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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.

## Next Steps for Parksville's Transportation Master Plan

The process to update the City's Transportation Master Plan now in Phase 2, will provide 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. Plan will include costs, impacts, policy direction, and implementation plan with monitoring and expected outcomes. Phase 2 is expected to complete in June followed by the final third phase.

We are again seeking your feedback on the proposed goals and objectives for the TMP. Our next open house on March 5 will share details on proposed projects and strategies to meet the community's vision, followed by a second online survey for feedback on what has been accomplished so far.

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 collected the input from the first public engagement along with feedback from the survey completed in December. The base conditions assessment report summarizes the status of the multi-modal transportation network and identifies issues and opportunities to be explored during future phases of work. Please refer to [LetsTalkParksville.ca/transportation-plan](https://letsstalkparksville.ca/transportation-plan).

**Transportation Master Plan**  
*PHASE 2 OPEN HOUSE*

**Tuesday, March 5, 2-7 pm**  
City of Parksville  
100 Jensen Avenue East

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

## Parksville's 2024-2028 Financial Plan

Discussion on the 2024-2028 financial plan will continue in April. The financial plan guides how the City will provide services and infrastructure to residents and outlines how resources will be allocated to achieve Council's identified strategic goals and enable City departments to deliver services in a fiscally responsible manner. The City strives to maintain quality programs and services for our residents and keep property taxes and utility fees affordable for businesses and homeowners.



As part of the process, we are looking for your input. We encourage residents to attend meetings, review the information and provide comments at [LetsTalkParksville.ca/financial-plan-2024](https://letsstalkparksville.ca/financial-plan-2024).

## Recruiting for Parksville Firefighters

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, commitment, courage, 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.

We encourage those who may be interested to contact us. 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 is March 1. Check out our new recruitment video. [[parksvillefirerescue.ca](https://parksvillefirerescue.ca)]



## THINGS WE'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW...

**Spring Grant-in-Aid applications** - subject to 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 arts, culture, recreation, or social services fields are eligible. Deadline 3 pm, March 1. Info on the program, policy, application, and instructions may be obtained at City Hall or from the website. [[Mayor and Council/Grant-in-Aid Applications](#)]

**Temporary closure of Parksville beaches to dogs** - to limit disturbance to migrating Black Brant geese, our beaches are subject to seasonal "no dog" restrictions. This applies to on and off-leash within the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area. Rathtrevor Beach is closed February 15 to April 30 and Parksville Bay Beach from March 1 to April 30.

**Watermain flushing**, an important part of our ongoing maintenance program, ensures the integrity of the water supply system. Flushing occurs through April, 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 run outside tap (after 3.30 pm) until clear. [ops@parksville.ca](mailto:ops@parksville.ca)

**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 from City Hall and the website. [[Residents/Utility Billing](#)]

**Business licences** were due January 31 and may be paid by credit card from the City's website, by mail or paid at City Hall. Bylaw 1550 requires all businesses obtain a valid licence if doing business in the City. [[Business/Licences](#)]

**Dog licences** due January 31 may be purchased from City Hall and the BC SPCA. The cost to renew is now \$25 for spayed/neutered and \$35 for not spayed/neutered.

**Jensen Centre** is the new name of the Parksville Community Centre. As the home of the Parksville Child and Family Centre, Jensen Centre continues to provide services and amenities to the community. New signage will be installed on the building soon. [[Jensencentre.ca](#)]

**Winter conditions** - info about monitoring of road and weather conditions by the City is on our website. [[Quicklink/Winter Conditions](#)]



## City Dates

|                  |                                          |
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| February 19      | Family Day (offices closed)              |
| February 21      | Council Meeting                          |
| March 1          | Recruitment deadline for Parksville Fire |
| 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)         |

## How to Reach Council

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| <b>MAYOR</b>       |              |                                                                  |
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| <b>COUNCILLORS</b> |              | 100 Jensen Avenue East                                           |
| Mary Beil          | 250 927-4097 | PO Box 1390                                                      |
| Adam Fras          | 250 228-3727 | Parksville V9P 2H3                                               |
| Amit Gaur          | 250 954-3060 | <a href="https://parksville.ca">parksville.ca</a>                |
| Joel Grenz         | 250 954-3060 | Comments welcome.                                                |
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| Sean Wood          | 604 868-7914 | <a href="mailto:info@parksville.ca">info@parksville.ca</a>       |



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