

It's *Your* City!

DECEMBER 18, 2024



Parksville Fire Recruitment 2025



It's that time of year when Parksville Fire Rescue is recruiting for volunteer paid on-call firefighters to provide fire and emergency response services in the Parksville Fire Protection Area. Our skilled professional firefighters value integrity, honesty, selflessness, commitment, courage, and are hardworking and family oriented.

Parksville Fire Rescue responds to structure fires, rescues, motor vehicle incidents, medical assistance, and public service requests. We rely on the commitment of paid on-call volunteer firefighters dedicated to public safety and community service.

We provide an outstanding training program and the opportunity to make a difference in people's lives. We offer many great benefits, check out the recruitment section on our website. We hope you will consider being part of an awesome team. Call 250 248-3242 to speak with an officer or arrange a tour. Application deadline February 28. Parksvillefirerescue.ca/recruitment.ca

Recruitment Open Practice - Monday, January 20, 7-9 pm

Regular practice on January 20 will be open to those interested in being a firefighter. Arrive by 6.30 pm, dress for the weather, and stay as long as you wish. This practice is a perfect chance to see what's involved in training, ask questions and chat with members. Firehall is located at 160 Jensen Avenue West.



Happy Holidays
from Parksville Council

Wishing you season's greetings and a merry and festive Christmas. We look forward to the new year and wish everyone a safe, healthy and joyful 2025.

Councillors Beil, Martin, Gaur, Grenz, Mayor O'Brien, Councillor Wood. Missing from photo, Councillor Fras.

2025 Licence Renewals

Business licences and dog licences expire December 31 and are due by January 31. Renewals will be mailed to residents and businesses once the Canada Post disruption is concluded. In the meantime:

Business Licences - Business owners may obtain their renewal invoice from City Hall administration during regular business hours (8 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday). Business owners may also email biz@parksville.ca for a copy of the renewal. Fees which remain unpaid after January 31 will be subject to fines. A late fee of \$50 will be applied on February 1 and every thirty days to any outstanding licences. Direct questions to biz@parksville.ca or 250 954-4650. For payment options, refer to the City's website.

Dog Licences - Tags must be purchased in-person from City Hall during normal business hours or from BCSPCA (Tuesday to Saturday, noon to 4 pm). All dogs over the age of six months must wear a municipal dog tag, renewed yearly. Cost for dog licences when paid by January 31, spayed/neutered \$20, not spayed/neutered \$30. After January 31, spayed/neutered \$25, not spayed/neutered \$35.

Win your dog's licence renewal in our... Parksville Pooch Photo Contest!

We'd love to see photos of your dogs shared to social media. Photos will be entered into a draw to win one of two free 2025 Parksville dog licences and some dog treats. Don't wait to renew, we will issue a refund should you win! Contest is open to Parksville residents until January 31. Here's how to enter:

- Visit our Facebook page [@cityparksville](https://www.facebook.com/cityparksville) and upload photo in comments section on any contest-related post.
- Upload photo on Instagram, use hashtag [#parksvillepooch](https://www.instagram.com/parksvillepooch), and tag [@parkvillecity](https://www.instagram.com/parkvillecity).



Special Event Applications

We continue to accept applications from organizations and individuals wishing to hold special events at City-owned venues or on City streets. Annual events are given priority provided the request is received by November 30, after which time applications are addressed as first-time events on a first-come, first-served basis, based on availability. Applications must be received at least thirty days prior to an event. Policy and forms on website [[Quicklink/Special Event Info](https://www.parksville.ca/Quicklink/SpecialEventInfo)]. Questions to events@parksville.ca.

City Dates

December 16	Council Meeting
December 25-27	City offices closed
January 1	City offices closed
January 5	Parksville Fire Tree Chipping
January 20	Council Meeting
February 3	Council Meeting
February 17	Family Day (offices closed)
February 19	Council Meeting

How to Reach Council

MAYOR		council@parksville.ca 100 Jensen Avenue East PO Box 1390 Parksville V9P 2H3
Doug O'Brien	250 937-1389	
COUNCILLORS		Comments welcome 250 954-3073 info@parksville.ca
Mary Beil	250 927-4097	
Adam Fras	250 228-3727	
Amit Gaur	250 954-3060	
Joel Grenz	250 954-3060	
Sylvia Martin	250 954-3060	
Sean Wood	604 868-7914	

REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW...

Christmas Tree Chipping - Parksville Firefighters Association will host a tree chipping for charity event on Sunday, January 5 from 10 am to 2 pm in the Wembley Mall parking lot. Branching Out Urban Forestry is donating the chipper and staff so every cent donated will support firefighters' fundraising. Parksvillefirerescue.ca

Holiday office closures - All City offices will be closed on December 25, December 26, December 27 and January 1. For after-hours emergency (weekends and holidays), phone 250 248-6144 to reach our on-call service.

Advisory Design Panel - Interested individuals are invited to apply to be considered for appointment. Purpose of the panel is to advise Council on design matters associated with the architectural form and character of specific development permit applications. Please apply by email to planning@parksville.ca and include relevant background information. Deadline January 31, 2025.

Deadline to claim a retroactive home owner grant for 2023 is December 31 (subject to qualifications), also the deadline to defer 2024 property taxes. For more info or to apply, contact Province of BC at 1 888 355-2700 or online gov.bc.ca - [homeowner grant](https://www.gov.bc.ca/homeowner-grant) or [property tax deferment](https://www.gov.bc.ca/property-tax-deferment).

Winter conditions - info about monitoring of road and weather conditions by the City is available on our website with tips on how residents can prepare and how to help. [[Quicklink/Winter Conditions](https://www.parksville.ca/Quicklink/WinterConditions)]