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City to Enter Lease with BGCCVI to Operate PCC

At the meeting on November 15, Parksville Council authorized staff to undertake the necessary steps to enter into a five-year lease agreement with BGC Central Vancouver Island (BGCCVI) to operate a portion of the Parksville Community Centre (PCC) as the BGCCVI Parksville Child and Family Centre and to manage community use of the PCC. The report to Council from the Chief Administrative Officer was included with the November 15 Council agenda.

Following the November 1, 2021, closed meeting, Council rose and reported on direction provided to staff to issue a request for expressions of interest (RFEI) for the renovations to the PCC as outlined in the Childcare BC New Spaces Fund grant. This RFEI was posted to BC Bid and the City's website on November 10. As

required under the *Community Charter*, notice of intent to lease the property will be posted on the City's website and published in the PQB News.



The City will retain the Emergency Management Oceanside offices and an expanded meeting space at the Jensen side of the building. The remainder of the PCC will be operated by BGCCVI as a full-time child and family centre with the provision of 91 new daycare spaces as well as programs for different age groups, family supports, outdoor recreation space and buses to facilitate daycare activities. The PCC is scheduled to open for programs in the summer of 2022 with full opening of the 91 licensed childcare spaces in September 2022 along with community access to the centre. The City's online engagement platform, *Let's Talk Parksville*, will soon feature information and updates on the project. Additional background information is included with the full release on our [website](#).

Council Budget Meeting

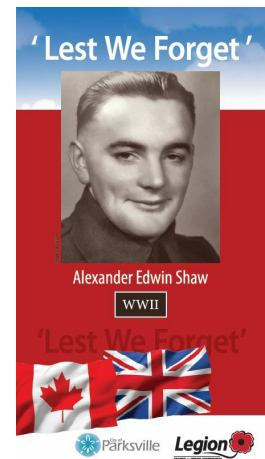
Council will meet on November 29 at 1 pm to consider amendments to the 2021-2025 municipal budget and financial plan. Comments may be submitted in-person at the meeting or by email to council@parksville.ca and will form part of the public record. The meeting will be webstreamed live and archived from the [website](#).

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Veteran Remembrance Program

Through the remainder of 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.



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Parksville Fire Food Drive 2021

This year's Boots for Food drive for the Parksville Volunteer Fire Department was a huge success. Physically distanced and masked, our firefighters were at locations throughout Parksville asking residents to fill the boots for food. A total of \$93,464 cash was collected over the weekend along with new unwrapped toys for the Society of Organized Services.

Once again, Craig Bay residents were beyond generous, donating a record amount of \$58,635 and 3,676 pounds of food. The fire department raised \$34,829 and 600 pounds of food.



Each year, residents in the Parksville Fire Protection Area generously support the annual drive and are the reason this campaign is so successful. The Parksville Fire Department appreciates the generosity of our residents who make the world of difference to many families in our community.

Donations are extremely important to the Salvation Army food bank and Society of

Organized Services to provide for less fortunate in our community. Donations may also be made as follows:

- **Society of Organized Services** is gratefully accepting donations for the Christmas program. Financial donations can be made online at sosd69.com, in person or by phone (250 248-2093), Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4.30 pm. New unwrapped gifts can be dropped off at the SOS Community Services Centre in Parksville. After November 17, toys, gifts and gift cards for children and youth can be dropped off at the SOS Christmas tent located outside the SOS Community Services Centre (245 West Hirst Avenue on the McMillan Street side of the building) every Monday and Wednesday, 9 to 11.30 am and Friday from 1.30 to 3.30 pm.

- **Salvation Army food bank** donations are accepted at 886 Wembley Road, Monday to Friday from 8 am to 11.30 am and on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1 pm to 3.30 pm.

parksvillefirerescue.ca

Licence Renewals for 2022

Due January 31, 2022, City of Parksville dog and business licence renewals will be mailed to residents and businesses in early December and may be paid at that time.

2022 Business Licences - renewals are due January 31, 2022, and may be paid as follows:

- Credit card (Visa or Mastercard) payments from the City's website. [*Online Services>Online Payments*]
- By mail (P O Box 1390, Parksville V9P 2H3)
- Dropbox at City Hall (100 Jensen Avenue East)
- In-person at City Hall (Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4 pm)

Business licence fees which remain unpaid after January 31, 2022, will be subject to fines.

2022 Dog Licences - fees are due by January 31. If you do not receive a notice in December and currently own a dog, licences may be purchased in-person from City Hall (open Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4 pm) and the BCSPCA (open Tuesday to Saturday, noon to 4 pm).



The main benefit of licensing is the quick return of dogs should they become lost. As well, fees collected help to offset the cost to maintain our off-leash dog park, provide bags and dispensers throughout the City and provide bylaw enforcement to handle public safety concerns of stray, off-leash and dangerous dogs.

All dogs over the age of six months must wear a municipal dog tag, which must be renewed yearly. Rates for tags are as follows:

By January 31	Spayed/neutered \$20, not spayed/neutered \$30
After January 31	Spayed/neutered \$25, not spayed/neutered \$35

Multiplex Engagement Continues

Engagement for the proposed aquatic and recreation multiplex continues. The atrium in the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre features a small display which updates engagement efforts. We encourage you to complete a short survey; copies available at City Hall and [online](#) where you will also find project details, updates and HDR's most recent Council presentation. Stay involved by signing up for newsletters at HDR@parksville.ca.



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THINGS TO KNOW

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).

2022 Special Events Applications -

Applications are now being accepted from organizations and individuals wishing to hold special events at City-owned venues or on City streets; review process starts January 31. Annual events will be given priority provided the request is received by January 31, after which time applications will be addressed as first-time events on a first-come, first-served basis, based on availability. After January 31, applications must be received at least thirty days prior to the event. Policy and forms on the [website](#). Contact 250 248-5412 or ops@parksville.ca for info.

COVID Relief Grant-in-Aid Program - we are offering a second intake for the COVID Relief Grant-in-Aid program to support non-profit groups providing social, cultural and community support services located in Parksville or serving Parksville residents. Deadline for applications is 4 pm, November 26. Submission details are outlined on the [website](#).

More Info



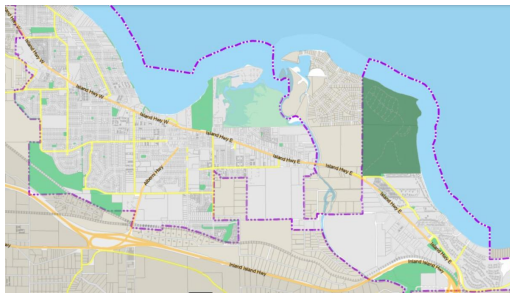
City rebates - we continue to offer rebate programs for security cameras (up to \$100 toward purchase and installation); tree program (\$50 for owner of residence/business) and low flush toilet (one \$75 rebate per residence/business). Details and applications are available on our [website](#).



Coffee and a Chat with Mayor Mayne - Mayor Ed Mayne invites residents to join him for an in-person chat on Wednesday, December 1 between 2 and 4 pm. This drop-in informal chat will be held in the Mayor's office at City Hall.

In-person Attendance at Council - Aligned with PHO restrictions, the maximum number of residents to be accommodated in the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre for a Council meeting is forty with ten spaces allocated to Council and support staff. For everyone's safety, please consider:

- Do not attend in-person unless fully vaccinated.
- Masks are always mandatory while in the building.
- You must remain seated when in attendance.
- Stay home if sick or not feeling well.



Our ParksvilleMap recently received a facelift; time to check it out our new map perhaps?

[More Info](#)

CITY DATES

November 29	Council Budget Meeting
December 1	Chat with the Mayor
December 6	Council Meeting
December 20	Council Meeting
December 27 & 28	Offices closed
January 3	Offices closed
January 17	Council Meeting

For more information:

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