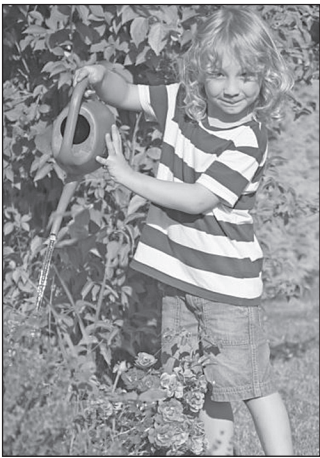


Comprehensive Watering Ban in Parksville



On July 9, the City and the Regional District of Nanaimo moved to a Comprehensive Watering Ban (Level 4 Water Conservation).

This ban is necessary due to extremely low water levels caused by record-breaking dry weather conditions and no snowpack. Vancouver Island is ranked as "extremely dry" drought conditions by the province and with hotter temperatures and almost no precipitation in the forecast, there will be

continued, unprecedented pressure on our water resources. We are experiencing a reduction in emergency water storage levels which could severely impact our ability to fight a large fire or, after using water resources to fight fire, impact our ability to meet water requirements for residents and businesses.

Level 4 – Comprehensive Watering Ban includes:

- All outdoor sprinkling is prohibited including newly seeded and sodded lawns.
- Between the hours of 6 am to 10 am and 6 pm to 10 pm, watering of vegetable gardens, shrubs, trees and flowers is restricted to a hand-held container or a hose equipped with

a shut-off nozzle or a drip-irrigation system. (This does not include soaker, weeper hoses or micro-sprayers – drip irrigation only.)

- No washing of vehicles, RVs and boats.
- No washing of driveways, sidewalks, parking lots and exterior building surfaces.
- No filling of swimming pools, wading pools, hot tubs and garden pond water features.

These restrictions are intended to ensure the community receives an adequate supply of water through the summer and also ensure sufficient reserves are available for emergency firefighting purposes. Additional water demands resulting from outdoor water use are the primary stressor on supply, which is why outdoor use is the target of this comprehensive ban.

With Level 4 restrictions, the City has stopped watering many irrigated areas; however, major assets such as sports fields and significant trees will be preserved using the City's advanced and efficient irrigation system. Significant changes to parks operations will be made to reduce water required for irrigation while balancing the needs for recreational users, tourism and to maintain public safety. In the near future, consideration will be given to the possibility of a smoking ban in parks, the closure of some trails and other measures as may be necessary.

The City's website [[Quicklinks/Reports/Water Conservation](#)] includes resource links, frequently asked questions, water conservation tips and other information.



ERWS Funding Announcement

On June 29, the governments of Canada and BC announced funding of \$6 million for the Englishman River Water Service water infrastructure project for the City and the Regional District of Nanaimo. Funded through the New Building Canada Plan's Small Communities Fund, a total of \$42 million was allocated to British Columbia. The estimated cost of the project is \$24.3 million which includes a regional water intake, treatment plant, transmission supply mains and aquifer storage and recovery. Next steps include a meeting of the ERWS management board, a determination of final costs, preparation of final drawings and a fall referendum for borrowing.

Foster Park Playground Closed for Upgrades

The Foster Park playground will be closed to the public until early September. During excavation, one of the pieces of equipment which we planned to retain was found to be unsafe. The timeframe to order new equipment has delayed the resurfacing which will facilitate a new softer surface and the installation of new equipment as well as changes to the size and shape of the play area. While the playground is closed, Foster Park, the gazebo and trails are still available for residents.

Council Liaison Volunteer – Oceanside Health and Wellness Network

The City invites applications for a volunteer to serve as Council liaison to the Oceanside Health and Wellness Network. OHWN is committed to enhancing the health and well-being of Oceanside residents through collaborative planning and collective action. The liaison would attend OHWN meetings and update Council on the issues discussed. At this time, meetings are held on the first Monday of the month from 3 to 5 pm. If you are interested in serving as Council liaison for a three-year term, please apply in writing including a brief resume by July 31 to the Director of Administrative Services.

Summertime in the City

The City is proud to be one of the community sponsors of the Quality Foods Canadian Open Sand Sculpting Competition and Exhibition. Parksville Beach Festival runs from July 10 to August 16 and as well as the world famous sand sculpting event, activities include Lions Kitefest (July 18-19), Art in the Park (July 18-19), VanIsle Shriners Show and Shine Car Show (August 2), Quality Foods Festival of Lights Fireworks (August 15), Quality Foods Children's Sandcastle Competition and Parksville Kidfest (August 16), Friday and Saturday night concerts in the picnic shelter between July 18 and August 15 as well as buskers in the Community Park gazebo most afternoons. *More info at [parksvillebeachfest.ca](#)*

We are indeed fortunate to have such a variety of summer markets in Parksville – the Tuesday evening Summer by the Sea Street Market on Craig Street; the Parksville Farmers Market on Fridays and the Artisans Market on Sundays hosted by the Parksville Museum and Archives and the Saturday morning Orange Bridge Market. As well there are weekly markets in Errington and Qualicum Beach. Information on events in Parksville Qualicum Beach may be found at [visitparksvillequalicumbeach.com](#).




Parksville Beach Festival and the Quality Foods Canadian Open Sand Sculpting Competition and Exhibition - July 10 to August 16

Things To Know

- On July 30, the PQB News will publish "A Day in the Life of Parksville" sponsored by the Parksville Downtown Business Association. Photos for this feature were taken on June 19 to recognize the City of Parksville's 70th birthday.
- The City's annual report, a snapshot of goals and accomplishments in 2014, is available for review on our website. [[Quicklinks/Reports](#)]
- Info about fall grant-in-aid applications is now available; deadline is 4 pm on August 29. Non-profit organizations in the arts, cultural, recreational or social services fields are eligible to apply. Information on the program, policy, instructions and application may be obtained at City Hall or from the website [[Mayor and Council/Grant-in-Aid Applications](#)].

City Dates

July 16	Coffee with Council
July 20	Council Meeting
August 3	BC Day Statutory Holiday
August 5	Council Meeting
August 6	Coffee with Council
August 13	Advisory Design Panel
August 17	Council Meeting
August 20	Advisory Planning Commission
August 20	Coffee with Council

The public is encouraged to attend Council meetings held on the first and third Mondays of the month and may observe advisory committee meetings. Refer to the website for agendas and meeting highlights and minutes.

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