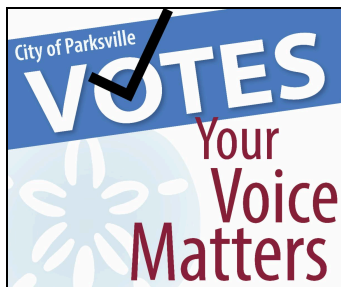




May 11, 2026

Parksville Local Government Election 2026

The City of Parksville municipal Council is made up of a Mayor and six Councillors, each to be elected for a four-year term. Local government elections in British Columbia are held every four years. The election for the City of Parksville is set for Saturday, October 17, from 8 am to 8 pm at the Jensen Centre and Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church. Advance voting will be held on Wednesday, October 7 and Wednesday, October 14, from 8 am to 8 pm at the Jensen Centre, 132 Jensen Avenue East.



Detailed information including key dates and information for voters and for candidates running for Council is available on [Let's Talk Parksville](#), through a direct link and also accessible from the [City's website](#). We hope you will spend some time reviewing our election site on [Let's Talk Parksville](#) to familiarize yourself with the City of Parksville's local government election. Please refer questions

about the election to the Chief Election Officer at election-official@parksville.ca

Parksville Council Adopts 2026-2030 Financial Plan

The financial plan, tax rates and utility rates bylaws were given final adoption by Council on May 6. The bylaws reflect a 5.8% increase in general municipal property taxes, a 6% increase in metered water and water parcel tax rates, and a 6% increase in sanitary sewer usage and parcel tax rates. The 2026 property tax rate will increase the municipal portion of property taxes by about \$166 from 2025 for the average assessed single family dwelling and \$49 for the average assessed residential strata property.

Property tax notices will be mailed at the end of May and the due date for property taxes is July 2. Refer to [Let's Talk Parksville](#) for the full news release, financial plan details, and staff presentations and reports.



For a third year, we will host Canada Day celebrations in Parksville; a great family-friendly event for the community. Our theme for this year is "Proudly Canadian, Proudly Parksville." The day's fantastic activities are outlined on [Let's Talk Parksville](#). Start with the Shriners' pancake breakfast on Craig Street and then the best parade on Vancouver Island along Island Highway

East. It's a full day in Parksville Community Park with music, entertainment and activities including Craig the Magician back for a second year and sandcastle building, face painters, food trucks, display, demos, Canada Day cake and cupcakes, and more!

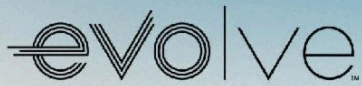
Canada Day parade applications and all the day's activities on [Let's Talk Parksville](#) and social media. Let us know if you have questions canadaday@parksville.ca.

IN OTHER NEWS!

E-Bike and E-Scooter Share is Here

Booked through an EVO app, e-bikes and e-scooters are now in Parksville. The new zero-emission transportation service in partnership with Evolve offers residents and visitors a fun, affordable and sustainable way to move around the City. After a free sign-up, members can use the app to find the nearest e-bike and book it by selecting a pin or scanning a bike's QR code, starting and ending each trip at the push of a button. Each device includes complimentary use of a helmet. More info on [Let's Talk Parksville](#) and [Evolve](#).

Evolve's smart devices are made for shared use. With GPS tracking, anti-theft design and continuous system monitoring, the program ensures the service runs smoothly. The City and Evolve will continue to collaborate on station locations, slow zones and active infrastructure to meet the needs of our community.



Greener, easier way... to get around Parksville!

Parksville is excited to welcome e-Bike and e-Scooter sharing to our City!

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How it works...

EVO.CA

Download the Evo App - Available on Android and iOS. Once you're signed up, you can locate, unlock and ride Evolve e-Bikes and e-Scooters using your smartphone.

**Use code HELLOPARKSVILLE during sign up or in the "My Credit" section of your account to receive 30 free ride minutes.*

Choose Your Ride - Parksville has 20 e-Bikes and 30 e-Scooters. Devices will be available at over 10 locations throughout the City. A map of all locations can be found on the Evo App.

Park Responsibly - All rides must start and end in designated Evolve Parking Zones. These locations have been selected based on accessibility, GPS signal strength and community convenience.

This program is managed and the devices maintained by Evolve. Should residents have concerns, contact Evolve directly at info@evo.ca or 1 844-EVO-2EVO (1 844-386-2386) 24/7.



New in the News!

Our website, Parksville.ca, has new information almost every day! Recent news includes:

- [Dedication of 1.8-acre parcel of land to the south of 100 Jensen Avenue as a park.](#)
- [Upgrades to sports facilities in Parksville Community Park and Springwood Park](#)
- [Pedestrian improvements to Alberni Highway](#)
- [Grant funding used by City in 2025](#)
- [2026 property tax information](#)

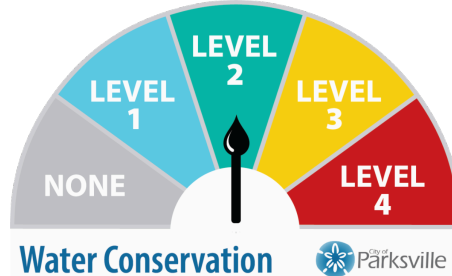
Bids and Tenders

- [Official Community Plan Review and Update](#)
- [DCC Bylaw Update](#)
- [Decorative Outdoor Lightning for Downtown Parksville](#)
- [Utility Pick Up Truck Vehicle \(Parksville Fire Rescue\)](#)

REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW...

Water Conservation Level 2 is in effect from May to October unless otherwise notified. Odd numbered civic addresses may water on odd numbered days and even numbered civic addresses may water on even numbered days.

Watering times are 7 am to 10 am OR 7 pm to 10 pm for a maximum of two hours of total allocated watering per day. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from restrictions. For details about the City's water conservation program, refer to Letstalkparksville.ca/water-conservation.



Food Trucks in Parksville Community Park - We're excited to manage the food trucks again this year from May 1 to September 30 from 11 am to 7 pm daily. About one week ahead, the schedule for the coming month is posted to the website and social media. Check out the great selection of trucks this year. [May schedule](#)

Pedestrian Accessibility Map is available from the [City's website](#) and [Let's Talk Parksville](#). Whether using a mobility aid, pushing a stroller or getting around a challenging terrain, this map can help plan the safest route. The City of Parksville recognizes the importance of accessibility for everyone. The interactive map identifies accessible parking stalls, washrooms, pathways, and community amenities, along with elevation details for sidewalks and trails. Created by the City's GIS staff, the map provides benefits to the public:



CITY DATES

May 18	Victoria Day (offices closed)
May 20	Council Meeting
June 1	Council Meeting
June 15	Council Meeting
July 1	Parksville Canada Day Celebrations (offices closed)
July 6	Council Meeting
July 20	Council Meeting

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