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Gathering Plaza Survey

Parksville residents and all users of the Parksville Community Park are invited to provide feedback and ideas about the new gathering plaza in the Parksville Community Park; how the space is used and how the space could be used in the future.

Major improvements and upgrades to amenities in the Parksville Community Park were completed earlier this year and we are pleased to see the spaces being used extensively by the public. We listened to concerns from park users who will now be better served with the new washroom building, improved accessible connections throughout the park, upgraded sports courts, new fencing at the sand volleyball courts, the new gathering space, and improved drop off areas.

We understand public spaces are important for community engagement, relaxing and socializing. With this survey, we hope to learn from visitors how the new gathering plaza space is being used and how it could be used in the future. Whether it's adding more greenery, organized events, or seating options, we want to hear from you. Participating in this survey is a voice in ensuring the gathering plaza space continues to be a vibrant, inviting, and inclusive space that enhances quality of life and fosters a sense of community.

Let's Talk Parksville has information about the recent Parksville Community Park upgrades should you wish more details. The survey available from the City's [website](#) and **Let's Talk Parksville** is open until October 14. Paper copies are available from City offices.



Repairs to Waterfront Walkway Parksville Community Park

The first phase of the City's waterfront walkway replacement project is now underway and is expected to be complete near the end of October. An area of the

walkway, about 375 square metres or just over 4,000 square feet adjacent to the waterfront gazebo and the sandcastles area will undergo replacement of timber decking and curbing. As well, the two long curved benches will be replaced. Subsequent phases over the next three to four years will see replacement of the entire waterfront walkway.

During the work, this section of the waterfront walkway will be closed to the public and park users will need to reroute through the Parksville Community Park. Signage, fencing and barricades will indicate the work zone.



Parksville's Transportation Master Plan



Tuesday, October 1, 2-7 pm

Presentations at 3 pm and 5 pm

100 Jensen Avenue East

PHASE 3 OPEN HOUSE

Phase 3 is here! You're invited to preview plan content at our third engagement open house. We're asking for your feedback to help guide project priorities as well as your final thoughts on areas for improvement. Phase 3 will focus on developing practical recommendations for transportation infrastructure improvements to support the needs of Parksville over the next twenty years.



We are now in the third round of community engagement for Parksville's transportation master plan and need your feedback to ensure we're on the right track. You are invited to the third engagement open house on October 1 from 2-7 pm in the Forum, 100 Jensen Avenue East. Presentations by the project consultant are scheduled for 3 pm and 5 pm.

We are asking for your feedback to help guide project priorities as well as provide your final thoughts on areas for future improvement. Phase 3 will focus on developing practical recommendations for transportation infrastructure improvements to support the needs of Parksville over the next twenty years. This final engagement will present the recommended projects and improvements across all modes of travel (auto, transit, walking, and cycling) with the goal of confirming with the community that the plan is capturing a balanced and practical approach to achieving the City's mobility goals. There will be opportunities to provide this feedback at the open house on October 1 and as part of a third online survey which will be open from October 1 through November 3.

The City began developing a transportation master plan in July 2023. In the first round of public engagement, ending in December 2023, the public told us what they wanted in general terms. This information was then used to develop direction for policies, projects and planning. Phase 2 engagement was completed in April 2024 with more than 700 people responding to the phase 2 survey. The second [What We Heard report](#) was made available in July with the results helping to further refine the policies, projects and planning developed after the first engagement. Our thanks to everyone who participated to help shape this plan.

We look forward to completing the third and final phase of the transportation master plan project which will finalize recommended projects with costs, funding sources, and a plan for implementation. The final recommendations will be presented to Council for consideration in early 2025. More info and details about this project may be viewed on [Let's Talk Parksville](#).

BC Culture Days - September 20 to October 13

The City is excited to host BC Culture Days for 2024, a vibrant showcase of community arts and activities. There's so much happening for the Parksville-Qualicum Beach region. Please refer to the BC Culture Days [website](#) for the most current information.

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CULTURE
DAYS

The entire community is invited to celebrate Culture Days in Oceanside with a variety of events for all to enjoy from September 21st through October 13th.



Scan here for more details!
Find free events at culturedays.ca

SEPTEMBER 20 - OCTOBER 13



Parkville and Oceanside Community Culture Days
HUB

PARKSVILLE

[BC Culture Days – Provincial Kickoff](#)

Organized by Oceanside Community Culture Days - September 21, 11 am to 4 pm
Jensen Centre, 132 Jensen Avenue East, Parksville

[Loom-Unity: Creating Community Together](#)

Organized by Qualicum Weavers and Spinners Guild - September 20 to October 13
Atrium, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre, 100 Jensen Avenue East, Parksville

[Imbibe Story Slam](#)

Organized by Michelle Manke - September 27, 7 pm to 9 pm
McMillan Arts Centre, 133 McMillan Street, Parksville

[Graffiti for REAL - Community Mural Project with Adam Lewis](#)

Organized by Oceanside Community Culture Days - September 28, 11 am to 5 pm
Jensen Centre, 132 Jensen Avenue East, Parksville

[POPOOLA PALOOZA - Scrap Metal Sculpture Project](#)

Organized by Oceanside Community Culture Days - October 13, 7 pm to 8.30 pm
Jensen Centre, 132 Jensen Avenue East, Parksville

QUALICUM BEACH

[Film, FireSmart and Fun Day](#)

Organized by Diane Moran - September 21

Meadowood Community Hall, 1810 Galvin Place, Qualicum Beach

Drop by between 10:45 am and 2.45 pm. 11 am and 1 pm film screenings of "Back Home Again."

[Blue Ecology Hope for the Future with Michael Blackstock at Berwick](#)

Organized by Diane Moran - September 29, 7 pm to 8.30 pm

Berwick Qualicum Beach, 120 First Avenue West, Qualicum Beach

[Talking Circle with Michael Blackstock of Blue Ecology at Berwick](#)

Organized by Diane Moran - September 30, 1 pm to 2.30 pm.

Berwick Qualicum Beach, 120 First Avenue West, Qualicum Beach

[Route 19A Arts Festival](#)

September 21, 10 am to 5 pm and September 22, 10 am to 4 pm

Multi-studio art tour with 33 participating artists, organized by Lighthouse Hall Community Centre. Tour extends along Route 19A from Qualicum Beach to Union Bay.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30



In response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's findings, September 30 has been designated as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honours the Indigenous people impacted by the residential school system in Canada, the children who never returned home, and the survivors of residential schools in Canada, as well as the resiliency of their families and communities.

In acknowledgement of the important contribution Indigenous people and communities provide and in the spirit of reconciliation, the PCTC will be lit in orange and the commemorative flag will be flown from September 23 through October 3. City offices will be closed on September 30 for the statutory holiday.

There is a growing awareness of the importance of this day and the conversation about what reconciliation truly means. September 30 is also Orange Shirt Day, intended to raise awareness of the inter-generational impacts of residential schools and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters." The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by

Indigenous children over generations. We encourage all to wear orange to honour the thousands of survivors of residential schools.

The City of Parksville recognizes with gratitude, the people of the Coast Salish Nations and the traditional territory of the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.

Resources and information

- To learn more, visit the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation [website](#) and information about [residential school history](#).
- The [commemorative flag](#) was created by survivors to share their expression of remembrance with the broader public and to honour residential school survivors, families, and communities impacted by the residential school system in Canada.

REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW

Property Tax Sale

Property tax accounts with delinquent taxes (outstanding from 2022) on October 7, 2024, are subject to tax sale which, if required, will be held in the Forum, Parksville Civic and Technology Centre (100 Jensen Avenue East) at 10 am on October 7.

Late Payment of Property Taxes

A 5% penalty was applied to current year property taxes and unclaimed homeowner grants outstanding after the due date of July 2, 2024. An additional 5% penalty will be applied to current year property taxes and unclaimed homeowner grants that remain outstanding at the end of business on September 16. Penalties are applied in accordance with Sections 233 and 234 of the Community Charter and City of Parksville Bylaw No. 1583. The City has no authority to either waive or modify these penalty amounts.

RDN and NRHD to Host 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, Nanaimo- Lantzville, Nanaimo-Gabriola and for Parksville residents:

Ladysmith-Oceanside Riding

September 26, 7-9 pm

Doors open 6.30 pm

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

These free forums will provide residents with the opportunity to hear MLA 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. Forums will be recorded and posted on the RDN YouTube channel. Info on the forums and how to submit questions is posted at

Recycle BC Pop-up Depot

The 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](#).

WE'RE HIRING!

We are seeking qualified candidates for these positions:

Engineering Technologists I, II and III

More info here

CITY DATES

September 16	Second Property Tax Penalty
Sept 20 to Oct 13	BC Culture Days - Oceanside
September 26	All Candidates Forum for Ladysmith-Oceanside Riding
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (offices closed)
October 1	Master Transportation Plan Open House
October 7	Council Meeting
October 7	Property Tax Sale (if required)
October 14	Thanksgiving (offices closed)
October 21	Council Meeting
October 27	Parksville Fire Prevention Open House
October 28	Special Council Meeting (Financial Plan)
October 30	Special Council Meeting (Financial Plan)
November 4	Council Meeting (Financial Plan)
November 6	Special Council Meeting (Financial Plan)
November 11	Remembrance Day (offices closed)
November 18	Council Meeting
December 2	Council Meeting
December 7	Cookies, Carols and More!

For more information:

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