

July 16, 2026



Until further notice, all open burning, including campfires, are banned in the City of Parksville and the surrounding fire protection area. The fire protection area includes the City of Parksville and portions of Regional District of Nanaimo Area G, which includes the French Creek areas bordering the City to the edge of the fire protection area at Johnston and Drew Roads, San Pareil, Fournau Road, Wildgreen Road, and Martindale Road areas.

The ban applies to open fires of any size, campfires, fireworks, firecrackers, sky lanterns, tiki torches, burning barrels, and binary exploding targets. The ban does not apply to cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes or to portable campfire apparatus with a CSA or ULC rating using briquettes, liquid or gaseous fuel that cannot produce a flame longer than 15 centimetres. Portable campfire apparatus that does not meet these conditions are prohibited.

This ban has been implemented by the Parksville Fire Chief in conjunction with the ban implemented by the Coastal Fire Centre covering Vancouver Island and the south coast.

Beach fires are not permitted at any time in the Parksville Qualicum Wildlife Management Area which includes the entire waterfront area in the Parksville Fire Protection Area.

Reporting should be as follows:

- Fire emergency (threat to lives and/or property) - 911
- Open fire in the Parksville Fire Protection Area - 250 248-3242
- Beach fires (RAPP line) - 1 877 952-7277
- Report a wildfire - 1 800 663 5555 or *5555 on mobile

For the latest information on fire restrictions in the Parksville Fire Protection Area, visit parksvillefirerescue.ca or follow the Parksville Fire Department on Bluesky and Facebook. For information on provincial wildfire activity, conditions and prohibitions, visit www.bcwildfire.ca.

Level 4 Water Conservation Measures Still in Place

Thank you for using water wisely

Level 4 water conservation is a comprehensive watering ban and remains in effect for the City of Parksville. With little to no rain forecast for the coming weeks, continued drought conditions, and a need to maintain in-stream environmental flow requirements in the Englishman River, the City's priority is to ensure a high-quality water supply for our residents and the necessary water use for fire safety and in-stream flow needs.

Level 4 - Guide to Getting it Right

 Frequency	SPRINKLING BAN LAWN WATERING NOT PERMITTED
 Lawn Watering times	
 Washing vehicles, RVs, boats, buildings (siding)	Between 7-10 am OR 7-10 pm (on your watering day)
 Hand-watering, drip irrigation, micro irrigation	Between 7-10 am OR 7-10 pm
 Filling fountains, pools, hot tubs	NOT PERMITTED
 Pressure washing walkways, driveways, buildings (siding)	ONLY prior to application of paint, preservative, stucco, or sealant
 New lawn permits	NO PERMITS ISSUED

Level 4 helps to ensure the community’s essential water needs for drinking water, hygiene and fire protection are met, and water flows for fish and aquatic habitats are maintained.

Outdoor watering
All lawn watering activities are NOT permitted. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from restrictions. Between 7 am and 10 am OR 7 pm and 10 pm, drip irrigation or micro irrigation and hand watering of gardens is permitted using a hand-held container or a hose equipped with shutoff device.

Washing of vehicles, RVs, boats, and buildings, filling of pools

Between 7 and 10 am OR 7 and 10 pm on assigned watering days, vehicles, RVs and boats may be washed using a hand-held container or hose equipped with shutoff

nozzle. Washing of exterior building surfaces is not allowed UNLESS prior to application of paint, preservative, stucco, or sealant. Filling of swimming pools, wading pools, hot tubs, and garden pond water features is not permitted.

City Efforts in Reducing Water Use

As part of Level 4 Water Conservation, we’re making changes to the way we water trees, gardens, and grass throughout the City.

 **DYK:** there are 355 irrigation zones in Parksville

- 105 zones (30%) will be completely shut off
- 146 zones (41%) will be modified to reduce water volume usage to 50%. These areas include garden beds, shrubs, and sensitive trees.
- 46 zones (13%) on our sports fields at Springwood and Parksville Community Park will reduce water volume use by 25%, with a surfactant being applied to the turf to help retain soil moisture.
- 56 zones (16%) will be unmodified as they are on drip or micro irrigation systems.



We’re trying to do our part while maintaining the beautiful gardens and green spaces throughout the City. We hope you will try and do the same!

Find more information about water conservation levels and suggestions on how to conserve, visit Letstalkparksville.ca/water-conservation. Questions should be directed to bylaw@parksville.ca.



Parksville Votes 2026

All voters will register on the day of voting, at either advance voting or on general voting day. When arriving to vote, you will be required to provide two pieces of identification; one containing your name and address, the other containing your name and signature. If you do not have documentation showing residency, then two pieces of identification (with at least one with a signature) are still required and you will need to make a "solemn declaration" to confirm your residency.

Nomination packages will be available from the City’s administration offices during regular office hours (8 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday,

excluding statutory holidays) from 9 am on Friday, July 24 to 4 pm on Friday, September 11.

Candidate information session - Thank you to all who attended the session on July 14! The next session will take place on Wednesday, September 2 (1:30 to 3 pm) in the Forum, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre (100 Jensen Avenue East). Although geared to potential candidates and campaign workers, anyone interested is welcome to join the session.

Non-resident property owner information

If you are voting as a non-resident property owner, the property must be in the name(s) of individuals and not in the name of a company. If you own property in the City of Parksville, but live somewhere else in British Columbia, you may be eligible to vote as a **non-resident property elector** if you:

- Are a Canadian citizen; AND
- Are, or will be, 18 years of age or older (October 17, 2008) on or before general voting day; AND
- Have lived in BC for at least 6 months (as of April 16, 2026) prior to registration; AND
- Have owned the property in the City of Parksville for at least 30 days before you register to vote (as of September 16, 2026); AND
- You must *not* be eligible to register as a resident elector in the City of Parksville; AND
- Are not disqualified from voting by the *Local Government Act* or any other act.



In addition to two pieces of acceptable identification, non-resident property electors must bring the following with them to vote: proof of ownership in the form of a tax notice, assessment notice or other legal documentation proving property ownership, such as a bill of sale issued prior to September 16. Non-resident property electors can only vote once, regardless of the number of properties they own in the City of Parksville.

**Election information will be posted regularly to
Let'sTalkParksville.ca/election-2026 through to the
election
on October 17.**

Parksville Beach Festival Continues

This past weekend marked the sand sculpting competition and the official opening of Parksville Beach Festival! The festival saw record numbers come out and enjoy the amazing sculptures and attend the April Wine concert on July 11.

Sand sculptures are available for viewing until Sunday, August 16 with numerous activities happening over the next several weeks. For more information and to take part in the festivities, visit parksvillebeachfestival.ca.





Firefighter Honoured with BC Long Service Bar

At the previous Parksville Council meeting, the City and Parksville Fire Rescue were honoured to present Lieutenant Richard Reedel with the British Columbia Long Service Bar, recognizing 25 years of outstanding service to the community. Richard has been with Parksville Fire Rescue for the past 13 years, along with 12 years previously serving at Coombs-Hillier Fire Department and Errington Fire Department. *Thank you for your service, Richard!*



IN THE NEWS!

Alberni Highway Road Construction

Construction work is occurring on the Alberni Highway between Bernard Avenue and Lee Avenue. Two-way traffic is the priority, but single-lane alternating traffic will be necessary at times. Traffic will be controlled in all directions for vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians.



Vandalism Occurred at Parksville Beach Festival

The sand sculpting exhibit was unfortunately vandalized on July 12, leaving numerous sculptures needing to be repaired in time for the competition and ready for visitors to enjoy. A reward is being offered for information leading to the identification of those responsible. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Parksville Beach Festival Society at info@parksvillebeachfest.ca, call 250-951-2678, or through the appropriate local authorities. Read more: [Parksville Beach Festival Society News Release](#)

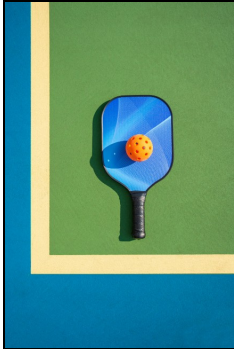
Project Update – Parksville Pathway

The City is currently working through permitting and timelines with the province, however we don't have any updates or timeline estimates at this time. Please check back on [Let's Talk Parksville](#) for future updates.

New Pickleball Courts

The City's will convert the existing tennis court in Parksville Community Park into four dedicated pickleball courts which will also include fencing upgrades. Construction is underway and expected to be completed near the end of July, weather dependent.

The existing pickleball courts will remain open during construction; however, short-term closures may be required. Please be advised that construction activity may result in noise, debris and water affecting the existing courts.



Users enter and play at their own risk. For your safety, we ask you to respect all posted signage, stay out of closed construction areas, and follow any direction provided by City staff or the contractor performing the work. Questions should be directed to ops@parksville.ca.

REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW...

Tax and Utility Payments Made Easier and More Convenient - We offer Preauthorized Withdrawal Service or PAWS, a plan which allows taxpayers to contribute a fixed monthly payment towards their taxes and/or utilities bills based on an estimate of future amounts. Taxpayers can use PAWS if taxes are not being paid through a bank or mortgage company and there is no outstanding balance. The program is designed to help homeowners with easier budgeting for both property taxes and utility bills. Program info and how to apply on our website. Please direct questions to 250 248-6144 or cashier@parksville.ca.

Friendly Splash Park Reminder - Pups and splash parks don't mix. Dogs aren't permitted in the splash park and must always be on leash in Parksville Community Park. Thanks for helping keep the space safe and fun for everyone!

Fall grant-in-aid program - Deadline is August 31 at 4 pm. Non-profit organizations in the arts, cultural, recreational, or social services fields are eligible to apply. Find more info on program, policy, instructions, and application either at City Hall or from the [website](#).

Food Trucks in Parksville Community Park - We're excited to manage the food trucks again this year through 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. We hope you will check out the great selection of trucks this year.

Bids and Tenders - opportunities are listed on our website. Refer to the [website](#) for the complete list.



CITY DATES

July 20	Special Committee of the Whole and Council Meeting
August 3	BC Day (offices closed)
September 2	Candidate Information Session
September 7	Labour Day (offices closed)
September 9	Council Meeting
September 21	Council Meeting
September 30	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (offices closed)

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