

# TOWN OF LADYSMITH

## GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

*Mandate –To advise Council on a broad spectrum of issues related to departmental matters*

Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall

### AGENDA

### Pages

Chairperson: Councillor Duck Paterson

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. AGENDA APPROVAL
3. EXECUTIVE SESSION (5:00 p.m.)
  - Item 1: Community Charter Section 90(1) (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;
4. ARISE AND REPORT
5. MINUTES
  - April 21, 2008
6. DELEGATION
  - .1 RCMP Inspector H. Goodrich  
Re: Cowichan Valley Regional Police Service
7. CITY MANAGERS REPORT
8. DIRECTORS REPORTS
9. STAFF REPORTS
10. MEMBER SUBMISSIONS  
None.
11. CORRESPONDENCE
  - .1 A. Kedves – Ecole Davis Road – Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)  
Re: Request for reconsideration of a Grant In Aid – Funding for Playground **1 – 5**
  - .2 Mayor J. Lefebure , Municipality of North Cowichan  
Re: Municipality of North Cowichan Design Awards Program **7 – 9**
  - .3 T. Hughes, President, Bedrock Redi-Mix Ltd.  
Re: Cessation of Access to Barge Loading Area **11**
12. NEW BUSINESS  
None.
13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT



Ecole Davis Road PAC  
444 Parkhill Terrace  
Ladysmith BC  
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Dear Mayor Hutchins and Council:

Over the past five years, the parents at Davis Road School have struggled to raise \$65,000.00 to install a playground at the school. We initially requested approximately \$14,000.00 from the Town of Ladysmith, which we needed to finish the last phase, but I emailed Mayor Hutchins a few weeks ago to change that request to \$1800.00, as we realized that if our parents volunteer their time, yet again, to install the equipment and then we order all at one time, we can save more than \$10,000.00.

\$1800.00 is not a large sum of money, and for this minimal amount the playground will be completed.

I would like to ask that the Town Council reconsider our request considering the following factors that may have been overlooked:

1. The Davis Road neighbourhood is the fastest growing area of Ladysmith. The Town has collected thousands of dollars in building/development permits from our neighbourhood and will continue to do so for years to come.
2. Davis Road School is the fastest growing school in Ladysmith, drawing students from the entire town due to the popularity of French Immersion. It is the second fastest growing school in the Nanaimo-Ladysmith School District.
3. The Davis Road school neighbourhood and catchment area has **the highest residential property tax base** in Ladysmith, and includes the most valuable residential properties in Ladysmith. These homes are paying substantial taxes and these families deserve to have a playground in their immediate neighbourhood.
4. The current Town playground on Louise Road has only pre-school suitable equipment. There are no other community play spaces available in the south end of town that are suitable for school aged children.
5. The equipment that we are purchasing is unlike any at any other school or community playground. It is specifically chosen to appeal to intermediate aged kids, but is accessible for ages 4 and up. The climbing walls will make the school a destination playground for families from all over the region.
6. The playground is a lasting legacy that will be used for many years to come, unlike a one off event intended for tourists.

7. Davis Road School is the only school in Ladysmith that does not have two sources of Gaming funds. Just like every other school in BC we receive gaming money per student, but the Primary School and the Intermediate School both have additional Bingo Affiliations, which we do not. Gaming is aware of this inequity, but have no process to rectify this problem, nor are we allowed to take a Bingo Affiliation from a school that is closing.

What this means is that our children have to give up extras such as books for the library, field trips, or supplies for their classrooms in order for the PAC to direct funds to the playground. Our children have already given up thousands of dollars in classroom supports. The other schools in Ladysmith have access to thousands more dollars than we do.

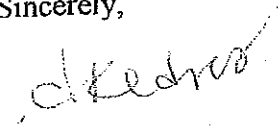
This data is taken from the Gaming Branch's website for last year:

| Org Name                             |        | Org No | Direct<br>Access | Bingo<br>Association |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|------------------|----------------------|
| LADYSMITH SECONDARY SCHOOL P.A.C.    | 109600 | 17320  | 0                | 17880                |
| DAVIS ROAD SCHOOL P.A.C.             | 105621 | 2620   | 0                | 0                    |
| LADYSMITH PRIMARY SCHOOL P.A.C.      | 102473 | 5600   | 0                | 5739.97              |
| LADYSMITH INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL P.A.C. | 100494 | 6800   | 0                | 7260                 |

8. If we do not receive help with the \$1800.00, we may have to refund \$20,000.00 to the provincial government. The grant they gave us has to be spent and equipment installed prior to December 2008.
9. Once the playground is completed, you will not hear from us again for many years.

Thank you very much for reconsidering our application. \$1800.00 represents less than 10.00 per student at our school. I am 100% certain that their parents would strongly approve of you allocating \$10.00/child of their property taxes to the completion of our playground. It would be a travesty for us to have to refund the \$20,000.00 grant, for the lack of such a small amount.

Sincerely,

  
Alice Kedves,  
Davis Road PAC Co-Chair.

The amount of gaming revenue by organization is readily available on the Internet. This revenue would also have been clearly documented in the organizations financial statements. If Council were unaware of the financial positions of each of the organizations requesting donations, then I suggest in future financial statements be part of the application process.

| Organization                         | Gaming Revenue             | Amount given by town |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Davis Road School                    | 2660 (\$20.00 per student) | 0                    |
| L/S Intermediate (PAC)               | 14060.00                   | \$1,000              |
| Arts on the Avenue                   |                            | \$1,000              |
| L/S Festival of Lights               | 30,000.00                  | \$12,000             |
| L/S Fire Rescue Historical Society   |                            | \$1,000              |
| L/S Historical Society               |                            | \$5,000              |
| L/S Maritime Society                 | 18000.00                   | 2000.00              |
| L/S & District Marine Rescue Society |                            | \$1,500              |
| Arts Council of L/S & District       | 15000.00                   | \$1,000              |
| Cowichan Family Caregivers           |                            | \$500                |
| L/S Citizens on Patrol up to         |                            | \$4,500              |
| L/S Sportsmen's Club                 |                            | \$500                |
| Royal Canadian Legion                | 9999.97                    | \$250                |
| Crisis Society of Central V.I.       | 69,997.                    | \$500                |
| L/S Ambassador Committee             |                            | \$1,000              |
| Air Cadets                           | 6470.00                    | \$2,000              |
| LSS - Frank Jameson Bursary          |                            | \$1,500              |
| L/S Resources Centre                 | 54983.00                   | 25300.00             |
| Victim Services                      |                            | \$11,000             |
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## City Benefit: LADYSMITH

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|------------------------|--------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CA  | 100473 | \$6,470.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00              | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| LADYSMITH INTERMEDIA   | 100484 | \$6,800.00          | \$0.00        | \$7,260.00          | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| LADYSMITH FESTIVAL OF  | 100988 | \$0.00              | \$0.00        | \$30,000.00         | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| KINSMEN CLUB OF LADYS  | 101341 | \$0.00              | \$0.00        | \$23,000.00         | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| LIONS CLUB OF LADYSMI  | 101426 | \$0.00              | \$0.00        | \$15,999.98         | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| LADYSMITH BASEBALL AS  | 102132 | \$0.00              | \$0.00        | \$3,999.98          | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| LADYSMITH EMPLOYMEN    | 102170 | \$0.00              | \$0.00        | \$30,000.00         | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| LADYSMITH PRIMARY SCH  | 102473 | \$5,600.00          | \$0.00        | \$5,739.97          | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| TOZAN CULTURAL SOCIE   | 103163 | \$0.00              | \$0.00        | \$7,000.00          | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| LADYSMITH PRESCHOOL    | 104491 | \$0.00              | \$0.00        | \$12,000.00         | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| LADYSMITH CELEBRATIO   | 104631 | \$5,000.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00              | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| DAVIS ROAD SCHOOL P.A  | 105621 | \$2,620.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00              | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| LADYSMITH CHEMANUS S   | 106615 | \$0.00              | \$0.00        | \$22,399.98         | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| ROTARY CLUB OF LADYS   | 106671 | \$0.00              | \$0.00        | \$18,000.00         | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| NORTH OYSTER ELEMEN    | 107675 | \$0.00              | \$0.00        | \$3,501.67          | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| LADYSMITH RESOURCES    | 108456 | \$30,600.00         | \$0.00        | \$0.00              | \$24,383.34        | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION  | 109446 | \$0.00              | \$0.00        | \$16,500.00         | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| LADYSMITH FAMILY & FRI | 109576 | \$15,000.00         | \$0.00        | \$0.00              | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| LADYSMITH SECONDARY    | 109600 | \$17,320.00         | \$0.00        | \$17,880.00         | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| FRATERNAL ORDER OF E   | 109850 | \$0.00              | \$0.00        | \$24,999.97         | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| LADYSMITH MARITIME SC  | 112360 | \$0.00              | \$0.00        | \$18,000.00         | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION  | 112680 | \$0.00              | \$0.00        | \$9,999.97          | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS    | 113513 | \$8,000.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00              | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| VANCOUVER ISLAND GOA   | 114658 | \$6,500.00          | \$0.00        | \$0.00              | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
| ARTS COUNCIL OF LADYS  | 114665 | \$15,000.00         | \$0.00        | \$0.00              | \$0.00             | \$0.00        | \$0.00        |
|                        |        | <b>\$118,910.00</b> | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>\$266,281.52</b> | <b>\$24,383.34</b> | <b>\$0.00</b> | <b>\$0.00</b> |

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# Municipality of NORTH COWICHAN



April 28, 2008

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www.northcowichan.bc.ca

**Re: Municipality of North Cowichan Design Awards Program**

File No: 0360-20 APC08

The Municipality of North Cowichan is pleased to announce its fourth annual Advisory Planning Commission - Community Design Awards program. Nominations are welcome for construction, beautification, or environmental projects that enhance the community.

The Community Design Awards program was originally launched to recognize projects that make an exceptional contribution to the community and support the objectives of the Official Community Plan (OCP), a comprehensive document that guides development in the Municipality.

Projects that incorporate environmental sensitivity, attractive landscape design, innovative architectural and/or community development initiatives are judged against the five goals expressed in the OCP which include: Preserving the Rural Setting; Working With The Environment; Encouraging Complete Communities; Building Strong Neighbourhoods; and Ensuring Responsive Planning and Decision Making. Nominations are considered in four different categories: Residential, Industrial, Commercial and Public Use.

Past projects receiving Community Design Awards include:

2007

- ◆ Averill Creek Winery for its contribution to agriculture and agri-tourism.
- ◆ Somenos Marsh Wildlife Society and partners for the Drinkwater Dock and its role in promoting fish and wildlife habitat and conservation values.
- ◆ Catalyst Crofton Mill for the energy savings resulting from the sustainable energy management plan.
- ◆ Suncraft Construction Ltd. for an attractive 14-unit townhouse on Alexander Street.
- ◆ Cowichan Green Communities and partners for the Kinsman Park Community Garden.

2006

- ◆ Kevin Fraser of K2 Construction for the various environmental features incorporated in the construction of a detached dwelling unit in Maple Bay.
- ◆ Elmworth Construction Ltd. for an attractive fourplex residential building that integrates well with the surrounding neighbourhood.

2005

- ◆ The Crofton Seawalk, a volunteer project that opened up Crofton's waterfront for everyone to enjoy.
- ◆ Chemainus Post Office for its design that reinforces the overall small town heritage theme.
- ◆ Cascadia Forest Products for its project which resulted in an 80 per cent reduction in the saw mill's water consumption.

Council firmly believes in the importance of recognizing the efforts of those who develop projects that add to the Municipality, and we encourage you to consider nominating projects that you feel are worthy. With your support, the Design Awards Program can become an enduring way to build pride in our community.

Nomination forms for the 2008 Awards program are enclosed for your convenience. Nominations can be submitted to the North Cowichan Planning Department by **August 15, 2008**. Forms can be picked up at the Municipal office and on the website [www.northcowichan.bc.ca](http://www.northcowichan.bc.ca). Nominations should include a brief outline of the project, its history, merits, and positive community impacts, as well as photos (digital, if possible).

Please contact Brigid Reynolds at (250) 746-3156 for additional information.

Sincerely

Jon Lefebure  
Mayor

## APC Design Awards

The purpose of the DESIGN AWARDS Program is to:

Recognize different development activities that have been completed within the last five years in the District of North Cowichan. These activities may have been done at all levels, from neighbourhood spruce-up projects to subdivision developments, from commercial renovations to habitat enhancement.

Encourage residents to live by and plan for the future based on the goals of the Official Community Plan (OCP).

Build community pride by recognizing innovation and excellence in development projects.

Celebrate the efforts of community members, organizations and the building industry for improving our community.

### QUESTIONS?

**CONTACT BRIGID REYNOLDS  
DISTRICT OF NORTH COWICHAN  
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**PHONE: (250) 746-3156**

**FAX: (250) 746-3154**

**OR EMAIL:**

**reynolds@northcowichan.bc.ca**

## Who Can Be Nominated?

Nominations can be made for individual home owners, organizations, businesses, public agencies, or schools/youth groups from the District of North Cowichan that have undertaken development and/or beautification projects that work towards the goals in the Official Community Plan.

These goals include:

- *Preserving the Rural Setting*
- *Showcasing Environmental Stewardship*
- *Encouraging Vibrant and Cohesive Communities, and*
- *Building Strong Neighbourhoods*

Nominations will be assessed by the Advisory Planning Commission for recommendation to Municipal Council.

To submit a nomination, complete this application and include a detailed outline of the project, its merits, and positive community impacts. Please also include photos (digital if possible). Submit nominations to the District of North Cowichan Planning Department by **August 15, 2008.**



Mayor Jon Lefebure (left) & Paul Fletcher, Somenos Marsh Wildlife Society President (right)

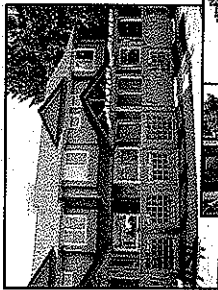
Somenos Marsh Wildlife Society Public Use Category Winner 2007



## Category

Please choose only one of the following categories.

- Residential
- Public Use
- Industrial
- Commercial



Suncraft Construction Residential Category Winner 2007

| Who are you nominating? |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Name                    |  |
| Address                 |  |
| City                    |  |
| Phone/Fax               |  |
| Email                   |  |

| Who are you? |  |
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| Name         |  |
| Address      |  |
| City         |  |
| Phone/Fax    |  |
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**Describe in 200 words or less, why your nominee deserves to win the District of North Cowichan's Design Award. Clearly summarize how the development meets the award**

What does or did your nominee contribute?

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**When? (Indicate a time period or number of years. The achievement must have occurred or continued in the past year)**

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**Where? (must be within the District of North Cowichan)**

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**How did your nominee's achievement preserve the rural setting, showcase the environmental stewardship and/or encourage vibrant and cohesive communities and build strong neighborhoods?**

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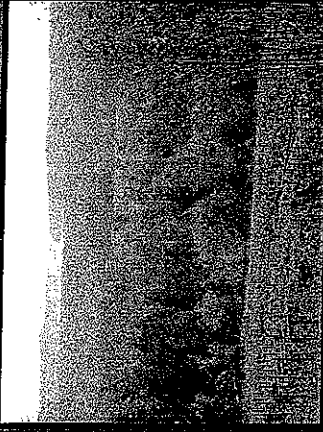
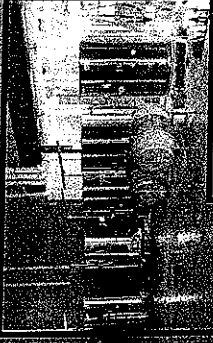
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Averill Creek Winery  
& Vineyards  
Commercial  
Category & Overall  
Winner 2007



# District of North Cowichan

Advisory Planning  
Commission

## 2008 Design Awards

Nomination Form

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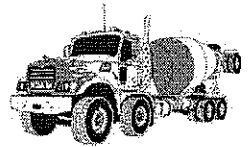
**CASSIDY PLANT**

Telephone: (250) 245-0240  
Fax: (250) 245-0249

# BEDROCK

**REDI-MIX LTD**

P.O. Box 247, Cassidy, BC V0R 1H0



**PARKSVILLE PLANT**

Telephone: (250) 951-2344  
Fax: (250) 951-2346

April 29, 2008

Town of Ladysmith  
410 Esplanade  
Ladysmith, BC  
V9G 1A2

MAY 02 2008

**Attn: His Worship, Mayor Hutchins**

Re: Cessation of access to barge loading area

We have received notice that the barge loading area located at the Ladysmith Government Dock has now been blocked off and will no longer be available for commercial use. This will undoubtedly have an impact on our business operations as well as on the feasibility for residents of the Gulf Islands to execute, much less afford to carry out home building and maintenance. Not only will commercial activity and prosperity suffer, but the environmental impact alone will be much greater. Instead of a ten minute drive for our trucks to reach the loading area, we will now have to truck our materials another 35 minutes away and embark on a significantly longer barge route. The fuel consumption and thusly, carbon output will be increased

Is this not a primary concern of the Town of Ladysmith and have we not decided as a community to work against this kind of detrimental action?

Furthermore, it is our understanding that the Town itself does not hold the lease to this land, but that it is indeed held by the Marine Society. If such is the case, how can this denial of access be permitted? There was a very similar case that came up in Nanaimo and the end result was in the favour of the residents and anyone wishing to access the boat ramp. There were not any tolls imposed nor was access restricted.

We feel this decision should be re-evaluated and the concerns of the local businesses and residents be taken into account.

Respectfully,

Terry Hughes  
President, **Bedrock Redi-Mix Ltd.**