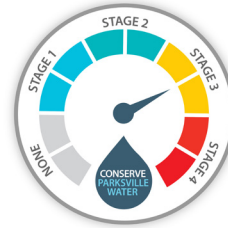


Stage 3 Watering Restrictions

Earlier this month, the City implemented Stage 3 water conservation measures. Stage 3 maintains the same even and odd day watering framework as Stage 2 and encourages residents to further reduce consumption to defer a comprehensive watering ban, offering flexibility for residents to decide where and how to reduce outdoor water use. Watering of vegetable gardens and fruit trees and drip irrigation is exempt from restrictions.

The province now lists eastern Vancouver Island as Drought level 4, "adverse impacts to socio-economic or ecosystem values are likely" and continues to call on communities to reduce water consumption, especially outdoor use. Reduction in water use is critical and by proactively conserving groundwater and surface water, we ensure water supply resiliency for essential household use, fire protection, stream flows for fish, and irrigation purposes.

The City has several water licences issued by the province for drinking water purposes and when the Arrowsmith Dam was constructed, the City committed to releasing water to the Englishman River in drier months to add to the base flow, which is beneficial for fish and the riparian ecosystem. To prolong the release of water from the dam, a reduction in the flow release was approved which required the City to implement Stage 3 conservation levels. We encourage residents to reduce consumption. More information at letstalkparksville.ca/water-restrictions.



Support for bees, butterflies and birds

This year's Pym Street garden is meant to bring awareness about bees and their habitat. Bees play a crucial role in our ecosystem as pollinators, aiding in the reproduction of many plants and crops. Bees, birds and butterflies rely on our gardens and green spaces for food and shelter.

Another way to protect bees is creation of naturalized pollinator meadows in some of our parks and open spaces. The areas are being maintained in a slightly different manner and are intended to improve habitat for beneficial species of plants and animals, including birds, bees and butterflies, more moisture in our soils for longer, helping trees during periods of drought, and less carbon emissions during maintenance.

Concerns linking fire, insects, and garbage accumulation to unmowed grass have not been substantiated by research or information gathered from other municipalities. As ecological benefits and rainfall decline, the long grass will turn brown, and we will mow these areas. Nicolls Park is example of an area used by the public with reduced mowing. Ideas, resources at letstalkparksville.ca/pollinators.



Dance with Me at Memorial

The City of Parksville and Parksville Downtown Business Association are hosting *Dance with Me at Memorial* events, your chance to learn some new dance moves with free dance instruction by Sara Raymond Dance Academy and music by Dave Graham. There are two more Dance with Me; west coast swing on **August 1** and line dancing on **August 15**, Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 pm.

Dance with Me at Memorial is a fun, active and social community event for all ages, intended to encourage community spirit through dance! Bring your family, friends, or come meet others while you learn new dance moves, spectators welcome and no dance experience required.

Emergency Preparedness Expo 2024 – September 7

Emergency Management Oceanside is hosting an Emergency Preparedness Expo on Saturday, September 7 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre. First responders, government agencies, emergency supply vendors, utilities and emergency partners will host activities to help emphasize the importance of taking steps to improve emergency preparedness and response. Learn about the challenges we face in an emergency and how to be better prepared. Displays, demos, workshops, kids' activities, and Quake Cottage. It's all free! More info at emergencyoceanside.ca

THINGS WE'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW...

Transportation Master Plan Update - Results from phase 2 engagement, What We Heard Report #2, may be viewed at letstalkparksville.ca/transportation-plan. The third and final engagement phase will present recommended projects and improvements across all modes of travel (auto, transit, walking, cycling) with the goal to confirm the plan captures a balanced and practical approach to achieving the City's mobility goals. There will be opportunities to provide feedback at an open house on October 1 and as part of a third online survey.

Parksville's Canada Day - We celebrated Canada's 157th with an amazing community parade and the Parksville Community Park busy with families, friends and neighbours who gathered to celebrate the day. Photos at letstalkparksville.ca/canadaday.

Campfire ban now in effect applies to open fires of any size including campfires. Implemented by the Parksville fire chief for the Parksville Fire Protection Area in conjunction with the Coastal Fire Centre ban.

Mobi-mat and beach chair program, now in place on Parksville Bay beach, may be accessed from the concrete ramp in front of the waterfront gazebo. In partnership with Access Oceanside Association and donation from Corona Canada, the accessible 100 foot-long beach mat pilot installation for this summer, will enable easier beach access for people using wheelchairs, families with strollers and others. The donation by Corona Canada also included two beach wheelchairs which may be reserved free of charge through the Beach Club Resort, 250 248-8999 or beachclub@bellstar.ca.



Fall grant-in-aid program deadline 4 pm, August 30. Non-profit organizations in the arts, cultural, recreational, or social services fields are eligible to apply. Info on program, policy, instructions, and application may be obtained from City Hall or from the website [Mayor and Council/Grant-in-Aid Applications].

Summer in the City

Summer is always a busy time for Parksville with events and festivals. visitparksvillequalicumbeach.com/events

- **Summer by the Sea Street Market on Craig Street** is hosted by the Parksville Chamber with many great artisans and vendors, Tuesday evenings until August 27.
- **Parksville Museum** features a wonderful array of historical artifacts and heritage buildings which serve as a window into the life of early Parksville. parksvillemuseum.com
- **Parksville Beach Festival** and the Quality Foods Sand Sculpting Competition and Exhibition now in full swing in the Parksville Community Park through August 18. Sand sculpting exhibit open 9.30 am to 8.30 pm daily. Info at parksvillebeachfest.ca.



City Dates

August 1	Dance with Me at Memorial
August 5	BC Day (offices closed)
August 15	Dance with Me at Memorial
September 2	Labour Day (offices closed)
September 4	Council Meeting
September 7	EMO Emergency Preparedness Expo 2024
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (offices closed)
October 1	Transportation Master Plan Open House
October 7	Council Meeting
October 14	Thanksgiving (offices closed)
October 21	Council Meeting

**No Council meetings in August*

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