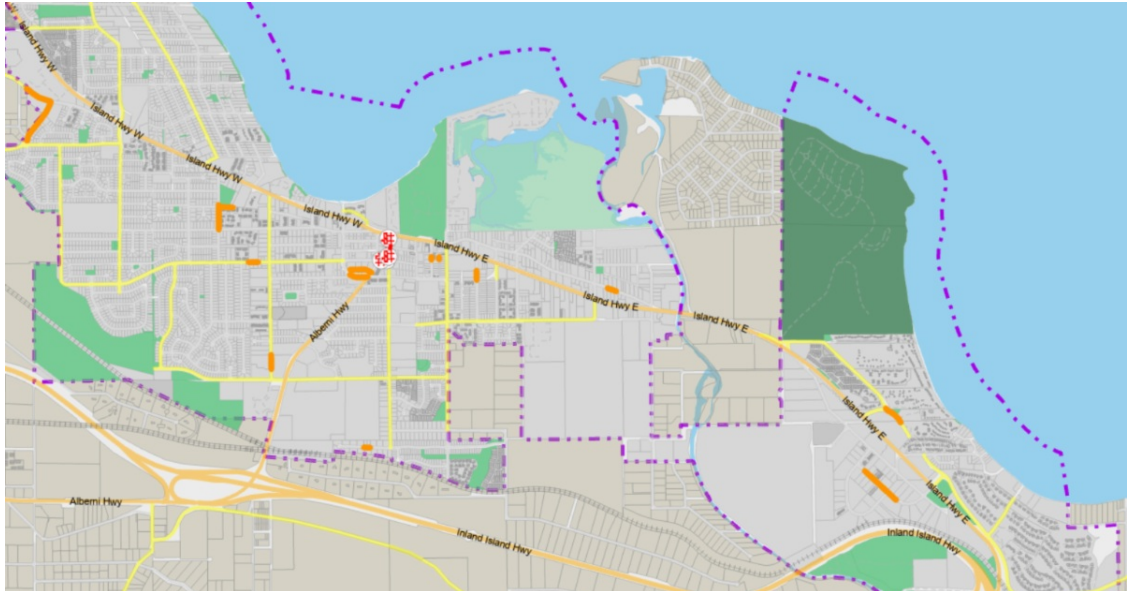




August 19, 2024



More than just a map!

The City's interactive web map plays a critical role in providing accessible, real-time spatial information to the public. By providing an interactive platform for residents, and outside agencies to access up-to-date information, the map can help facilitate transparency and streamline access to data all in one place. The [ParksvilleMap](#) allows users to explore zoning details, infrastructure layouts, public amenity locations, and access property information.

Users can customize different map views and layouts and with just a few clicks, search, show and hide layers, draw, measure, perform queries, and print your map. There are a variety of map layers that can be turned on and off to customize the information the user wants to see on the map. This system is used by virtually every City department for planning, engineering and presentation purposes.

Citizens also have access to real-time data related to construction activities in the City, allowing an understanding of where road closures or road construction may occur. Overall, the City's web map demonstrates how digital mapping technology can improve local governance, enhance public access to vital information, and foster a more engaged and informed community. The ParksvilleMap may be viewed from the City's [website](#). We hope you will give it a try!

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXPO 2024

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
10 am to 4 pm

QUALICUM BEACH CIVIC CENTRE
747 JONES STREET

FREE ADMISSION
Displays, demonstrations, workshops, kids' activities, and Quake Cottage, mobile earthquake simulator.

We're Prepared. Are You?

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OCEANSIDE (EMO)

Emergency Preparedness Expo 2024 - September 7

To help residents be better prepared, Emergency Management Oceanside (Town of Qualicum Beach, City of Parksville and Regional District of Nanaimo) are hosting Emergency Preparedness Expo 2024. As we get closer to the Expo, more info may be

found on [Emergency Management Oceanside website](#).

Who

Everyone living in the Oceanside region

What

Emergency Preparedness Expo 2024

When

Saturday, September 7, 10 am to 4 pm

Where

Qualicum Beach Civic Centre, 747 Jones Street

Why

Be aware, plan, prepare and survive!

Expo 2024 offers something for everyone and it's all free!

First responders, government agencies, emergency supply vendors, utilities, and emergency partners will host a variety of activities which will highlight the importance of taking steps to improve emergency preparedness and response. Displays, demonstrations and workshops to learn about the challenges we face in an emergency and how to be better prepared. Everyone welcome!

FREE drop-in workshops

For those who would like more in-depth information about preparedness in general, a series of free workshops will be offered on personal preparedness, FireSmart, food security, presentation from the Ministry of Agriculture, presentation on age and health factors for preparedness, how to register for Voyent Alert! and the short film documentary screening of *Tsunami 11th Relative* which explores the history of west coast tsunamis from an Indigenous perspective.

Experience Quake Cottage

Quake Cottage is Canada's only mobile earthquake simulator, designed to provide an experience of what it would be like to go through a major earthquake, while in a safe, controlled environment. Quake Cottage simulates the motion, ground force acceleration, S-Wave action, and sound of a large-scale, magnitude 8.0 earthquake. During the 35 second simulation, there is a video of a dramatized earthquake, realistic rumble sounds, as well as an ability to experience the potential hazards of falling objects. Children two and older may participate with a parent or guardian. Operators will answer questions before and after the simulation and work to ensure the experience is meaningful to all.



WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

Are you prepared for an emergency? If the answer is “no”, then we encourage you to stop by Expo 2024. Whether you are just curious, casually interested or someone who is seriously prepared, there is something for you at this Expo. Disasters may be beyond our control, but there are ways to reduce the risk and the impact of whatever emergency we might face. There will be free kids' activities with prizes for all who participate as well as door prizes throughout the day.

Transportation Master Plan Moving Right Along

Phase 3 of the transportation master plan project is now here. Phase 3 will focus on developing practical recommendations for transportation infrastructure improvements to support the needs of Parksville over the next twenty years. This is the final engagement phase which will present recommended projects and improvements across all modes of travel (auto, transit, walking, cycling) with the goal to confirm that 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, from 2-7 pm and as part of a third online survey. Similar to the first two phases, there will be presentations at 3 and 5 pm.

The results from phase 2 engagement may be reviewed on Let's Talk Parksville in the [What We Heard Report #2](#). Please refer to [Let's Talk Parksville](#) for project

details.



RDN and NRHD Provincial Election Candidate Forums

The Regional District of Nanaimo and Nanaimo Regional Hospital District will co-host four candidate forums leading up to the October 19 provincial election. One forum will take place in each of the four electoral districts: Mid Island-Pacific Rim, Ladysmith-Oceanside, Nanaimo- Lantzville and Nanaimo-Gabriola.



These free forums will provide residents with the opportunity to hear Member of the Legislative Assembly candidates speak on various election topics that matter to the community. Residents are invited to attend in person and to submit proposed

questions for consideration by September 13 for their MLA candidates. The participating candidates will answer questions selected from these advance submissions during the forum. Please note that questions will not be taken from the floor during the forum. The RDN will invite all candidates to participate in the forums; however, not all may be able to attend. Forums will be moderated by media personalities and/or community leaders.

Mid Island-Pacific Rim

When: Wednesday, September 25, 7-9 pm, doors open at 6.30 pm

Where: Bradley Centre, 975 Shearmer Road, Coombs

Ladysmith-Oceanside

When: Thursday, September 26, 2024, 7-9 pm, doors open at 6.30 pm

Where: Tigh-Na-Mara Resort, 1155 Resort Drive, Parksville

Nanaimo-Lantzville

When: Wednesday, October 2, 7-9 pm, doors open at 6.30 pm

Where: Wellington Secondary School, 3135 Mexicana Road, Nanaimo

Nanaimo-Gabriola

When: Thursday, October 3, 7-9 pm, doors open at 6.30 pm

Where: Nanaimo Curling Club, 106 Wall Street, Nanaimo

Forums will be recorded and posted on the RDN YouTube channel. Information on the forums and how to submit questions will be posted on the RDN Get Involved [website](#). More details will also be shared closer to the event at rdn.bc.ca/hospital-district, on social media channels and in local media.

REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW

Parksville's Stage 3 water conservation measures were implemented in July. 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.

We encourage residents to reduce consumption. More info at [Let's Talk Parksville](#) and suggestions for ways to conserve indoor and outdoor at this [link](#).



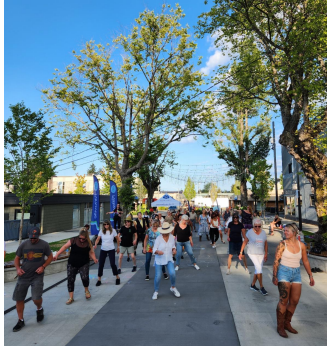
Campfire ban now in effect applies to open fires of any size including campfires. Implemented by the Parksville fire chief for the Parksville Fire Protection Area in conjunction with the [Coastal Fire Centre](#) ban.

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](#).

Recycle BC pop-up 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. For dates and more info, visit Recycle BC [website](#).

Dance with Me at Memorial wrapped last Thursday after another successful summer in the plaza! Thanks to all who participated and those who came to cheer them on.



WE'RE HIRING!

We are seeking qualified candidates for these positions:

**Casual Caretaker Custodian
Engineering Technologists I, II and III**

More info here

CITY DATES

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

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