

Parksville to Host Public Works Open House

The City of Parksville will recognize National Public Works Week from May 15 to 21, held annually to recognize the work of public works professionals. To celebrate, the City will host a public works open house on Wednesday, May 18, from 10 am to 3 pm in the Parksville Community Park. Activities will interest residents of all ages with demonstrations, displays, activities for children, and of course, a chance to explore and ask questions of our staff. Parksville Fire Department and members of the Oceanside RCMP will also be involved. All activities are free.

Our staff are dedicated to creating and maintaining the City's infrastructure and help keep our community strong by providing many public works services such as clean drinking water, wastewater, stormwater treatment, maintenance of public buildings and spaces, safe roads and sidewalks, street lighting and traffic signals, snow removal, fire hydrant maintenance, fleet services, and the beautification of the City through parks and trails, floral displays, irrigation installation and maintenance, and horticulture and arborist services. All services which impact our daily lives.

Since 1960, the third week in May has been celebrated as National Public Works Week. Municipalities across Canada use this week to educate, engage and inform the public about the essential role of public works in the quality of life of the community. For the past two years, City staff have successfully navigated their vital roles through the pandemic, sustaining daily operations which enhance the quality of life and safety of Parksville residents and make our City a better place to live.

We are proud to highlight the City services provided by public works and hope this open house will increase awareness of the work necessary to maintain City infrastructure and services. And just as important, this is our opportunity to promote public works as a career choice. We look forward to hosting our residents at our Public Works Week open house on May 18, from 10 am to 3 pm in the Parksville Community Park.

#NPWW https://pwabc.ca/training-and-events/public-works-week

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Proclamation

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WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of the City of Parksville; and,

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving, and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to gain knowledge of and to maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and,

WHEREAS, the year 2022 marks the 62nd annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the Canadian Public Works Association;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Ed Mayne, on behalf of City Council, hereby proclaim May 15 to 21, 2022, as National public Works Week in the City of Parksville and urge my fellow citizens to join with representatives of the Canadian Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events, and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, in the City of Parksville.

Mayor Ed Mayne City of Parksville April 2022

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