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City of Parksville

September 25, 2026

Join Parksville Fire Rescue from 10am until 2 pm as they open their doors to showcase the firehall and provide fire safety tips and information to the community. Bring the whole family for an exciting day of demos, displays, activities, and more! Learn how to use a fire extinguisher, how to perform CPR, hose and target practice, along with a bunker gear challenge for kids.

Learn More

Freedom of the City Event a Huge Success

The **Royal Canadian Legion Branch #49,** in conjunction with the City of Parksville, hosted a special presentation and rolling parade on Saturday, September 19 to honour and commemorate the 100th anniversary of Branch #49 and the distinguished service to communities across Canada. Thank you to all who attended and showed your support!

Below are the **confirmed candidates** for the 2026 General Local Election happening on Saturday, October 17.

Candidates for the office of Mayor:

- Mary Beil
- Mike Butler
- Joel Grenz

Candidates for the office of Councillor:

- Frank Bailey
- Alana Barager
- Adam Fras
- Amit Gaur
- Nigel Gray
- Jody Latiff
- Sylvia Martin
- Shelly McCullough
- Ralph Tietjen
- Sean Wood

Information about voting locations, advance polls, key dates, frequently asked questions, candidate information (including nomination papers), and who can vote is available on **Let's Talk Parksville**.

VOTER INFORMATION

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

LetsTalkParksville.ca/Election-2026

Water Use Planning in Parksville

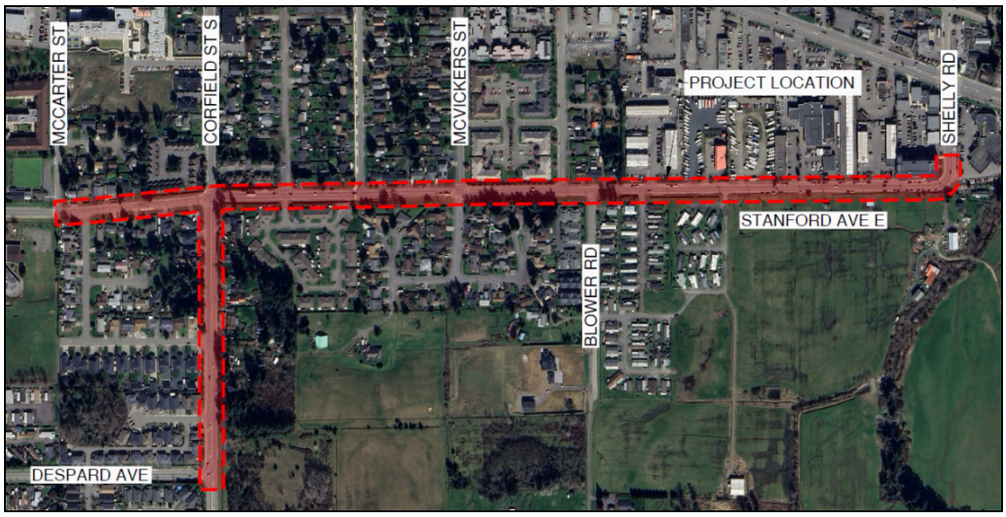
The City has completed Phase 1 of the Water Use Planning and Management Study, an important step in ensuring a sustainable and resilient water supply for current and future residents. The study examined the community's existing water sources, future water needs, climate change impacts, conservation opportunities, and potential strategies to strengthen long-term water security.

Find more information and review the full study here: **Water Use Planning - Let's Talk Parksville**

Infrastructure Improvement Project Coming to Stanford Avenue

At the September 21, 2026 Council meeting, the contract for the **Stanford Avenue East Improvements Project** was awarded to David Stalker Excavating Ltd. to begin construction of a key community infrastructure project.

This project represents a significant investment in the future of Parksville's transportation network. 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. This project will improve aging infrastructure while creating a safer, more connected corridor that better serves the community today and into the future.



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National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is observed annually on September 30, providing an opportunity to recognize the truths of Canada’s residential school system and honour the children who never returned home, residential school survivors, and their families and communities. Established in

response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, the day serves as a reminder of the ongoing work of reconciliation and healing.

In recognition of this important day and to honour the contributions of Indigenous peoples and communities, the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre will be illuminated in orange and the Survivors' Flag will fly from September 25 to October 2. City offices will be closed on Wednesday, September 30 in observance of the statutory holiday.

September 30 is also Orange Shirt Day, a grassroots movement that commemorates the experiences of Indigenous children in residential schools and raises awareness of their lasting impacts across generations. The orange shirt symbolizes the loss of culture, identity and belonging experienced by many Indigenous children and reinforces the message that "Every Child Matters." Residents are encouraged to wear orange and take time to listen, learn and reflect on the path toward truth, understanding and reconciliation.

The City of Parksville recognizes with gratitude, the people of the Coast Salish Nations and the traditional territory of the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.

Resources and information

- To learn more, please visit the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation **website** and the information about **residential school history**.
- The **commemorative flag** was created by survivors to share their expression of remembrance with the broader public and to honour residential school survivors, families, and communities impacted by the residential school system in Canada.
- Learn about **Indigenous history, languages, cultures and experiences.**

2027 Special Events Applications Now Accepted

Applications are now being accepted 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.** Applications received after that will be considered as new event requests and processed on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to venue and date availability.

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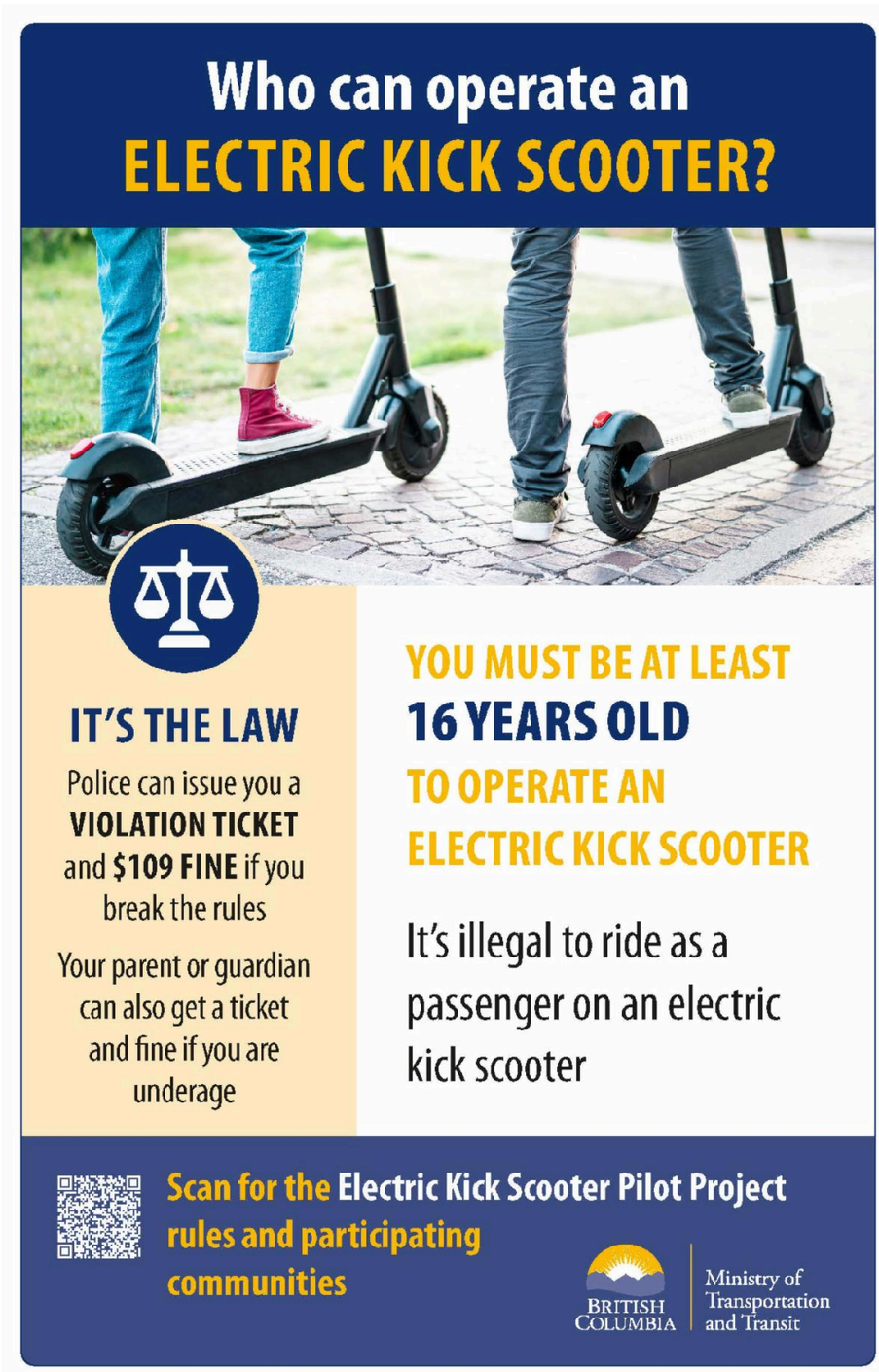
REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW...

Spam Calls Affecting City Phone Numbers - the City has been made aware of unauthorized callers using City phone numbers to place scam or fraudulent calls. This practice, known as "spoofing", allows scammers to make it appear as though a call is coming from a legitimate phone number, when it is not. **More info**

Maple Glen Pathway Renewal Project - the City has begun work on the Maple Glen Pathway to replace the existing asphalt pathway with a more accessible and effective surface, along with widening it from the original 1.25 metre width to a more suitable 2 metres. During construction, temporary pathway closures and pedestrian detours will be in place. The project is expected to be completed in mid to late October. **More info**

Parksville Remains at Level 4 Water Conservation - Looking for ways to save water around the house or in the yard? We've put together some practical water conservation and efficiency tips that can help reduce water use while making the most of every drop. Also, here is a reminder of what we can and can't do during level 4. **More info: letstalkparksville.ca/water-conservation**.

Public Notices and Hearings - find all current public hearings here: **Public Notices**.



RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS DURING A LOCAL EMERGENCY

Voyent Alert! Connected Community

City of Parksville

Next **Council Meeting**

Monday, October 5

parksville.ca 1 pm

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Join us **We're Hiring!**

Learn more at **parksville.ca**

CITY DATES

September 30	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (offices closed)
October 4	Parksville Fire Rescue Open House
October 5	Council Meeting
October 7 and 14	Advanced Voting Days – Local General Election
October 17	Main Voting Day – Local General Election

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