

## Phase 3 is Here! Transportation Master Plan Open House

Phase 3 of the transportation master plan project is now here and 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 with presentations at 3 and 5 pm.

For those not able to attend the open house, an online survey will be open October 1 to November 3. Engagement results from previous phases may be reviewed at [Letstalkparksville.ca/transportation-plan](http://Letstalkparksville.ca/transportation-plan).

### Transportation Master Plan PHASE 3 OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, October 1, 2-7 pm  
100 Jensen Avenue East



National Day  
for Truth and  
Reconciliation  
September 30

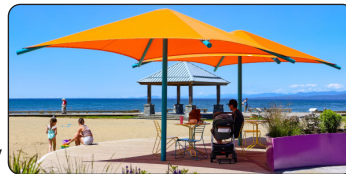
In acknowledgement of the important contribution Indigenous people and communities provide and in the spirit of reconciliation, the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre will be lit in orange and the survivors' flag will be flown from September 23 through October 3. City offices will be closed on Monday, 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 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.

## Gathering Plaza Survey

Parksville residents and all users of the Parksville Community Park are invited to provide ideas about the new gathering plaza in the park; how the space is used and how the space could be used in the future. Public spaces are important for community engagement, relaxing and socializing. Your participation will ensure the gathering plaza continues to be a vibrant, inviting, and inclusive space which enhances quality of life and fosters a sense of community. Open until October 14, the survey links from the City's website and *Let's Talk Parksville*. Paper copies available from City offices.



Parksville Community Park upgrades were completed earlier this year and we are pleased to see the spaces well used by the public. We listened to concerns from park users who will now be better served with the new washroom building, improved accessible connections, upgraded sports courts, new fencing at the sand volleyball courts, the new gathering space, and improved drop off areas. [Letstalkparksville.ca/parksville-community-park](http://Letstalkparksville.ca/parksville-community-park).



## 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 was applied to current year property taxes and unclaimed homeowner grants 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.

### BC Culture Days in Oceanside September 20 to October 13

The City is excited to be the host city for 2024 BC Culture Days, a vibrant showcase of community arts and activities. Refer to the BC Culture Days website for the most current information. [[culturedays.ca](http://culturedays.ca)]



### More than just a map!

The City's interactive web map provides 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 map 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. The map also provides real-time data related to construction activities in the City, allowing an understanding of where road closures or road construction may occur. Give it a try! ([Quicklink - Map](#))

### Repairs to Waterfront Walkway Parksville Community Park

The first phase of the City's waterfront walkway replacement project is now underway and will complete in late October. An area of the walkway, about 375 square metres 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. This section of the walkway is closed to the public and park users will need to reroute through the park; signage, fencing and barricades will indicate the work zone. The entire waterfront walkway will be replaced over the next three to four years.

### Provincial Election Candidate Forums

The Regional District of Nanaimo and Nanaimo Regional Hospital District will co-host candidate forums leading up to the October 19 provincial election. The free forums provide residents with the opportunity to hear MLA candidates speak on election topics important to the community. Questions will not be taken from the floor. For Parksville residents, the Ladysmith-Oceanside riding forum will be held at Tigh-Na-Mara Resort on September 26, 7-9 pm (doors open 6.30 pm). Recorded forums will be posted on the RDN YouTube channel. [[getinvolved.rdn.bc/who-we-are](http://getinvolved.rdn.bc/who-we-are)]

## City Dates



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| September 30      | National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (offices closed) |
| October 1         | Transportation Master 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 Rescue Open House                          |
| October 28 and 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 16-17    | Parksville Fire <i>Fill the Boots for Food Drive</i>       |
| November 18       | Council Meeting  |
| December 2        | Council Meeting  |
| December 7        | Cookies, Carols and More!                                  |

## How to Reach Council

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