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Parksville City Council Goes to School

Parksville, BC - The Council of the City of Parksville will hold its regular Council meeting on February 16 at Ballenas Secondary School. This meeting, to be held in the school theatre, will begin at 1 pm and is expected to last about two hours. As with all Council and Committee of the Whole meetings, the public is welcome to attend. This afternoon meeting replaces the Council meeting normally scheduled at 6 pm in the Forum, Parksville Civic & Technology Centre. As usual, the meeting agenda will be posted on the City's website on the Thursday before the meeting.

The idea to meet at Ballenas Secondary School was suggested by Mayor Ed Mayne and agreed to by City Councillors. Mayor Mayne approached principal, Rollie Koop, who was very pleased with this opportunity for Ballenas students to observe first hand the workings of local government.

"By holding our meeting at Ballenas Secondary, we hope this will enable students to learn about their local government. Following our Council meeting, we will encourage and look forward to students participating and hope they will ask questions," said Mayor Mayne.

Because the theatre capacity is about 200, Ballenas Secondary will invite their leadership from grades 9 to 12, Civics 11 class, student government representatives, Make a Difference Club members and two representatives from each class normally held that afternoon.

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