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PLAN Parksville OCP Update - April Events

The City's Official Community Plan advisory committees, staff and consultants have been busy with many activities and are now ready for next steps in the process. Plans are underway for a workshop with and opening session and a community open house; all events will be held at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre.

Plan Parksville Workshops

This is an intensive workshop where professional planners and designers work with attendees to develop a number of preliminary design and policy options for the City. This condensed, time-limited and collaborative workshop is intended to lead to creative outcomes that are well-supported by all workshop attendees and available for public presentation on April 21.

WHAT WHO WHEN

Opening session Open to everyone Thursday, April 19, 7-9 pm

Workshop Limited participation Friday, April 20, 8.30 am to 5.30 pm

Would you like to participate in the *Plan Parksville* workshop?

We are looking for residents willing to actively participate in the opening session the evening of Thursday, April 19 and the all-day workshop session on Friday, April 20.

How to register?

If you would like to participate, please email <u>planparksville@parksville.ca</u> or call 250 954-3061. Due to limited space, participants may be chosen at random.

Plan Parksville Community Open House

All residents are invited to drop by the community open house on Saturday, April 21 between noon and 3 pm. The consultants will present the workshop outcomes and the public is welcome to comment and ask questions. The open house will be held in the Parksville Community and Conference Centre.

The City's Official Community Plan process, re-launched in February, is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2012. Urban Systems Ltd is assisting the community to complete this important planning document which will have an impact on future growth and development for years to come. Along the way, there will be many opportunities for the public to contribute to the plan which includes public events and open houses, committee meetings, website postings and monthly updates in the City news page.

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