

## WELCOME TO OUR SURVEY

Thank you for your willingness to contribute your ideas to the creation of the Ladysmith Youth Plan! Our goal is to blend your ideas with the youth voice to support the best possible programs, resources and spaces for the youth of our community.

This survey begins with a few questions about who you are, then asks for your opinions and ideas about what seems to be working well in the community for youth, the current issues and challenges facing youth, and priorities you think should be at the centre of our planning.

For summaries of all our community engagements, <https://lsyouthplan.wixsite.com/youthplandev>

If you have questions or comments, please contact us at:

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Website: [www.ladysmith.ca](http://www.ladysmith.ca)

1. What are your relationships with Ladysmith?

- Parent with child or children 18 years or younger
- Resident of the Town of Ladysmith
- Stz'uminus First Nations Member
- Business Owner
- Youth organization affiliate
- Employee
- Other (please specify)

\* 2. What age group do you belong in?

- Under 25
- 26-35
- 36-45
- 46-55
- 56-65
- 65+

### 3. Which activities do you believe are important for our youth?

- Organized sports - teams & scheduled involvement
- Pick-up / drop-in fun sports with friends
- Youth activity nights
- Opportunities for playing music or listening to music
- School or community service clubs
- Time with family
- Arts and cultural activities
- Computer gaming & technology
- Dances
- Outdoor recreation activities
- Church or faith-based groups
- Volunteering events
- Communal meals
- Other (please specify)

### 4. When youth do participate, what should be the main goals?

- To look for a challenge - to take risks
- To be creative
- To improve skills or knowledge
- To be outdoors
- To contribute to the community
- To be with friends
- To stay healthy
- To have a safe and fun place to do activities
- Other (please specify)

5. Does our community offer positive things for young people to do beyond sports and school-sponsored events and activities?

Strongly Agree

Agree

Unsure

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

N/A

6. Which of the following barriers make it difficult or challenging for youth to participate in activities?

- Unhealthy amount of screen time
- Personal anxiety
- Other mental health issues
- Cyber-bullying
- Personal safety in the community
- Discrimination, lack of tolerance for diversity
- Not enough options for recreation and cultural experiences
- Not enough part-time job opportunities
- Not enough volunteering opportunities
- Youth have been over-protected and over-programmed
- At ages 11-13, too many youth are dropping out of organized teams and activities
- Lack of transportation options
- Other (please specify)

7. What programs, services or ways of thinking about youth in our community should be discontinued?

8. What priorities do you think we should focus on in our new community youth plan?

9. Do you have any other comments about this project?

**THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTING YOUR IDEAS TO THE YOUTH PLAN!**

**Our goal is to make all the information available for the Ladysmith Youth Summit on April 11.**

**The summary of all the surveys and focus groups will be completed and posted on the website:**

**<http://ladysmithyouthplan.wix.com/youthplandev>**

**Any questions or further information regarding the Ladysmith Youth Plan, please contact:**

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**Please return completed surveys to the Frank Jameson Community Centre by March 30, 2018.**