

Temporary Closure of Parksville Beaches to Dogs

We wish to remind the public, Parksville beaches within the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area (PQBWMA) will be temporarily closed to dogs to protect migrating Black Brant geese. Rathtrevor Beach will be closed to dogs from February 15 to April 30 and Parksville Bay Beach from March 1 to April 30.

The Black Brant geese you see along the shores of Parksville are on a remarkable and arduous journey of migration from California and Mexico to northern nesting grounds. Our beaches provide an abundant food source for the geese, which need to gain weight and strength before making another non-stop flight. A disturbance caused by something as simple as a child running on the beach can have drastic effects on the geese while feeding. For this reason, Parksville beaches close to dogs both on-leash and off-leash for a period each year.

Please note, the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area has regulations in place that dogs must always be leashed within the wildlife management area. Information about PQBWMA may be found [here](#). In addition, Rathtrevor Beach Provincial Park has regulations that pets are not permitted in the day use beach areas of the park and are allowed on the beach adjacent to the campground between May 1 and February 14 as long as they are on a leash. Information about Rathtrevor Beach Provincial Park may be found [here](#).

Questions should be directed to the RAPP line (Report All Poachers and Polluters) at 1 877 952-7277, #7277 on the Telus mobility network or [online](#).

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*The City of Parksville is located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations,
home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.*