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2012 Parksville Mayor for a Day Essay Contest

What would you do if you were Mayor for a day?

Are you in grades 5 to 12, a Parksville resident or attending school in Parksville? Here's your opportunity to be heard! Write an essay that tells us what you would do if you were the Mayor of Parksville and what you would do to make Parksville the best city on Vancouver Island.

For the second year, Parksville Council is providing youth with an opportunity to speak their minds during the *Mayor for a Day* contest. One youth will be selected from the entries submitted to be *Mayor for a Day* and will serve as honorary mayor with the opportunity to meet with City leaders, tour City facilities including the Parksville Fire Department and of course, work alongside Mayor Chris Burger for the day. The *Mayor for a Day* schedule will be subject to approval by his/her parents.

This initiative recognizes Youth Week BC being held from May 1-7. The author of the winning essay will attend the Council meeting on May 7 in an honorary capacity and to read their essay for the public. The winning essay will be chosen by members of Parksville Council and will be published on the City's website.

Youth Week is a provincial celebration of youth held annually during the first week of May and an opportunity for the City to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions made by young people.

Contest guidelines:

- Contest is open to Parksville youth in grades 5 to 12; Parksville residents or students attending school in Parksville.
- Please limit the essay to a maximum length of 500 words. Page should be single spaced using a 12 point font. Handwritten essays should be on ruled paper.
- Include your name, age, grade, address and phone number.
- Essays are due on or before April 20, 2012.
- Essays become the property of the City of Parksville and will not be returned.

Please submit your essay:

Email communications@parksville.ca

Drop off Administration, City of Parksville, 100 Jensen Avenue East

Mail Administration, City of Parksville, P O Box 1390, Parksville V9P 2H3

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