

INFORMATION RELEASE

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City's 2023 Annual Report Available for Review

Each year, the City of Parksville produces an annual report which is a snapshot of goals and accomplishments and includes reports from the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer as well as department achievements, permissive tax exemptions and financial statements and information.

The *Community Charter* requires all municipalities prepare an annual report before June 30 each year and under the provisions of the *Community Charter*, the annual report is available for public inspection at least 14 days prior to Council considering the report. The annual report includes the following:

- Progress report on the performance of the City compared to established objectives.
- 2023 financial statements and supplemental financial information.
- List of the tax exemptions provided by Council and for each exemption, the amount of property taxes which would have been imposed on the property in 2023 if not exempt.
- Report on municipal services and operations.

Persons who wish to submit a comment or question in writing, should do so before 9 am, June 14:

- By email to council@parksville.ca
- By mail to Council, City of Parksville, PO Box 1390, Parksville V9P 2H3
- In person to 100 Jensen Avenue East, Parksville (8 am to 4 pm, weekdays)
- Comment in person at the Council meeting on Monday, June 17.

Parksville residents wishing to learn more about the City's activities and finances may view the 2023 annual report, available on the <u>City's website</u> and in paper copy at the administrative office, 100 Jensen Avenue East.

QUOTE MAYOR DOUG O'BRIEN

"Council's strategic plan, adopted in 2023, established a framework to guide policy decisions until the end of our term in October 2026. During our first full year in office, Council considered many decisions through the lens of our identified priorities: advocacy, Official Community Plan review and update, a vibrant and livable downtown, water use planning and management, community engagement, and investment in recreational amenities.

2023 was a year of growth and transformation, as exemplified by the numerous upgrades in the Parksville Community Park and other major projects such as the Parksville Wetlands management plan, announcement of the donation and sale of property to the Nature Trust of BC for conservation and to create pedestrian connectivity, and the start of the Transportation Master Plan process.

It is my hope this report will inform residents about our successes and inspire citizens to engage with the City; it is our shared vision that will continue to enhance the quality of life in Parksville. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to both Council and staff for their efforts in 2023. It is an honour to serve as the Mayor of Parksville and I look forward to working alongside staff and Council to serve our residents and businesses in the coming years."

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The City of Parksville is located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations, home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.

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