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Residents Encouraged to Help Clear Catch Basins

The recent snowfalls have kept City of Parksville crews extremely busy, around the clock since Saturday evening. The City has a small compliment of workers ready to work on snow and ice control who also rely on other City departments for assistance to cover shifts so that workers are able to get some time off.

With the recent snow accumulation followed by melting conditions and possible heavy rains, it is critical to clear catch basin grates (storm drains) that are now covered by snow. This is important so that water can drain properly to help prevent flooding. Crews are clearing storm drains throughout the City as quickly as possible, but property owners are encouraged to help out by clearing catch basins bordering their property when it is safe to do so.

With the major routes now clear, Parksville crews will continue to clear snow from residential areas. Property owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to clear sidewalks bordering their properties. For more information on snow clearing, visit www.parksville.ca

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