

October 16, 2024



The first phase of the waterfront walkway replacement project is now complete. The area near the waterfront gazebo in the Parksville Community Park has new timber decking and curbing and two new long curved benches. Over the next few years, the entire waterfront walkway will be replaced.

Help Shape Parksville's 2025-2029 Financial Plan

Each year, the City prepares a five-year financial plan, a complex process which includes input from City departments, Council briefings and public consultation. Guided by Council priorities, the annual budget is part of the five-year financial plan which sets the priority services, programs and initiatives for the next five years and how the City will pay for them. Public participation ensures the plan reflects the community's priorities and assists Council to balance individual needs and the needs of a growing community.

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES SURVEY online until October 27. Share your feedback on City services which matter most to you. Tell us what you value and where we should prioritize spending. Survey may be accessed from the [website](#), [Let's Talk Parksville](#) and paper copies from City Hall.



FINANCIAL PLAN MEETINGS OPEN TO PUBLIC are set for October 28, October 30, November 4, November 6 and November 18. Refer to the City's website calendar for times and [Let's Talk Parksville](#) for details about how you can participate in the process.

Parksville's Transportation Master Plan

PHASE 3 SURVEY

Continue the conversation!

You're invited to participate in the third round of community engagement for Parksville's transportation master plan! Your feedback will help ensure we're on the right track, help guide project priorities and identify areas for future improvement. Survey and information from the recent open house is available on LetsTalkParksville.ca/Transportation-Plan

Survey open until November 3, thanks for participating!



The third and final round of community engagement for our transportation master plan project is here and once again, we're looking for your feedback; this time to determine if we're on the right track. Phase 3 online survey may be accessed from Let's Talk Parksville, City's [website](#) and paper copies from City Hall. Survey is open until November 3. Survey comments will help us to better understand your priorities. Presentation from the open house earlier this month as well as Phase 1 and Phase 2 results may be reviewed on Let's Talk Parksville.

CITY HOSTED EVENTS

PARKSVILLE FIRE RESCUE OPEN HOUSE



parksvillefirerescue.ca

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27
10 am to 2 pm

Parksville Firehall - 160 Jensen Avenue West

Learn about fire safety and more...

- Displays and activities
- Home escape plans
- How to perform CPR
- How to use a fire extinguisher
- Home fire sprinklers and smoke alarms
- Try hose and target practice
- Bunker gear challenge for kids

*Fun for the whole family,
everyone welcome!*

Parksville Volunteer Fire Department members will host their annual open house on Sunday, October 27 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Parksville Fire Hall, 160 Jensen Avenue West. You are invited to learn about fire safety - home fire sprinklers, smoke alarms and home escape plans. Demos to learn how to use a fire extinguisher, how to perform CPR, try hose and target practice, and so much more.

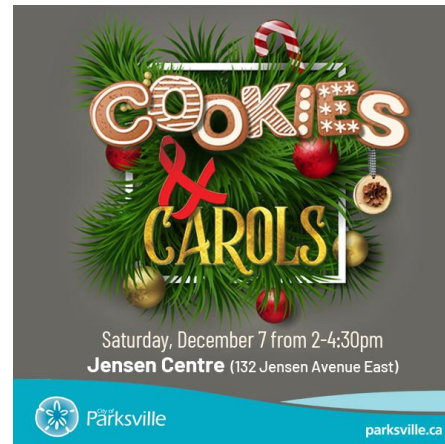
Try on actual firefighting gear, check out the latest emergency vehicles at this popular event. Plus, you'll get to meet some of the people who work together to keep our community safe. Bring the whole family for fire safety fun. Everyone

welcome! More info at this [link](#).

This year's fire prevention week theme, **"Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!"** strives to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home. Resources and info at this [link](#).



Fill the Boots for Food Drive
Mark your calendars for the annual food and toy drive, November 16 and 17. From locations throughout Parkville, firefighters will collect cash donations for the Salvation Army and new unwrapped toys for the Society of Organized Services. [MORE INFO](#)



Cookies, Carols and More!
We are set for Saturday, December 7 from 2 to 4.30 pm at the Jensen Centre. Celebrate the holiday season with family and friends. Hosted by the City, this event will feature entertainment, cookies, hot chocolate and coffee, activities for kids and their families, and a visit from Santa. Everyone welcome! [MORE INFO](#)

ShakeOut BC on October 17

The Great BC Shakeout drill is scheduled for October 17 at 10.17am. Every year on the third Thursday in October, millions of people around the world join to *Drop, Cover, Hold On* in their homes, workplaces or schools. This year we're encouraging to you register and take part.

Earthquake drills are an easy way to practice the steps you can take to protect yourself during an earthquake. The safest steps to take when you first feel an earthquake are to *Drop, Cover and Hold On*. A high number of injuries caused by earthquakes happen when people are trying to move around while the shaking is still taking place. Stop what you're doing, take cover under something or protect your head and neck with your arm and hold on to something sturdy until after the shaking has stopped. If you aren't physically able to *Drop, Cover and Hold On*, perhaps you can *Lock or Brace, Cover and Hold On*.

Think about ways you can make your space safer. Many injuries from earthquakes occur

Protect Yourself During Earthquakes!

IF POSSIBLE



USING CANE



USING WALKER



USING WHEELCHAIR



when items fall onto people because of the force of the ground shaking. Perhaps you need to secure larger furniture to the wall, or remove picture frames from above your couch or bed?

ShakeOut BC

REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW

Utility notices are due Thursday, October 31. If you have not received your notice in the mail by October 10, contact 250 248-6144 or cashier@parksville.ca. Accepted payments are Interac, cash, cheque, or online banking. For online banking, add the City as a payee by searching Parksville, choose the utility option and enter your six-digit account number (not the folio or access code).

Comprehensive Watering Ban, Stage 4 was implemented on September 23 due to low flows in the Englishman River. On July 16, 2024, the City received a temporary **Enabling Order** from the province at which time, the City moved to Stage 3 water conservation when water flow maintains above 1.6 cubic metres per second (m3s) in the Englishman River. This order indicates when the average flow in the river falls below 1.20 m3s, we would move to Stage 4. This occurred the week of September 16 and on September 23, were advised to immediately move to Stage 4 to comply with the order. Stage 4 is in place until further notice. Information at this [link](#).

Veteran Remembrance Banners will be on display along Island Highway East and Alberni Highway through November to honour local veterans who gave their lives in World War I and World War II. Approved by Council in 2020, this program honours the sixty veterans listed on the cenotaph. There is a section on [Let's Talk Parksville](#) about this project which tells the heartwarming stories of these veterans. Please take a few minutes to read these individual stories, we know you won't be disappointed.

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](#).

We're excited! Friends of Foster Park will once again host the popular Foster Park Pumpkin Walk on Thursday, October 31, 7 to 9 pm. Foster Park is located at 625 Pym Street North at Sanderson Road.

Friends of Foster Park
Pumpkin Walk
 October 31st
 7pm - 9pm
 Goodie Bags
 Foster Park
 off
 Sanderson Road

Hot Dogs & Drinks by Donation



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CITY DATES

October 21	Council Meeting
October 27	Parksville Fire Open House
October 28	Special Council Meeting - Financial Plan
October 30	Special Council Meeting - Financial Plan
October 31	Utility notices due
November 4	Council Meeting
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!
December 16	Council Meeting

For more information:

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