

Is volunteer paid on-call firefighting for you?

We're on the lookout for positive, energetic and community-minded individuals to join our amazing team of volunteer paid on-call firefighters. If you live in the Parksville Fire Protection area and want to learn more about our dedicated and skilled team, we'd love to hear from you!

Our team is made up of volunteer paid on-call and career firefighters committed to public safety and community service. In 2024, we responded to almost 800 calls, including structure fires, rescues, motor vehicle incidents, medical assistance, and public service requests. Our firefighters are highly skilled professionals who value integrity, honesty, selflessness, commitment, courage, and are hardworking and family oriented.

We serve the Parksville Fire Protection Area which covers the City of Parksville and contract areas within the Regional District of Nanaimo - San Pareil, Morningstar, Columbia Beach, French Creek, and the Fourneau Road, Wildgreen, and Martindale Road areas.



Joining the Parksville Fire Rescue team comes with fantastic benefits:

- Professional firefighter certification and ongoing training.
- Opportunity to serve your community, team environment.
- Personal growth, sense of achievement, chance to be awesome.
- Paid on-call, WorkSafe, and more.

We'd love to chat about what we do at Parksville Fire Rescue. Give us a call at 250 248-3242. Application deadline February 28. Details and exciting YouTube videos on our website.

ParksvilleFireRescue.ca/Recruitment



CITY SERVICES

Mobile Food Services in Parksville Community Park

Parksville Council recently approved a pilot project for the delivery of mobile food concessions services in the Parksville Community Park intended to provide improved concession services in the park through a variety of mobile food vendors. City staff will coordinate, schedule and manage the delivery of the service, and an analysis of the 2025 service will be provided to Council later this year.

An expressions of interest, open to March 3, is posted on the City's website. We are looking for mobile food vendors to operate from the two existing food truck pads in the Parksville Community Park from May 1 to September 30. Details about the program on our website [Quicklinks/Mobile Food Services].

Watermain Flushing

The City's annual watermain flushing program starts February 18 and runs through April. Flushing is an important part of our ongoing maintenance program to ensure the integrity of the water supply system for residents and businesses. Flushing will generally take place between the hours of 7.30 am and 3.30 pm, Monday to Friday. A map is available on our website to help determine when watermain flushing will take place in your area.

During these times, customers can expect some discolouration of water and intermittent drops in water pressure. This is a temporary condition and is not a health concern. Please follow these guidelines during the water main flushing program:

- Keep a fresh supply of drinking water in your refrigerator.
- Check for discolouration of water before doing laundry.
- If your water is discoloured, run an outside tap (after 3.30 pm) until the water clears.

City Dates

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| February 17 | Family Day (offices closed) |
| February 19 | Council Meeting |
| February 28 | Application deadline - Parksville Fire recruitment |
| February 28 | Application deadline - Spring Grant-in-Aid |
| March 3 | Council Meeting |
| March 17 | Council Meeting |
| April 7 | Committee of the Whole - Financial Plan Council Meeting |
| April 18/April 21 | Easter Holidays (offices closed) |
| April 23 | Council Meeting |
| April 28 | Special Financial Plan Meeting |

How to Reach Council

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REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW...

Residential family water rates - large families with five or more immediate family members consisting of parents and dependent children less than 18 years may qualify for modified water rates. Info and application forms from City Hall and the website. Deadline February 28.

Spring grant-in-aid applications - subject to the provisions of the City's grant-in-aid applications policy, the City may provide financial assistance to community groups and organizations for events which benefit our citizens and visitors. Community non-profit organizations in the arts, cultural, recreational, or social services fields are eligible. Information on the program, policy, application, and instructions may be obtained at City Hall or from the website. Deadline 4 pm, February 28.

City Newsletter - please consider signing up for our newsletter delivered to your inbox twice a month. It really is a great way to stay up to date on City initiatives.



Temporary closure of Parksville beaches to dogs

To limit disturbance of migrating Black Brant geese, our beaches are subject to seasonal "no dog" restrictions. This applies to both on-leash and off-leash within Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area. Rath Trevor Beach is closed to dogs February 15 to April 30 and Parksville Bay Beach from March 1 to April 30.

Business licences are due and may be paid from the City's website, by mail or in-person at City Hall. Bylaw 1550 requires all businesses obtain a valid licence if doing business in the City. [Business/Licences].

Dog licences due January 31 may be purchased from City Hall and the BC SPCA. The cost to renew is now \$25 for spayed/neutered and \$35 for not spayed/neutered. All dogs over six months must wear a municipal dog tag, renewed yearly. [Residents/Dog Licences].

Winter conditions - info about monitoring of road and weather by the City on our website with tips on how residents can prepare and how to help [Quicklinks/Winter Conditions].