



## City offices now open to the public

Our offices are now fully open to the public with regular pre-COVID hours of operation. Through the global pandemic, the City provided most civic services and took the necessary steps to protect the public and help limit the spread of COVID-19. Signage at the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre will assist our residents and we will continue to make sanitizer available.

Here are a few things we would like the public to know:

- City Hall is open from 8 am to 4 pm and the operations department in the Industrial Park is open 8 am to 4 pm and closed noon to 1 pm.
- Entrance to the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre is from Jensen Avenue East only, with a one-way system in place to reduce contacts. Exit is through the cenotaph doors.
- Masks are mandatory while in the building until such time as public health orders change, expected to be after September 7 when wearing masks will be a personal choice.
- Staff may elect to meet with the public either in-person or virtually and in-person meetings will comply with protocols on physical distancing and masks.
- For now, access to the Vancouver Island Library continues to be the outside entrance, east parking lot.
- Main floor washrooms will open for public use.
- The public is welcome to attend Council meetings in-person beginning with the September 8 meeting. Until that time, the public can attend Council meetings virtually or archived from the City's website.
- June is a busy month for our finance department with property taxes due Friday, July 2. Security personnel will help ensure safe distancing and sanitizing procedures are in place when in the building.
- If sick, stay home and get tested.



# BC'S RESTART: A PLAN TO BRING US BACK TOGETHER



The province is now in [Step 2](#) of the BC Restart program having met the criteria of number vaccinated, case numbers continuing to drop and less hospitalizations.

## Here is a breakdown of Step 2

- Maximum 50 people for outdoor personal gatherings (birthday parties, backyard BBQs, block parties), playdates.
- Indoor personal gatherings up to five people or one other household.
  - Up to five people from different households can attend a dinner party at a household of four people.
  - One household of seven people can attend a birthday at another household of four.
- Maximum 50 people for **seated indoor** organized gatherings (banquet halls, movie theatres, live theatre) with safety protocols.
- No BC travel restrictions; check local travel advisories; hotels and other accommodation providers may accept guests from throughout the province.
- Indoor sports (games) and high-intensity fitness with safety protocols.
- Spectators for outdoor sports (50 maximum).
- **PHO Guidance:** physical distancing and masks continue to be required in public indoor settings. Business safety protocols and physical distancing measures remain in place.

## [Step 3 - early July \(July 1 earliest date\)](#)

The third step in the reopening plan will see a “return to usual for indoor or outdoor personal gatherings” and allow for sleepovers, if 70 per cent of the province is vaccinated, and if hospitalizations continue to drop. The forecast for organized gatherings is less clear; government documents state that fairs and festivals will be allowed with a COVID safety plan in place and “increased capacity” will be in place for indoor and outdoor organized gatherings, with a COVID safety plan.

## Here is a breakdown of Step 3

- Provincial state of emergency and public health emergency lifted
- Returning to usual for indoor and outdoor personal gatherings
- Increased capacity for indoor and outdoor organized gatherings, with safety plans
- Nightclubs and casinos reopened with capacity limits and safety plans
- New public health and workplace guidance around personal protective equipment, physical distancing and business protocols
- **PHO Guidance:** masks are recommended in public outdoor settings; engage in careful social contact



## COVID-19 Vaccination Program

Everyone aged 12 years or older can make a vaccination appointment. Register online or phone; your confirmation number will be used to book an appointment. Please refer to [Island Health's website](#) for information or call 1 833 838-2323 to book an appointment.

## Golden Rules for Everybody (Even After Vaccination)



Practice physical distancing



Clean your hands



Stay home and get tested if sick - no exceptions



Cleaning at home and at work



Get together outdoors



Cover your cough



Minimize non-essential travel



Wear a mask

COVID-19 IN BC

## City Services



### Property Taxes due July 2

If you have not received your 2021 tax notice, phone 250 248-6144. Late payment penalties will not be applied immediately after the due date; 10% penalty will be applied on October 1, 2021, to current year property taxes outstanding and

unclaimed home owner grants as of September 30, 2021. When making a payment at a bank or through online banking, allow a minimum of two business days for bank processing time.

### New Home Owner Grant Application Process

The province has changed the home owner grant application process and starting with 2021 property taxes, municipalities no longer accept home owner grant applications. All eligible homeowners can now apply for their home owner grant either online or by telephone directly with the Province of BC.



Property owners will need their property tax notice or assessment notice to apply.

- Online at [gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](http://gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant) - for all grants
- By telephone using automated self-service system at **1 888 355-2700 (option 3)** for regular and senior grants (available 24 hours per day)
- By telephone with help from agent **1 888 355-2700** (Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm)

To complete the home owner grant application, you will need:

- Jurisdiction number for the City of Parksville: **559**
- Roll number as shown on City of Parksville property tax notice or BC Assessment notice of assessment
- Social insurance number of property owner

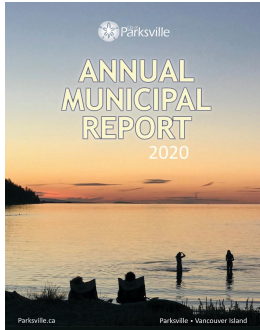
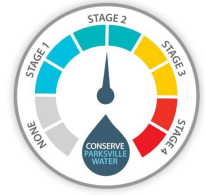
Program eligibility is unchanged; however, to avoid penalties and interest, apply before September 30, 2021. A payment is not required to claim the grant. Property owners can request

help from a family member or friend to assist with the application. You will be able to check the status of your application by using your application confirmation number.

## Things to Know...

### Water Restriction Stage 2

Stage 2 is in place through September 30 (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. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from all watering restrictions. Please direct questions to [ops@parksville.ca](mailto:ops@parksville.ca) or refer to the [website](#).



### 2020 Annual Report

The City's annual report available for review on our [website](#) will be formally presented to Council on July 5. Residents may send comments to [council@parksville.ca](mailto:council@parksville.ca).

### Career Opportunities

Check out all the great job opportunities at the City! The perfect career might be waiting for you.



Over the past month, we have provided information on the following. Links are provided here should you wish to have a read:

- [New home for the Parksville water tower](#)
- [Englishman River clay banks](#)
- [2021 commercial property tax increases](#)
- [Community update from Emergency Management Oceanside](#)
- [Summertime plantings](#)
- [COVID relief grant-in-aid recipients](#)

## Important Dates

July 1	Canada Day (offices closed)
July 2	Property Taxes Due
July 5	Council Meeting
July 19	Council Meeting

For more information on these meetings, please refer to the [City calendar](#).

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