prepared is to practice how to be safe during an earthquake. Residents are encouraged to find ways to ShakeOut on October 21 at 10:21 am.

We encourage you to participate; register at Shakeoutbc.ca to be counted in the drill and for resources. Intended to create public awareness of earthquake hazards and encourage personal preparedness, participants *Drop, Cover and Hold On* for two minutes in response to a simulated earthquake event. There's an emergency preparedness guidebook on the [EMO website](#) to help you organize or refresh your emergency supply kits as well as preparedness info.



PARKSVILLE ENGAGEMENT ON URBAN FOREST STRATEGY



We are working with Diamond Head Consulting to develop an Urban Forest Strategy to provide baseline information about the state of the urban forest, develop a long-term vision, and adopt tangible goals to grow and manage our urban forest to sustain future generations.

Public engagement on the Urban Forest Strategy currently underway, will continue until October 22. Thank you to those who participated in the first round of engagement; please spread the word to ensure the vision for the urban forest includes the many voices that shape our community. There will be a second opportunity to have your voice heard during winter 2022, during the second round of engagement on the draft Urban Forest Strategy. Our goal is to complete the strategy in March 2022.

The public can learn more about the Urban Forest Strategy and provide their input by participating in three online engagement tools on the [Let's Talk Parksville](#) project page. Visit Let's Talk Parksville through the end of October to take a survey, share your ideas, and submit a mapping location.



We want to hear from you! To have your opinion shape Parksville's urban forest, be sure to:

1. Take the 15-minute [SURVEY](#) to share what you value in the urban forest and priorities for management to inform the vision, principles, goals, and targets in the Urban Forest Strategy.
2. Use the [MAP](#) tool to share locations where you value the urban forest and locations where you would like to see improvements to the urban forest throughout the City. Let the project team know why it is an

important urban forest location and the reasons why you visit the area. You can also upload a photo of the urban forest location to show us and other community members what you are describing. You can submit as many locations as you wish, and view locations submitted by other community members.

3. Share your ideas for the Urban Forest Strategy with the project team using the [IDEAS](#) tool and read what others are suggesting.

VETERAN REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM

Through November, commemorative banners to honour local veterans who gave their lives in World War I and World War II, are on display along Island Highway East between McMillan and McVickers Streets. Approved by Council in 2020, this program honours the sixty veterans listed on the cenotaph.

Despite challenging research to find photos and details, we are pleased to expand the program with a new section on our website which tells the heartwarming stories of these veterans. Please take a few minutes to read these individual stories, we know you won't be disappointed.



[World War I](#)

[World War II](#)



Support for Poppy Campaign

October 29 is the kickoff to the annual poppy season. 2021 is the 100th year of the poppy – the national symbol of remembrance for Canadian men and women who gave their lives during military service around the world. While the poppy campaign continues to face challenges because of the pandemic, we know the need for support is as great as ever. Poppy funds support programs benefitting veterans, their families and the community. Wearing of the poppy is a privilege; it is our opportunity to honour and remember Canadians who served and who sacrificed and who were willing to give up their lives for us. Please consider making a donation, wear your poppy and support our heroes.

PARKSVILLE FIRE FOOD DRIVE 2021

It's almost time for the Parksville Fire Department *Fill the Boots for Food* annual drive. There will be no door-to-door collection this year; firefighters will collect cash donations at locations in Parksville on Saturday, November 13 and Sunday, November 14, from 9 am to 5 pm. As well, firefighters will be collecting new unwrapped toys for the Society of Organized Services.

Donations to the Salvation Army food bank and SOS are extremely important to provide for less fortunate in our community. More info on website and social media. Parksvillefirerescue.ca



HIRST AND MEMORIAL UPGRADES

With construction in full swing on Hirst Avenue West, the project team is working at full capacity to get the new underground utilities commissioned. Construction of road surfaces, sidewalks, streetlights, and landscaping will follow pending cooperative weather with the Hirst portion of the project still on schedule for winter completion. Crews have also been working on Hirst at the Alberni Highway through some nights to reduce the affects of construction on nearby businesses, residents and traffic. For more info on the project visit [Let's Talk Parksville.](#)



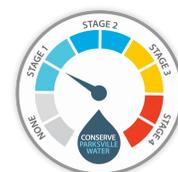
COFFEE AND A CHAT WITH MAYOR MAYNE

Mayor Ed Mayne invites residents to join him for an in-person chat on Wednesday afternoons between 2 and 4 pm; October 27, November 17, December 1 and December 15. These drop-in informal chats will be held in the Mayor's office at City Hall.

THINGS TO KNOW

City rebates - we continue to offer rebate programs for security cameras (up to \$100 toward purchase and installation); tree program (\$50 for owner of residence/business) and low flush toilet (one \$75 rebate per residence/business). Details and applications are available on our

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.](#)





Reminder about leaves on streets - leaf control is the responsibility of property owners. Fall street sweeping by the City is intended to remove leaves which fall onto the streets and may result in blocked catch basins and safety hazards for cyclists. Leaves must not be raked or blown from lawns onto the street in anticipation of the sweeper truck. Doing so overwhelms the sweeper's capacity and when blown across sidewalks, leaves may compromise pedestrian safety. Blowing or raking leaves into the gutter is illegal and subject to a fine of \$75 (Traffic Bylaw 1436).



Utility notices are due Friday, October 29. If you did not receive your notice in the mail, please contact the finance department at 250 248-6144. City Hall is open for payments; however, we encourage the public to pay by Canada Post or through online or telephone banking. For online banking, add the City as a payee by searching Parksville, choose the utility option and enter your six-digit account number (not the folio or access code).

CITY DATES

October 18	Council Meeting
October 21	BC ShakeOut
October 27	Multiplex Workshops
October 27	Chat with the Mayor
November 1	Council Meeting
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 13-14	Fill the Boots for Food Drive
November 15	Council Meeting
November 17	Chat with the Mayor
December 1	Chat with the Mayor
December 6	Council Meeting
December 15	Chat with the Mayor

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