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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.



Parksville's 2024-2028 Financial Plan

In March, Council approved the 2024-2028 provisional financial plan bylaw. Final meetings are set for April 29 to consider amended financial plan bylaw, tax rates bylaw, and water and sewer rates bylaws, and on May 6, adoption of bylaws considered at the April 29 Special Council meeting. Parksville residents and taxpayers are encouraged to provide input and feedback on the financial plan by attending meetings, reviewing information on *Let's Talk Parksville* and providing comments by email to Council@parksville.ca or on *Let's Talk Parksville*.

THINGS WE'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW

Utility notices will have arrived in mailboxes with payment due April 30. If you have not received your notice in the mail, contact 250 248-6144 or cashier@parksville.ca.

Water restriction Stage 1 which allows watering of lawns between 7 pm and 7 am, any day of the week, is in effect for April. Stage 2 restrictions are in effect from May 1 through September 30 (unless otherwise notified) and allow 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 restrictions. Questions to bylaw@parksville.ca.

Closure of Parksville beaches to dogs

To limit disturbance of migrating Brant geese, our beaches are subject to seasonal "no dog" restrictions, both on-leash and off-leash within the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area. Rathtrevor and Parksville Bay beaches are closed to dogs until April 30.



Transportation Master Plan Next Steps

We are nearing completion of the second of three phases of the transportation master plan process. This first phase included data collection at major intersections within the City, an open house, online survey, and local stakeholder engagement meetings. These activities were collected into a *What We Heard* report and *Base Conditions Assessment* report which summarized the findings and helped to define the overall ambitions of the community to respond to identified challenges.



The second phase saw the development of a series of options (grouped into capital projects, near-term planning, quick progress, and policy and guidelines) which attempts to respond to identified challenges in ways that support the overall objectives of the project and align with the desire for Parksville to be an active, accessible, and safe community. These ideas were presented to the community at the second open house in February and combined with the results of an online survey, the feedback will help the transportation master plan team refine the options and prepare initial recommendations. The next step in phase two is the completion of the second *What We Heard* report, available on *Let's Talk Parksville* later this month.

With this second phase wrapping up, we now look forward to phase three which will focus on developing a series of practical recommendations for improvements over the coming years. The improvements will be costed, with identified funding sources, and a plan for implementation. The recommendations will be presented to the community before being finalized and submitted to Council for consideration. More info and updates on LetsTalkParksville.ca/Transportation-Plan.

Parksville's 2024 Canada Day Celebrations

Earlier this year, we announced the City will host Canada Day celebrations in Parksville. We are planning a great family-friendly event which we hope will bring together Parksville and surrounding region residents and visitors to celebrate on July 1. Free festivities begin with the Shriner's breakfast on Craig Street, the traditional parade along Island Highway East and all other activities will be in the Parksville Community Park. Here's what is being planned:

Celebrate  **CANADA DAY** in Parksville

Monday, July 1, 2024

LetsTalkParksville.ca/CanadaDay

7.30 am	Shriner's breakfast	CCCU parking lot, Craig Street
10 am	Parade	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 the Apollos	Parksville Outdoor Theatre
11 am - 7 pm	Food trucks	Near the sports fields
1 pm - 7 pm	Buskers and entertainment	Gathering Plaza

City Dates

April 15	Council Meeting
April 29	Special Council Meeting (Financial Plan)
May 6	Council Meeting
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

How to Reach Council

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Sean Wood	604 868-7914	info@parksville.ca

Annual Wood Chipping Program

Our 2024 wood chipping program is underway through April 25. We are now collecting for properties located east of Craig Street, scheduled between April 15 and April 25. Materials must be at curbside by 8 am, April 15.

Piles must be limited to a size of 5 feet wide x 5 feet long x 3 feet high. One pile per strata subdivision or single-family property will be removed by the chipping crew. Branches with a maximum diameter of 6 inches (15cm), should be stacked with the larger end of the branch or trunk facing the roadway. Smaller shrub branches should be piled for ease of access by crew. *[Residents/Wood Chipping]*

Things we'd like you to know about Canada Day in Parksville

- Parksville Outdoor Theatre will feature *Bobs & Lolo* for the young and young at heart, and the band, *Apollos*, will provide afternoon dance music.
- Buskers will entertain in the gathering plaza from 1 pm to early evening and there will be a variety of food trucks during the day through early evening. There will be no other vendors in the park with activities planned to finish around 7 pm.
- The park will be open for vehicle parking and Sandcastle Drive to Arbutus Point will close to vehicles.
- Parade and food truck application forms, along with details are on *Let's Talk Parksville*. Email questions to canadaday@parksville.ca.



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