

February 22, 2024



Parksville Fire Rescue Recruitment Campaign 2024

We asked members to share what being a volunteer firefighter means to them. Please check out the [video here](#) and on our social media feeds.



Parksville Fire Rescue volunteer paid on-call and career firefighters provide fire and emergency response services in the Parksville Fire Protection Area. Our highly skilled professional firefighters value integrity, honesty, selflessness, courage, commitment, and are hardworking and family oriented. Our department responded to almost 800 calls in 2023 - structure fires, rescues, motor vehicle incidents, medical assistance, and public service requests. We offer an outstanding training program and the opportunity to make a difference in people's lives. Call 250 248-3242 to speak with an officer or arrange a tour. Application deadline March 1.

[More Info](#)

Parksville's 2024-2028 Financial Plan

The City's 2024-2028 financial plan process continues at the meetings listed here. The public is welcome to attend in person, submit comments to council@parksville.ca and comment on [Let's Talk Parksville](#).

Regular Council Meeting - March 4, 1 pm

Adoption of 2024-2028 Provisional Financial Plan Bylaw

Committee of the Whole - April 8, 1 pm

New information, carry forwards, final property tax rates

Special Council Meeting - April 22, 1 pm

Three readings 2024-2028 Amended Financial Plan and 2024 property tax rates



[More Info](#)

Tuesday, March 5, 2-7 pm

100 Jensen Avenue East
Presentations at 3 pm and 5 pm

You're invited to our second drop-in open house. Whether you drive, transit, walk, cycle, or roll, we need your feedback on future planning and capital projects.



Residents are invited to round two for our new transportation management plan. Whether you drive, transit, walk, cycle, or roll when getting around Parksville, we need your input at a drop-in open house on Tuesday, March 5 with presentations by consultant, McElhanney at 3 pm and 5 pm. We are looking for your feedback on proposed goals and objectives for the TMP, future capital projects and planning, and proposed projects and strategies to meet the community's vision. All this will be followed by a second online survey for comments on what has been accomplished so far. The online survey will be available online on March 5 and will be open until April 5.

Background

The process to update our transportation master plan now in Phase 2, will result in a comprehensive plan which reflects the changing needs and expectations of the community and provides a roadmap to ensure a well-coordinated, efficient, and sustainable mobility network aligned with the goals and vision of the community. This new plan will include costs, impacts, and policy direction, along with an implementation plan with monitoring and expected outcomes. Phase 2 is expected to complete in June followed by the third and final phase.

The TMP will address current and future needs for all modes along with emergency services and goods movement, with a particular focus on the downtown section of the Island Highway corridor. The goal is to provide a safe and accessible transportation network which will support a high quality of life for residents, and efficient mobility for all, recognizing the unique characteristics of the City.

The *What We Heard* report from Phase 1 is complete and available on [Let's Talk Parksville](#). This report collects the input from the first public engagement along with feedback from the survey completed in December. The base conditions assessment report available to review on [Let's Talk Parksville](#), summarizes the status of the multi-modal transportation network and identifies issues and opportunities to be explored during future phases of work.

News Release

Wounded Warrior Run BC

A team of eight dedicated runners will run the length of Vancouver Island relay-style from Port Hardy to Victoria in eight days covering 800 kilometres. Wounded Warrior Canada (WWC) is a nationally recognized mental health service provider dedicated to serving ill and injured Trauma Exposed Professionals and their families. A range of clinically facilitated programs have been developed to support the unique needs of veterans, first responders and their families. Programs support individuals, couples, spouses, surviving family members, and children of those who serve or have served our country and communities.

This event is the largest fundraiser for Wounded Warriors Canada on Vancouver Island with the goal to raise \$250,000. The team will be passing through Parksville on March 1, arriving at the Parksville Legion at 9 am. More info at [Wounded Warrior Run BC](#).



8 DAYS • 8 RUNNERS • 800 KMS

**FRIDAY,
MARCH 1,
2024**

DEPART: 9:45 a.m. Parksville Legion Br #49
ARRIVE: 11:45 a.m. Lantzville Legion Br #257

Helping Vancouver Island's Veterans, First Responders and their families feel **safe, supported** and **understood**.

DEPART: 1:00 p.m. Lantzville Legion
ARRIVE: 3:00 p.m. Nanaimo Legion Br #10

**DAY SIX
PARKSVILLE TO
NANAIMO**

DEPART: 4:00 p.m. Nanaimo Legion Br #10
ARRIVE: 4:30 p.m. Nanaimo Legion Br #256

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City and CUPE 401 Agree to New Collective Agreement

The City and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 401 reached a three-year collective agreement effective January 1, 2023. This new agreement covers the period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2025, and affects all City of Parksville CUPE 401 workers. The agreement provides for a general pay rate increase of 4% effective January 1, 2023, 4% effective January 1, 2024, and 3.5% increase effective January 1, 2025. The City and CUPE reached a tentative agreement on January 26, the agreement was ratified by CUPE members on February 7, and approved by Council on February 12.

Accepting Applications for Spring Grant-in-Aid Program

Subject to the provisions of the City's grant-in-aid applications policy, the City may provide financial assistance to community groups and organizations for events which benefit our citizens and visitors. Community non-profit organizations in the arts, cultural, recreational, or social services fields are eligible. Deadline 3 pm, March 1. Information on the program, policy, application, and instructions may be obtained at City Hall or from the [website](#).

Watermain Flushing

Our annual program which runs through April is an important part of our ongoing maintenance program, ensuring the integrity of the water supply system. Flushing occurs mainly between 7.30 am and 3.30 pm, weekdays. Residents can expect some discolouration of water and intermittent drops in pressure; keep a fresh supply of drinking water in your fridge. Check for discolouration of water before doing laundry and if discoloured, run outside tap (after 3.30 pm) until clear.

Join the Emergency Management Oceanside Team

[Emergency Management Oceanside](#) is seeking an Emergency Program Volunteer Coordinator. Responsible for overseeing the daily management of our Emergency Support Services and Emergency Communications teams, the coordinator is a valuable member of the EMO team. If you are interested in submitting a proposal for this contract, information package at [City of Parksville - Requests for Proposals](#).

Parksville's **Canada Day** Celebrations

Planning is underway and event details, parade forms, and more information will be available on the City's website and *Let's Talk Parksville* in early March. Please send us your suggestions and ideas and let us know if you would like to be involved at canadaday@parksville.ca. You can also call Deb Tardiff at 250 954-3073.

Annual Wood Chipping Program

The City's 2024 wood chipping program will take place April 2 through April 25 and will be the only wood chipping program offered this year. The City is divided into two zones - WEST of Craig Street and EAST of Craig Street. Properties located west of Craig Street will receive collection between April 2 and April 12 and collection for properties east of Craig Street is scheduled between April 15 and April 25. Materials must be at curbside by 8 am. Map and more information will be posted to our [website](#).

No Dogs on Beaches Please

To limit disturbance of migrating Black Brant geese, our beaches are subject to temporary seasonal "no dog" restrictions. This applies to on-leash and off-leash within the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Manager Area. Rathrevor Beach is closed until April 30 and Parksville Bay Beach is closed from March 1 to April 30.



REMINDERS AND THINGS TO KNOW...

- **Residential family water rates** - large families with five or more immediate family members consisting of parents and dependent children less than 18 years may qualify for modified water rates. Application deadline February 26. Info and application forms from City Hall and the [website](#).
- **Recycle BC pop-up depot** in Parksville will continue this year, accepting free of charge, flexible plastic packaging, white and coloured foam packaging, glass packaging and paper packaging and cardboard. Materials may be dropped off from 10 am to 3 pm at 1080 Industrial Way, Parksville. For dates and more info visit Recycle BC [website](#).
- **Parksville Pooch Photo Contest** - send us your photos of your pooches and to be entered into a draw to win one of two dog licences and some doggie treats. Don't wait to renew, we will refund if you win! Last date to enter is February 29 with two ways to send your photos; DM your pic from our [Facebook page](#) or upload photo on [Instagram](#) or [X \(Twitter\)](#), use hashtag #parksvillepooch. All entries will be posted on Facebook and winner announced on March 4.

WE'RE HIRING!

We are seeking qualified candidates for these positions:

Manager of Engineering
Human Resources Advisor
Temporary Manager of Utilities
Engineering Technologists II and III

Click here to check us out!

March 1	Recruitment deadline for Parksville Fire
March 1	Wounded Warriors Run BC
March 4	Council Meeting
March 5	Transportation Master Plan Open House
March 18	Council Meeting
March 29/April 1	Easter Holidays (offices closed)
April 3	Council Meeting
April 8	Special Council Meeting (Financial Plan)
April 15	Council Meeting
April 22	Council Meeting (Financial Plan)
May 6	Council Meeting
May 20	Victoria Day Holiday (offices closed)
May 22	Council Meeting
June 3	Council Meeting

COMING UP AT COUNCIL

Council Meeting
Monday, March 4 at 1 pm

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For more information:

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