

Parksville's Canada Day Celebrations

We're planning a great family-friendly event which we hope will bring together our region's residents and visitors to celebrate Canada's 157th on July 1 and that you will connect with families, neighbours, and friends at our Canada Day festivities hosted by the City of Parksville. Here's what we have planned for Canada Day in Parksville.



City of Parksville FREE community event!

7.30 am	Shriner's breakfast	CCCU lot, Craig Street
10 am	Parade	Island Highway East
Parksville Community Park - 193 Island Highway East		
Noon	Opening ceremony	Parksville Outdoor Theatre
1 pm	Bobs & Lolo	Parksville Outdoor Theatre
2 pm	Canada Day cupcakes	Picnic Shelter
2.30 pm	Music from <i>The Apollos</i>	Parksville Outdoor Theatre
11 am - 7 pm	Variety of food trucks	Near sports fields
1 - 9 pm	Live music	Gathering Plaza and Gazebo

Free family-friendly fun in the sun kicks off with the Parksville Canada Day parade followed by afternoon activities in the Parksville Community Park. The Parksville Outdoor Theatre will feature *Bobs & Lolo* for the young and young at heart, and the band, *The Apollos*, will provide afternoon dance music. Buskers will entertain in the new gathering plaza from 1 pm to early evening and a variety of food trucks will be near the sports fields. Sandcastle Drive to Arbutus Point will close to vehicles for the day with accessible vehicle parking available in the park and general parking in the parking lot behind the curling rink.

THINGS WE'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW

Permissive Tax Exemptions

Under the provisions of the *Community Charter*, Council may exempt land and/or improvements from municipal property taxes for the next calendar year, subject to certain requirements which in general, restrict exemption to non-profit organizations using the lands for specific non-profit purposes. Application deadline is 4 pm, June 28. Details, form and policy may be obtained from City Hall or from the website [City Hall/Mayor and Council/Permissive Tax Exemptions].

Construction at Church and Wembley

Residents should be aware of work over the next six months to facilitate construction at 413 Wembley Road. The work will include storm, sanitary and water, curbs and sidewalks, and paving later in construction. Vehicles will experience additional traffic at Church Road and Wembley Road and intermittent single lane alternating traffic. Please slow down and obey the instructions of traffic control personnel.

Why Let's Talk Parksville?

Wondering why we use *Let's Talk Parksville* to engage with residents? This online engagement platform, different from our website, provides citizens with the opportunity to follow along and contribute ideas and opinions on matters important to Parksville. With LTP, we can provide more detail and project info which we hope makes it easier for folk to better understand our projects, programs and initiatives such as asset management, our financial plan and capital projects. It really is a great place to share your ideas for making Parksville a better place. Letstalkparksville.ca

2024-2028 Financial Plan

On April 29, Council gave three readings to the amended 2024-2028 financial plan, the 2024 property tax rates bylaw, and water and sewer rates bylaws. Guided by Council priorities, the City's annual budget is part of the five-year financial plan which sets the priority services, programs and initiatives for the next five years and how the City will pay for them. It is the City's goal to balance the pressures of a growing community with ongoing maintenance, expected service levels and infrastructure improvements and where possible, reduce the burden on residents. Tax notices will be mailed towards the end of May and *Let's Talk Parksville* provides up-to-date information.

Dance with Me at Memorial

Following successful events in 2023, the City of Parksville, in partnership with the Parksville Downtown Business Association, will once again host *Dance with Me at Memorial* events at the Memorial Plaza, Alberni Highway and Memorial Avenue. It's your chance to learn some new dance moves with free dance instruction by Sara Raymond Dance Academy and music by our favourite DJ, Dave Graham. Dust off your dancing (runners) shoes and join in the fun again this year.

Join us rain or shine, Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 pm - line dancing on July 4, Salsa on July 18, West Coast Swing on August 1, and line dancing on August 15.

We're excited to host these community events at Memorial Plaza and closer to the dates, details will be posted on City and PDDBA websites. *Dance with Me at Memorial* is a fun, active and social community event for all ages. Bring your family, friends, or come meet others while you learn new dance moves, spectators welcome and no dance experience required.



City Dates

May 20	Victoria Day Holiday (offices closed)
May 22	Council Meeting
June 3	Council Meeting
June 17	Council Meeting
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
July 1	Canada Day (offices closed)
July 3	Council Meeting
July 4	Dance with Me at Memorial
July 15	Council Meeting
July 18	Dance with Me at Memorial
August 1	Dance with Me at Memorial
August 5	BC Day (offices closed)
August 15	Dance with Me at Memorial

How to Reach Council

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Water Restriction Stage 2

During summer months, our water use can double mainly due to outdoor uses such as watering lawns and gardens, and outdoor washing. We encourage residents to conserve where possible; taking measures early, before our water supplies come under stress, is essential to ensure we can maintain an adequate water supply throughout the hot dry summers we have come to expect. Stage 2 water restrictions are now in effect through September 30 (unless otherwise notified). Stage 2 allows for every other day lawn watering between 7-10 am or 7-10 pm for a maximum of two hours. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from all watering restrictions. [Quicklinks/Water Restrictions] Questions to bylaw@parksville.ca.

Special watering permits to support newly planted or turfed lawns and/or landscaping are available on our website [Quicklinks/Water Restrictions] and may also be obtained from our operations department, 1116 Herring Gull Way, 8 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday.

