

## Parksville Votes 2026

### General Voting Day

General voting date is **Saturday, October 17** from 8 am to 8 pm at the Jensen Centre, 132 Jensen Avenue East or the Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church, 550 Pym Street, Parksville, BC.

You may vote at **either** the Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church or at the Jensen Centre; **however**, whether you vote at an advance voting opportunity, by mail, or at one of the general voting day locations, you will be required to sign a written declaration that you have not voted previously at any other time or location during the election.

### Voter Registration Only on Voting Day

The City uses "Voting Day Only Registration". This means 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.

### Advance Voting

The last advance voting day is Wednesday, October 14 from 8 am to 8 pm at the Jensen Centre (132 Jensen Avenue East), located next door to the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre.

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## Who Does What in Local Government?

Residents have two important opportunities to vote: a local election on October 17, and a provincial election on October 24. While both elections will shape our future, local government decisions often have the most immediate impact on our day-to-day lives. Your municipal council makes decisions about parks, roads, sidewalks, water systems, community safety, recreation facilities, development, and the services that help shape our neighbourhoods. Find a handy graphic explaining who does what in all levels of government here: [letstalkparksville.ca/election-2026](http://letstalkparksville.ca/election-2026)

## REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW...

### Parksville Moves to Level 3 Water Conservation

Effective October 2, the City has moved to Level 3 Water Conservation until further notice. This change is primarily driven by cooler temperatures and increases in rain in the community.

Although conservation efforts are moving down to Level 3, there are still measures required as we transition into the fall months. Info: [letstalkparksville.ca/water-conservation](http://letstalkparksville.ca/water-conservation).



### 2027 Special Events Applications Now Being Accepted

Applications from organizations and individuals interested in hosting 2027 community events at City-owned venues and/or along City streets and sidewalks. Annual community events will be given priority if applications are received by November 30, 2026. Info: [Parksville.ca](http://Parksville.ca)

### What's Needed to Vote

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 be required to make a "solemn declaration" as to your residency.

### Two Pieces of Identification

Documents which may be accepted are:

- BC driver's licence
- BC identification card issued by Motor Vehicles Branch
- Owner's certificate of insurance and vehicle licence issued by ICBC
- BC Services Card (CareCard)
- SIN card issued by Human Resources Development Canada
- Citizenship card issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada
- Real property tax notice issued by City of Parksville
- Credit or debit card issued by a savings institution
- Utility bill for electricity, gas, water, phone or cable services



## Parksville Fire Open House a Huge Success!

Thank you to everyone who attended Parksville Fire Rescue open house on October 4, and to all the firefighters, staff, volunteers, and partners who helped make the day possible. We appreciate your support of fire safety in our community!

This year's theme for Fire Prevention Week was "Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging is a Superpower", focusing on battery safety and knowing how to properly charge your batteries to reduce the risk of fire and other hazards. To learn more about fire safety and safe charging tips, visit [Parksvillefirerescue.ca](http://Parksvillefirerescue.ca) or [nfpa.org/fpw](http://nfpa.org/fpw).



**Utility notices** are due Friday, October 30. If you have not received your notice in the mail, contact 250 248-6144 or [cashier@parksville.ca](mailto:cashier@parksville.ca). Accepted payments are Interac, cash, cheque, online banking, or VISA/Mastercard using OptionPay. For online banking, add the City as a payee by searching Parksville, choose the utility option and enter your six-digit account number (not the folio or access code). Info: [Parksville.ca](http://Parksville.ca)

**Parksville Remembrance Day** ceremony will be held on Wednesday, November 11 at the Craig Street Cenotaph beginning at 10:40 am with a flyover at 11 am. Following the service, the Mt Arrowsmith Legion will welcome guests. For more info, contact the Royal Canadian Legion, Mt Arrowsmith, Branch 49 at 250-248-5633.



## City Dates

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|----------------|----------------------------------------|
| October 14     | Municipal Election Advance Voting Days |
| October 15     | ShakeOut BC - 10:15 am                 |
| October 17     | Municipal Election General Voting Day  |
| November 2     | Inaugural Council Meeting – 2026-2030  |
| November 11    | Remembrance Day                        |
| November 14/15 | Boots for Food and Toy Drive           |
| November 16    | Council Meeting                        |
| December 5     | Cookies and Carols                     |

## How to Reach Council

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### Stanford Avenue Infrastructure Improvement Project

At the September 21 Council meeting, the contract was awarded to David Stalker Excavating Ltd. to begin construction on the Stanford Avenue East Improvements Project. As an active collector road identified in the Transportation Master Plan, Stanford Avenue East serves many users each day, including drivers, cyclists, pedestrians, transit users, businesses, and residents. Info: [letstalkparksville.ca/stanford-improvements](http://letstalkparksville.ca/stanford-improvements).

### Banners Honour the Legacy of Parksville's Veterans

Throughout October and November, commemorative banners will once again be displayed along the Island and Alberni highways to honour veterans who lost their lives in the First and Second World Wars.

Info: [letstalkparksville.ca/veterans-remembrance-banner-project](http://letstalkparksville.ca/veterans-remembrance-banner-project)

