

April 20, 2022



***Be Ready for Anything!* Emergency Preparedness Week**

Emergency Preparedness Week is a national event supported by Public Safety Canada, working closely with provincial and local government emergency management organizations, Indigenous organizations, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector. An annual event for over 25 years, the week is recognized during the first full week of May.



This year's theme is **Emergency Preparedness: Be Ready for Anything**. Everyone has a role to play in an emergency. EP Week is an opportunity for you to take action to ensure you are prepared to protect yourself, your family, and your community during an emergency. Emergency Management

Oceanside is a partnership between the City of Parksville and Town of Qualicum Beach to provide large scale emergency support and disaster services to residents of our region. The **EMO website** is an excellent resource for emergency preparedness, and you can sign up to receive emergency preparedness newsletters.

Know the risks • Make a plan • Get an emergency kit



PUBLIC WORKS WEEK OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, May 18 - 10 am to 3 pm Parksville Community Park

To celebrate National Public Works Week, the City will host an open house on May 18, from 10 am to 3 pm in the Parksville Community Park. Activities will interest residents of all ages with demonstrations, displays and of course, a chance to explore and ask questions of our staff. We are proud to highlight the services provided by our staff and hope this event will increase awareness of the work necessary to maintain City infrastructure and services. Lots more info at this [link](#).

Improvements to Parksville Community Park Amenities

An update to projects underway or anticipated in the Parksville Community Park is available [here](#). The Parksville Community Park continues to be our local jewel and an important amenity for residents and visitors of all ages. Balancing multiple demands with a desire to maintain sustainable property taxes, the City continually works to improve the Parksville Community Park as well as our other parks, trails and facilities to meet current and future community needs. We are excited to welcome visitors and residents back to the park for post-pandemic special events and festivities as well as day-to-day enjoyment. We have included info about:

- New outdoor stage and gathering space
- Ventureland Playground
- Stormwater management
- Safe sports play - sports courts (volleyball courts, lacrosse box, skateboard park, racquet courts)
- Kin Hut and washroom facilities

[Learn More!](#)

Our Thanks to Community Volunteers

April 24-30 is Volunteer Week in Canada and the City of Parksville recognizes and thanks volunteers for their many contributions to our community. Volunteers contribute significantly to the well-being of Parksville and without this dedication, it would be impossible to sustain the services we all enjoy. We recognize the vital contribution volunteers make to our community and how our quality of life is so much better because of volunteers. ***Thank you!***

#EmpathyInAction

VOLUNTEERS BRING HEART TO CANADA'S COMMUNITIES



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
APRIL 24-30, 2022



Permissive Tax Exemptions

Under the provisions of the *Community Charter*, Council may exempt land and/or improvements from municipal property taxes for the next calendar year, subject to certain requirements which in general, restrict exemption to non-profit organizations using the lands for specific non-profit purposes. Application deadline is 4 pm, June 30. Details, form and policy may be obtained from City Hall or from the [website](#).

Water Restrictions

We are at Stage 1 water restriction for the remainder of April and then Stage 2 restrictions are in effect May through September (unless otherwise notified). Stage 2 allows for every other day lawn watering between 7 and 10 am or 7 and 10 pm for a maximum of two hours. Please note vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from all watering restrictions. Schedule was mailed to residents with utility notices in March. ops@parksville.ca.

Things to Know...

- **Utility notices** for the City of Parksville are due April 29. If you have not received your notice, contact 250 248-6144 or cashier@parksville.ca
- **No dogs allowed on beaches** - Rath Trevor Beach and Parksville Bay Beach are closed to dogs, on and off-leash, until April 30.
- **Tree rebate program** - we offer a \$50 rebate for the owner of a residence or business who wishes to plant a tree on their property. Details and application on our [website](#).

Get to know our urban forest!

Tree of the month for April is the stunning Empress Tree. Learn a few facts and then search the City to find this amazing blossoming tree!

TREE OF THE MONTH



EMPRESS TREE

Paulownia tomentosa

- Tree family - Paulowniaceae
- 10-25 m with large heart-shaped leaves
- Origin: Eastern Asia - Japan
- The empress tree is a fast growing tree in the landscape with panicles of large foxglove-like flowers in May.
- The seeds of the empress tree were planted at the birth of a daughter in Japan and China and made into a chest for the home when they married. It is considered a tree of good luck.
- Named in honour of Anna Paulowna, daughter of Tsar Paul I of Russia.

Where to find me in Parksville?

PARKSVILLE COMMUNITY PARK ARBORETUM

Parksville Fire Department



Parksville Firefighters to Make Splash with Charity Carwash Saturday April 30, from 10 am to 2 pm

The sponges are out! If you want to make your car sparkle and shine but not crazy about doing it yourself, Parksville firefighters can lend a helping hand... all for charity. Parksville Volunteer Fire Department will host a charity carwash, rain, or shine at the Parksville Firehall on Saturday, April 30 to support the BC Professional Fire Fighters Burn Fund.



In return for a donation, Parksville firefighters will be there to wash your vehicles between 10 am and 2 pm. Firefighters donate their time so let's see just how many cars, motorcycles, or scooters (the dirtier the better) they can wash for this great cause. No vehicle? You are welcome to come by the firehall and watch the fun. Please note, visitors to our carwash will remain in their vehicles for safety reasons. As well as washing cars in return for a donation, crews will be on hand to chat about being a paid on-call firefighter with the Parksville Volunteer Fire Department.

The BC Professional Fire Fighters Burn Fund provides lifesaving, life-supporting, and life-enriching services to people across British Columbia. Information about the burn fund at <https://burnfund.org>.

The event is organized by the Parksville Firefighters Association:

- Saturday April 30, from 10 am to 2 pm
- Parksville Fire Hall

- 160 Jensen Avenue West (please enter off Jensen Avenue West)
- By donation!



What's on... *Let's Talk Parksville*

Council Sets 2022 Tax and Utility Rate Increases

Each year, the City creates a five-year financial plan which outlines how resources will be allocated to achieve Council's identified strategic goals in a fiscally responsible manner. Council actively sought input from the community by hosting three public meetings in March and inviting feedback through an online survey and correspondence. Open Parksville Council meetings to discuss the plan have now concluded.

At the March 30 meeting, Parksville Council set the rates for property tax and water and sewer services. The 2022-2026 financial plan and tax rates bylaws will be considered by Council at the April 20 meeting with property tax notices mailed to residents and businesses in May.

Election 2022

Please checkout a new section on *Let's Talk Parksville*. Tonnes of info about Parksville's local government election in October 2022. There's detailed information for voters and for candidates running for Council. Information provides key dates for voters and candidates, frequently asked questions, ways to vote, who can vote and so much more.



Parksville Child and Family Centre at the Parksville Community Centre

We have updated information on this project with details about the renovations now underway to the Parksville Community Centre. Renovations will accommodate 91 new childcare spaces, programming and community use.

City Dates

April 20	Council Meeting
April 20	Parcel Tax Roll Review
May 2	Council Meeting
May 16	Council Meeting
May 18	Public Works Day
May 23	Victoria Day (offices closed)
June 6	Council Meeting
June 20	Council Meeting
July 1	Canada Day (offices closed)



Council Meeting Agenda

April 20

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