

## Parksville Local Government Election 2026

Local government elections in BC are held every four years. The City of Parksville municipal Council is made up of a Mayor and six Councillors, each to be elected for a four-year term. The election for the City of Parksville is set for Saturday, October 17, 2026, 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, 2026, from 8 am to 8 pm at the Jensen Centre, 132 Jensen Avenue East.

Details including key dates and information for voters and for candidates running for Council are available from the City's website and [Letstalkparksville.ca/election-2026](http://Letstalkparksville.ca/election-2026). 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](mailto:election-official@parksville.ca).



## Parksville Canada Day Celebrations

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](http://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, displays, demos, Canada Day cake and cupcakes, and more!



Canada Day parade applications and all the day's activities on [Letstalkparksville.ca/canada-day-2026](http://Letstalkparksville.ca/canada-day-2026) and social media. Let us know if you have questions [canadaday@parksville.ca](mailto:canadaday@parksville.ca).

## 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.

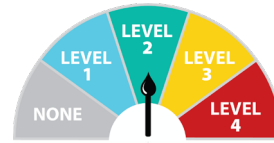


Property tax notices will be mailed at the end of May and the due date for property taxes is July 2. Visit [Let's Talk Parksville](http://Let's Talk Parksville) for the full news release, financial plan details, and staff presentations and reports.

## 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](http://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.



### Rebate programs

We offer rebates for properties within City limits, available on a first-come, first-served basis while funds last. Rebates include low flush toilets, rain barrels, security cameras, and trees. [\[Residents/Rebates\]](#)

## IN THE NEWS!

### EVOLVE 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. [\[Letstalkparksville.ca/evolve\]](http://Letstalkparksville.ca/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.



The City's bylaw compliance department provides the citizens of Parksville with a variety of services related to regulatory issues. Please refer to our website for info about bylaws as well as some frequently asked questions.

### City of Parksville Reminds Residents: Door to Door Sales Not Permitted

We are reminding residents that door to door sales activities are not allowed under City bylaws. Bylaw No. 1550 clearly states, "No person, without prior instructions from the owner or occupier of the premises, shall attend upon or canvass or solicit at any residential premises for the sale or promotion of goods or services." This does not include charitable fundraising, the Girl Guides can sell all the cookies they want!

If an unauthorized salesperson comes to your door, you can help the City's bylaw compliance team by requesting the representative's name and contact information. Residents are encouraged to forward details to bylaw for follow up. We thank the community for helping maintain a safe and respectful environment for all residents.

## New in the News!

Our website, [parksville.ca](http://parksville.ca), has new info almost every day!

- Dedication of 1.8-acre parcel of land to the south of 100 Jensen Avenue as park.
- Pedestrian accessibility map available from our website.
- 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.

## 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

## How to Reach Council

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