

October 30, 2024



*Have a safe and happy Halloween!*

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## Transportation Master Plan - Phase 3 Survey

The third and final round of community engagement for our transportation master plan project is underway with the phase 3 online survey **open until November 3**. We're looking for your feedback; this time to determine if we're on the right track. Survey may be accessed from [Let's Talk Parksville](#), City's [website](#) and paper copies from City Hall. Information from previous phases may be viewed on [Let's Talk Parksville](#).



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## Parksville's 2025-2029 Financial Plan

The City's five-year financial plan, a complex process which includes input from City departments, Council briefings and public consultation, is now underway. 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.

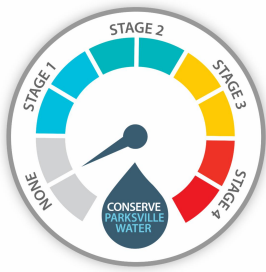


**FINANCIAL PLAN MEETINGS OPEN TO PUBLIC** are set for November 4, November 6 and November 18. Refer to the City's website calendar for times and [Let's Talk Parksville](#) for details about how you can participate in the process. Presentations from the Council meetings may be viewed on [Let's Talk Parksville](#).

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## Water Restrictions to be Lifted on November 1

Effective November 1, all watering restrictions will be lifted through March 31, unless otherwise advised. We wish to thank residents for your efforts to conserve water during stages 3 and 4 water conservation.



**Let's Talk Parksville** provides detailed information about water conservation levels including the City's bylaw which outlines the four stages of water conservation. Refer to [Arrowsmith Water Service](#) and [Englishman River Water Service](#) links on our website for information about the City's water sources, supply, management, and usage, as well as frequently asked questions.

## 2025 Special Events Applications

Applications are now being accepted from organizations and individuals wishing to hold special events at City-owned venues or on City streets; review process starts November 30. Annual events will be given priority provided the request is received by November 30, after which time applications will be addressed as first-time events on a first-come, first-served basis, based on availability. After November 30, applications must be received at least thirty days prior to the event. Policy and forms on the [website](#). Please direct questions to [events@parksville.ca](mailto:events@parksville.ca).

## CITY HOSTED EVENTS

### Celebration for Paralympic Games Medalist Nicholas Bennett on November 1

Residents are invited to join the Regional District of Nanaimo, City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum Beach, and the Ravensong Aquatic Club invite residents in celebrating the achievements of Paralympian Nicholas Bennett.



**Friday, November 1, 6.30 to 7.30 pm**  
Ravensong Aquatic Centre (lobby)  
737 Jones Street, Qualicum Beach

Nicholas grew up in Parksville, won two gold medals and a silver medal at the 2024 Paralympic Games in Paris. He also had the honour of being Canada's flag bearer for the closing ceremonies. There will be an opportunity to meet Nicholas, take photos, enjoy refreshments and a few speeches.

[More information.](#)

### Parksville Firefighters Annual Food and Toy Drive

It's that time of the year... when Parksville Fire Rescue members will be asking the community to support this year's "Fill the Boots for Food" drive. Firefighters will collect cash donations for the Salvation Army and new unwrapped toys for the Society of Organized Services on **Saturday, November 16 (9 am to 6 pm)** and **Sunday, November 17 (10 am to 2 pm)**. Firefighters will be at various locations in the City, such as grocery stores, asking residents to generously support the Salvation Army food bank with cash donations. Please watch our social media and website for locations.

Each year, residents in the Parksville Fire Protection Area generously support the annual drive and are the reason for its success. This drive and the generosity of our residents make a true difference to many during the holiday season.

The first drive for the Parksville Volunteer Fire Department in 1988 helped stock the Salvation Army's shelves for Christmas with about 5,000 pounds of food collected door to door. Over the years, local

departments joined the campaign and now Parksville Fire participates in the **District 69 drive with seven other departments** collecting cash donations for the Salvation Army food bank and new unwrapped toys for the Society of Organized Services. In 2023, a total of \$94,070 in cash was collected.





## HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

Donations are extremely important to the Salvation Army food bank and Society of Organized Services to provide for less fortunate in our community. Donations may also be made as follows

- Society of Organized Services (SOS) is gratefully accepting donations for its Caring for Community at Christmas program. The program provides special gifts for local children and youth, and grocery store gift cards are provided to families, adults and seniors so they may choose food that is meaningful to them over the holidays. Financial donations can be made online at [sosd69.com](http://sosd69.com), in person or by phone (250 248-2093), Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4.30 pm. New, unwrapped gifts can be dropped off during the same hours at the SOS Community Services Centre in Parksville (245 Hirst Avenue West) and at Qualicum Commons (744 Primrose Street, Qualicum Beach).
- Salvation Army food bank donations are accepted at 886 Wembley Road - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8.30 am to 4 pm (closed noon to 1 pm); Wednesday and Friday, 9 am to noon.



**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**  
**2-4:30 PM**

**Jensen Centre** (132 Jensen Avenue East)

Live music and entertainment  
Visit from Santa  
Many activities - crafts, letters to Santa, facepainting  
Cookies, hot chocolate bar and more!  
Something for everyone!

**FREE EVENT**  
hosted by the City of Parksville

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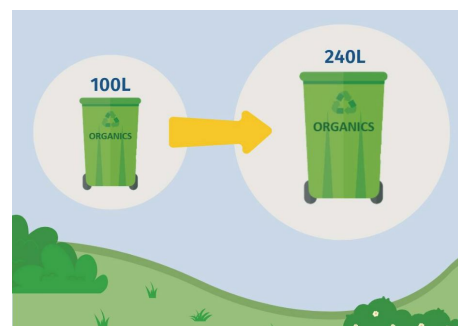
Get ready for a magical afternoon filled with holiday cheer at the City of Parksville's annual *Cookies, Carols and More!* event. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 7 from 2 to 4:30 pm** and gather your kids, families, friends, and neighbours to join in the festivities and fun at the Jensen Centre (132 Jensen Avenue East, Parksville). Activities include crafts and games for kids and parents, live music and entertainment, facepainting, cookies and hot chocolate bar, and of course a visit from Santa.

Parksville Council is pleased to host this free event for a second year and look forward to seeing you there, spreading joy and holiday cheer! This event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season with your community, forge new friendships, and create lasting memories. Everyone welcome!

Event info

## REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW

**RDN curbside organics program** - The RDN's expanded curbside organics collection program is open until November 30. The RDN recognizes many residents regularly transport their yard waste to facilities for composting. Residents have the option to order larger organics cart. Please visit [getinvolved.rdn.bca/expanded-organics](http://getinvolved.rdn.bca/expanded-organics) or call 250 390-5680, Monday to Friday, 8.30 am to 4 pm (October 28 to November 8 and November 18 to 29).



**F3 Networks Canada** continues to go door to door in Parksville requesting permission from homeowners to install a fibre optic line to homes. F3 Networks has a commercial agreement with TELUS to bring the Purefibre services to homes. The

representative will explain the steps to have this work completed including an approximate timeline. No work will be done on private property without the requested permission. More info at this [link](#).

**Reminder about leaves on streets** - leaf control is the responsibility of property owners. Leaves must not be raked or blown from lawns onto the street in anticipation of the sweeper truck intended to remove leaves which fall onto the streets resulting in blocked catch basins and safety hazards for cyclists and pedestrians. Blowing or raking leaves into the gutter is illegal and subject to a fine of \$75 (Traffic Bylaw 1436).

**Retroactive home owner grant** - December 31 is the deadline to claim a retroactive home owner grant for 2023 (subject to qualifications) as well as the deadline to defer 2024 property taxes. For more information or to apply, contact the Province of BC at 1 888 355-2700 or online at [gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant](http://gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant) or [gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment](http://gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment).

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

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**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

**Remembrance Day Ceremony in Parksville** will be held on November 11 at the Cenotaph on Craig Street. The ceremony begins at 10.40 am with a flyover at 11 am. Following the service, the Mount Arrowsmith Legion will welcome guests.

October 30	Special Council Meeting - Financial Plan
October 31	Utility notices due
November 1	Nicholas Bennett Celebration
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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