# It's Your City! eNews

City of Parksville

**October 15, 2026**

## General voting day is almost here!

General voting for the 2026 Parksville Municipal Election 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).

Advance voting saw an impressive turnout, with more than 2,100 ballots cast over the two advance voting days! Thank you to all voters for their engagement, as well as their patience and cooperation throughout the voting process. We look forward to welcoming voters again this Saturday!

## Remember: you can only vote once

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.

**CANDIDATE INFORMATION** | **VOTER INFORMATION**

**LetsTalkParksville.ca/Election-2026**

*Councillor Sylvia Martin, Councillor Adam Fras, Councillor, Amit Gaur, Mayor Doug O'Brien, Councillor Mary Beil, Councillor Joel Grenz, and Councillor Sean Wood*

## Thank you!

On behalf of the City and the community, we thank our 2022-2026 Council members for their years of service, leadership, and stewardship. Serving in elected office requires significant time, energy, and commitment, and their efforts have helped advance important projects, address community priorities, and made Parksville a better place.

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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. Not sure which level of government is responsible for what? Take a look at this helpful graphic and click to enlarge for a closer view.

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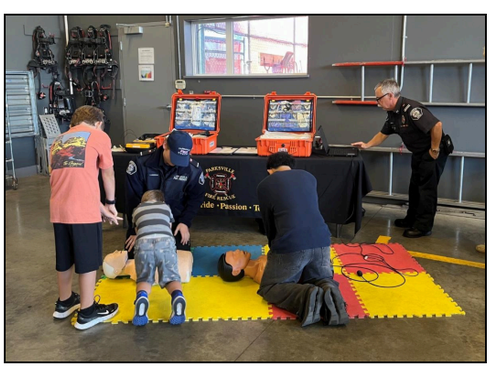
## Thank You for Attending!
## Parksville Fire Rescue Open House

Thank you to all who attended the Parksville Fire Rescue Open House on Sunday, October 4. We loved sharing fire safety information, showcasing our equipment, and connecting with our community.
Thank you for helping make this year's event a great success. See you next year!

To learn more about fire safety, visit **Parksvillefirerescue.ca** or **nfpa.org.**



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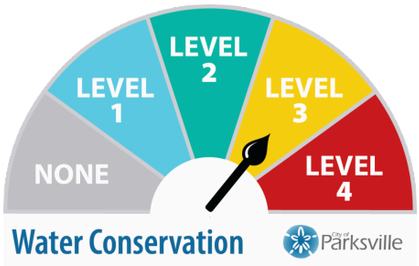
## Parksville Moves to Level 3 Water Conservation




As of 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.

**Learn More**

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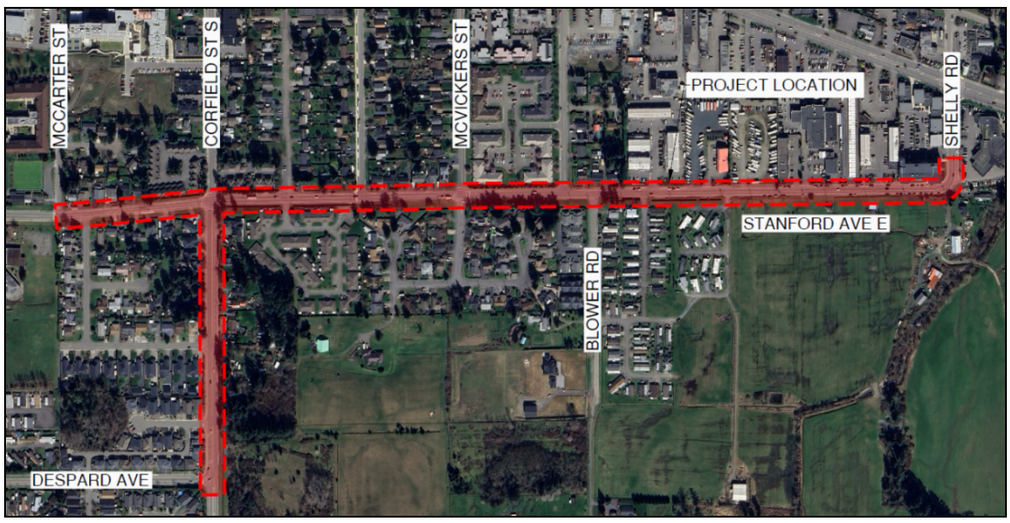
## Upgrades Coming to Stanford Avenue East

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. 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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## Waterfront Walkway Replacement Project to Continue in October

The City will begin the next phase of the waterfront walkway replacement project near Parksville Community Park. Construction will start in the last week of October and will continue through to the beginning of December.

A section of the boardwalk will be closed, and users will need to detour around the work area by using the beach during that time. More information will be provided once timelines and other specifics are finalized, which will be posted on **Let's Talk Parksville.**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Mark your calendars for the annual food and toy drive, November 14 and 15. From locations throughout Parksville, firefighters will collect cash donations for the Salvation Army and new unwrapped toys for the Society of Organized Services. More info to come!
**Parksvillefirerescue.ca**

We are set for Saturday, December 5 from 2 to 4 pm at the Jensen Centre. Celebrate the holiday season with family and friends. Hosted by the City, this annual event features entertainment, cookies, hot chocolate and coffee, activities for kids and their families, and a visit from Santa! More info to come! **Parksville.ca**

## REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW

**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. 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. **More info**

**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. **More info**

**Utility Notices Due October 30**
If you have not received your notice in the mail, contact 250 248-6144 or **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). **More info**

**Remembrance Day Ceremony – November 11**
Join the Mt. Arrowsmith Legion on 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.

**Late Payment for Property Taxes**
A 5% penalty was applied to current year property taxes and unclaimed home owner grants that were outstanding after the due date of July 2, 2026. An additional 5% penalty will be applied to current year property taxes and unclaimed home owner grants that remain outstanding at the end of business on September 15, 2026. Penalties are applied in accordance with Sections 233 and 234 of the Community Charter and City of Parksville Bylaw No. 1583. The City has no authority to either waive or modify these penalty amounts. **More info**

**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, review frequently asked questions, and review the full study: **Water Use Planning - Let's Talk Parksville**

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

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**RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS DURING A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

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## CITY DATES

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| October 14 | Municipal Election Advance Voting Day |
| October 17 | Municipal Election General Voting Day |
| October 30 | Utility Notices Due |
| November 2 | Inaugural Council Meeting – 2026-2030 Term |
| November 11 | Remembrance Day |
| November 14/15 | Boots for Food and Toy Drive |
| November 16 | Council Meeting |
| December 5 | Cookies and Carols |

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**For more information:**
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