



Family Day - May 28

Qualicum Beach Family Day is a beloved tradition that has been sponsored by the Town and organized by a dedicated group of volunteers since 1976.

This year, the event will take place on Sunday, May 28, and promises to be a day filled with fun and community spirit. The theme is "We are Family", to celebrate the diversity of family that comes in many forms.

The festivities kick off with a pancake breakfast at 8:30 am at the Civic Centre, followed by a lively street parade down Second Avenue at noon.

From 1-4 pm, the action moves to the Community Fields, where all ages can enjoy a wide range of activities, food, and entertainment. Highlights of this year's event include tandem jumps by the Skyhawks, a skateboard exhibition, and a performance by the popular dance duo Funkanometry. Kids will love the 12 bounce houses and face painting, while parents can browse the many exhibition booths. The main stage will be buzzing with all-day performances by talented local artists and community groups. The festivities will come to a close with a free swim from 4-7 pm at Ravensong Aquatic Centre.

This is a day that brings together the community, creating memories that will last a lifetime. So mark your calendars and join us for a day filled with fun for all ages and abilities.

qualicumbeach.com/qualicum-beach-family-day

Paying Utilities

Due Date: July 4, 2023

Available options to pay your utilities are:

1. Visit Town Hall: Debit, cash or cheque only. Hours: Monday to Friday 9 am - 4 pm (excluding Statutory Holidays). Credit cards are not accepted.

2. Financial Institution: In-person, online or telephone banking (NO e-transfers). For online payments, select "Qualicum Beach, Town of - Utilities" (or similar) as the Payee, and use the account number. Please contact your bank directly for assistance setting up a Payee.

3. Mail a cheque: Payable to "Town of Qualicum Beach", PO Box 130, Qualicum Beach, BC, V9K 1S7. Must be received by July 4, 2023. Postmarks are not accepted as date of payment.

4. Drop Off a Cheque: A mail slot is located at the entrance of Town Hall, nearest to the fountain (660 Primrose St).



What's in My Bill?

Utility bills may include charges for water, sewer and solid waste services. Billings are issued twice per year for the following periods:

- Winter - Oct 1 to April 30
- Summer - May 1 to Sept 30

sign up stay engaged.

www.qualicumbeach.com/signup

Special Event Calendar

May 14	Oceanside Mother's Day Race
May 25	Public Works Open House
May 28	Family Day
Jun 16	Movie Night
Jun 17	St. Andrew's Art & Musical Festival
Jun 17	Seaside Cruizers Street Dance
Jun 18	Seaside Cruizers Show n Shine
Jun 24	Fashion Show in Glassford Square
Jun 24	Grad Parade
Jun 25	QB Triathlon
Jul 1	QB Legion Canada Day Parade
Jul 6	Uptown Market starts (every Thurs until Aug 31)
Jul 8	St. Andrew's Music Night
Jul 15	Downtown Sidewalk Sale
Jul 16	Beach Day
Jul 22	St. Mark's Fair
Aug 5	St. Andrew's Music Night
Aug 19	St. Andrew's Music Night
Sept 22	Fall Festival Uptown Market
Oct 1	Cyclocross
Oct 31	Halloween Celebrations
Nov 11	Remembrance Day Procession
Nov 23	Moonlight Madness

qualicumbeach.com/events

Tree Protection Bylaw

The Town's Tree Protection Bylaw No. 725 aims to manage the natural tree canopy and preserve native trees for future generations.

The bylaw introduces regulations to protect trees that meet certain criteria and provides a permit system to enable tree cutting and alteration under specific conditions.

Property owners can cut one protected tree on their property every two calendar years without a permit (some exceptions apply). For properties larger than one acre, property owners can remove one tree per calendar year, per acre, without a permit, up to a maximum of 10 trees removed per calendar year. The bylaw does not apply to trees on provincial lands, federal lands, or lands where silviculture is permitted.

Detailed information regarding the application process for a tree removal permit, including application forms for tree cutting permits, can be found at qualicumbeach.com/treeprotection
What is a protected tree?

DBH: 30 cm +

Special Species

- Arbutus
- Garry Oak
- Pacific Dogwood
- Pacific Yew
- Cascara
- Manzanita
- Seaside Juniper
- Trembling Aspen
- Oregon Ash

H: 50 cm +

5 cm +

15 cm

All trees:

With a diameter at breast height (DBH) of **30 cm (12 in) or greater.**

Special species that are:

Height: 50 cm (20 in) or taller
Diameter: 5 cm (2 in) or thicker
 when measured 15 cm (6 in) above natural grade.

New Organic Waste Collection

As of March 1, 2023, the Regional District of Nanaimo (RNDN) Waste Collection program is accepting yard and garden matter.

Residents can top up their current 100 litre organics cart with leaves, grass and light yard trimmings such as twigs, small branches and prunings that are less than 1.5 cm (0.5 inches) in diameter and no longer than 60 cm (2 feet). To ensure collection, the lid of the organics cart must be able to fully close.

The RDN will monitor the program and report back to the RDN Board in early 2024. Read more at getinvolved.rdn.ca/expanded-organics

Water Restrictions

From May 15 to September 15, Qualicum Beach watering restrictions allow for watering between 7 pm and 7 am daily. Hand watering is permitted any time.

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Grandon Creek Trail Stairs

Great news! The Grandon Creek Trail stairs are complete and the trail has re-opened.

The new aluminum stairs have an expected lifespan of over 50 years and will ensure durability and grip to withstand the high usage this trail enjoys.



Beach Day is back for its 10th annual event celebrating family fun and our beautiful waterfront. The event is free and runs from 11 am to 3 pm on the promenade.

Enjoy live music, games, entertainment, and hands-on activities with a focus on environmental awareness, including shark dissection, beach seining, and fossil displays. Other fun activities include kite building, giant bubbles, sandcastle building, mini golf, and a daring skydiving exhibition!

Stage entertainment includes Dave Hart (guitarist), Ian Johnstone (family entertainer), Arrowsmith and Qualicum Beach Pipe Bands, and belly dancing.

With plenty of food options available, and free shuttles running from the Berwick Retirement Community, come and celebrate family fun and the beauty of our waterfront at Beach Day.

Learn more at qualicumbeach.com/beach-day

Waterfront Expansion



The "Waterfront Expansion" project has made huge strides toward improving access to our waterfront.

The project has resulted in the creation of additional parking spaces, as well as a safer and wider shoulder for pedestrians and cyclists to enjoy. To achieve this, the project involved filling in the ditch on Highway 19A and undertaking peripheral works to stabilize the slope and install stormwater drainage.

The next steps of the project will include completing a servicing kiosk with water and power hook-ups next to the Tourist Information Centre, and installing a covered picnic table. These additions will undoubtedly make our waterfront a more attractive and enjoyable destination.

Visit qualicumbeach.com/water-expan for more details.

Into The Woods Childcare



With construction on the building now complete, the "Into the Woods Early Learning Childcare Society" have begun leasing the site and anticipates to be operating by June, 2023.

This childcare project is a much-needed addition to the community, providing 37 affordable and high-quality childcare spaces for infants and children ages 3-5 years.

Read more at www.qualicumbeach.com/childcare

More Projects...

To read more about Town projects and grant submissions visit qualicumbeach.com/projects

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Skate Park Feasibility Study

The Town is preparing for the upgrade or replacement of its outdated skate park.

To help the Council determine next steps, qualified skate park design firms were requested to submit proposals for a feasibility study and preliminary design services.

New Line Skateparks was chosen to undertake the task of developing the study and design at a cost of \$15,500. The firm has an excellent reputation, and the Town is confident that the outcome will facilitate the project's progress. Read more at qualicumbeach.com/skatepark



Financial Plan & Tax Rates

This was the first year of a two-year process to improve public engagement in the Town's financial planning process.

After receiving public input at four Committee of the Whole meetings, the 2023-2027 Financial Plan and 2023 Tax Rates Bylaws have now been adopted. The 2023 budget is based on maintaining the delivery of services, an ambitious program of strategic initiatives, and a robust Capital Plan.

Property tax revenues needed to fund the proposal resulted in a tax increase to the typical or average Qualicum Beach household of \$120 annually or 6%. In addition, Water, Sewer and Solid Waste rate increases account for an additional \$75 increase for an overall combined total of \$195 or 6.5%.

The proposed Asset Management (Five-Year Capital) Plan includes the previous Bus Garage site, a Skate Park Solution, the Waterfront Walkway and Viewing Platform, Phase 2 of the East Village, significant drainage work at Beach Creek and Eaglecrest Drive, and a robust program of road reconstruction. A replacement Fire Department Ladder Truck is also planned, along with other public works operational vehicles and equipment.

For more information, visit qualicumbeach.com/finance_process

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Airport Light Rehabilitation

Important airfield lighting upgrades have now been completed at a cost of \$1,341,856. Generous funding from the Transport Canada Airports Capital Assistance Program covered 100% of infrastructure costs.

The upgrades, including runway and taxiway LED edge lights, will ensure the safe and sustainable operation of essential airport services for the Town and region.



Safe Sidewalks

The Town maintains over 15 kms of sidewalks within the Town. Our goal is to ensure a safe network of sidewalks for the use of all pedestrians. We welcome you to report the location of any tripping hazard at 250-752-6921 or email qbtown@qualicumbeach.com.

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