

## **Participation in Council Meetings During COVID-19 Restrictions**

The Public Health Order related to gatherings and events, which prevents in-person attendance by the public at Council meetings, hearings, committee meetings, open houses, and other in-person meetings has been extended to February 5 at midnight. Due to provincial health orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person attendance at Council meetings and public hearings is not permitted and we are not able to offer in-person public participation.

The agenda for the Monday, January 18 meeting will be posted to the City's website on January 14. Comments or questions related to the Council agenda may be submitted by phone to 250 954-3060 or by email to <u>council@parksville.ca</u>, no later than noon on the day of the meeting.

Arrangements will be made to allow participation at public hearings by Zoom webinar, by telephone and in writing. This information will be made available with the notices for public hearings.

Ensuring meetings are accessible to the public continues to be an important principle we are working to provide in these challenging times. The health and safety of our residents is a priority, and Council encourages residents to reach out via email or phone and to stay informed through virtual means until we can safely resume inperson activities. In the meantime, should citizens wish to contact Council, please email <u>council@parksville.ca.</u>

Council meetings are webstreamed from the City's website and may be viewed live or archived for viewing at another time. Council minutes and meeting highlights may be view on our website and notice is provided on City social media channels.

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