

May 16, 2024



Wishing you a Victoria Day weekend filled with relaxation and fun adventures. Don't forget your sunscreen!

Parksville's 2024-2028 Financial Plan

The 2024-2028 financial plan, tax rates and utility rates bylaws were given final adoption by Council at the meeting on May 6. The bylaws reflect a 6.6% increase in general municipal property taxes, a 5% increase in metered water and water parcel tax rates, and a 3% increase in sanitary sewer usage and parcel tax rates. The estimated increase for an average priced home is \$171.

Highlights from the 2024-2028 financial plan include investments in capital assets and infrastructure renewal in the years 2024 to 2028:

- \$1.5 million asphalt patching, overlays, crack sealing in 2024
- \$750,000 Drinking Water Master Plan
- \$100,000 Shelly Road Centre playground
- \$3.675 million per year, roads and drainage infrastructure renewal
- \$150,000 replacement of critical emergency communications infrastructure
- \$2 million Parksville Pathway project (Parksville Community Park to Englishman River estuary)
- \$500,000 utilities instrumentation and controls renewal
- \$825,000 per year water and sanitary sewer infrastructure renewal

Reserve funds established by Council contain funds which have been set aside for specific purposes as directed by a requirement of provincial or federal legislation, or by a decision of Council. Maintaining adequate reserves and surplus play a significant role in achieving a level of financial stability for Parksville

taxpayers. Such reserves include long-term capital infrastructure renewal and replacement, current capital funding (roads/asphalt overlay, storm drainage, water, and sewer) and protective services operating and capital (fire and police).



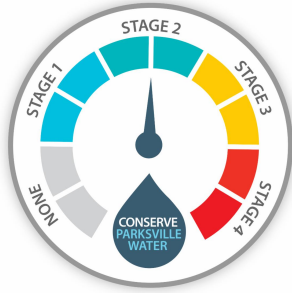
Property tax notices will be mailed at the end of May and the due date for property taxes is Tuesday, July 2, 2024, with penalties as follows:

- Regardless of payment method, payment must be received at the City of Parksville by the due date of Tuesday, July 2, 2024, or be subject to an immediate 5% penalty.
- An additional 5% penalty will be applied to current year property taxes outstanding at the end of business on September 16.

- Penalties are also applied to any unclaimed homeowner grants.
- Property tax information and schedules may be viewed at this [link](#).

Meetings to consider the 2024-2028 financial plan began in late 2023 with Committee of the Whole and Council meetings held into April. The City's financial plan and staff presentations from the meetings may be viewed on [Let's Talk Parksville](#). As well, the meetings are archived and may be viewed on our website through [webstreaming](#).

[More Info](#)



Water Restriction Stage 2

We encourage all residents to conserve where possible; taking conservation 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 is in effect from May 1 through September 30 (unless otherwise notified) and allows for every other day

lawn watering between 7 and 10 am OR 7 and 10 pm for a maximum of two hours. Please note vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from watering restrictions. During summer months, our water use can double mainly due to outdoor uses such as watering lawns and gardens and washing cars and outdoor surfaces. Region-wide water use restrictions are an effective way to reduce summer demand and ensure supply for essential services. Please direct questions to bylaw@parksville.ca

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

Visit our [water conservation page](#) for more information on the importance of reducing our water use and some easy tips on how you save water around your home.

National AccessAbility Week

The City's first formal accessibility plan approved by Council in November 2023, was developed with the advice of the City's accessibility advisory committee and included feedback from the community. The plan serves as a guide to reduce or eliminate barriers and to advance inclusion in the City.



This year, National Accessibility Week is being recognized from May 26 to June 1. We hope you will take a few minutes to review the information at letstalkparksville.ca/accessibility-plan and let us know about an accessibility challenge or barriers you may have encountered.

CITY OF PARKSVILLE EVENTS

Canada Day Celebrations

We are 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 you will connect with families, neighbours, and friends at our Canada Day festivities in Parksville.

Parksville's Canada Day Parade is the best!

Do you have a community group or organization you would like to promote? Are you the coach or organizer of an amazing team, or sports organization? Dance troupe? Cultural organization? Local business or non-profit agency? Get together, decorate your float and join the 2024 Canada Day Parade in Parksville. Parade applications and info on [Let's Talk Parksville](#) and check our [Canada Day Facebook](#) page. If you have questions about Canada Day events, please email

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

- 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.
- There will be a variety of food trucks in the parking lot by the sport fields from 11 am through early evening.
- There will be no vendors in the park and planned activities will finish around 7 pm.
- 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.

CELEBRATE 

Canada Day 2024

IN PARKSVILLE

Monday, July 1

 *Bobs & Lolo*

 *The Apollos*







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	<i>Bobs & Lolo</i>	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 pm - 7 pm	Buskers and entertainment	Gathering Plaza

 **City of Parksville**

LetsTalkParksville.ca/Canada-Day

Dance with Me at Memorial

We are looking forward to hosting once again, along with the Parksville Downtown Business Association, *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.

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.

Dance With Me at Memorial

Free! Fun! Everyone welcome!

Instruction by Sara Raymond Dance Academy
and music by DJ Dave Graham



Memorial Plaza - Memorial Avenue and Alberni Highway
parksville.ca | parksvilledowntown.ca



REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW...

Construction at Church and Wembley Roads

Residents should be aware of ongoing work over the next six months to facilitate construction at 413 Wembley Road. The work includes 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.

Reminder for Residents - No Open Burning or Fireworks

Parksville Fire Rescue is reminding residents that all open burning and outdoor fires, excluding cooking fires, are prohibited in the Parksville Fire Protection Area. As well, beach fires in the Parksville Qualicum Wildlife Management are prohibited by provincial legislation; this includes all beaches from French Creek to Resort Drive. The Parksville Fire Protection Area encompasses the City of Parksville and contract areas within the Regional District of Nanaimo which include San Pareil, Morningstar, Columbia Beach, French Creek, and the Fourneau Road, Wildgreen and Martindale Road areas as well as the Forever Green Estates.



The sale of any type of fireworks is prohibited in the City of Parksville and all fireworks are banned within City limits. This includes the possession of consumer fireworks; fireworks should not be purchased elsewhere and brought into the City of Parksville. A person must not fire or discharge fireworks unless authorized by a permit.

Should you need to report an incident:

Fire emergency (threat to lives and/or property)	911
Open fire in the Parksville Fire Protection Area	250 248-3242
Beach fires (RAPP line)	1 877 952-7277
Fireworks	RCMP

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](#).

Recycle BC Pop-up Depot

The depot in Parksville is accepting free of charge, flexible plastic packaging, white and coloured foam packaging, glass packaging and paper packaging and cardboard. Materials may be dropped off from 10 am to 3 pm at 1080 Industrial Way, Parksville on May 25, June 15 and June 29. For more dates and info, visit Recycle BC [website](#).

Why *Let's Talk Parksville*?

Wondering why we use *Let's Talk Parksville* to engage with our 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 ask questions and share your ideas for making Parksville a better place. [Let's Talk Parksville!](#)



More on our website:

- [Mobile Food Truck Vendors in the City of Parksville](#)
- [Summer in the City](#)

WE'RE HIRING!

We are seeking qualified candidates for these positions:

Engineering Technologists II and III

[More info here](#)

COMING UP AT COUNCIL

Next Council Meeting - *Wednesday, May 22*

Our next regular Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22 at 1 pm. Here's some general information for you:

- Meeting agendas are posted to the website on the Thursday before a Monday meeting.
- Meetings may be viewed from webstreaming on our website, both live and archived.
- We post meeting highlights to the website the day after the Council meeting, a great way to catch up on decisions made by Council at the meeting.
- The public is welcome to attend meetings in person. Meetings are held in the Forum, 100 Jensen Avenue East.
- Comments may be emailed to council@parksville.ca. Residents wishing comments to be considered by Council prior to the meetings, should be received by 4 pm on the working day before the meeting.

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CITY DATES

May 20	Victoria Day Holiday (offices closed)
May 22	Council Meeting
June 3	Council Meeting
June 17	Council Meeting
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

For more information:

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