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CONNECTING WITH COUNCIL

Ladysmith's Council is currently serving a four-year term. The next election is in the fall of 2018. Council always appreciates your feedback, and there are many ways to get in touch:

Attend a Meeting

Council meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. and as the Municipal Services Committee (MSC) on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Meetings usually take place in Council Chambers at City Hall. Visit www.ladysmith.ca or call 250.245.6400 the day of a meeting for updates.

2016 Council Meeting Schedule

Month	Council	MSC	Month	Council	MSC
January	4 & 18	11	July	4 & 18	11
February	1 & 15	-	August	15	8
March	7 & 21	14	September	19	12
April	4 & 18	11	October	3 & 17	-
May	2 & 16	9	November	7 & 21	14
June	6 & 20	13	December	5 & 19	12

Agendas are posted at www.ladysmith.ca by 5:30 p.m. on the Thursday before the meeting. Minutes are generally available one week after the meeting.

Have Your Say

- Apply to appear at a meeting as a delegation (download the [Delegation to Council Application](#) or get one from City Hall)
- Ask a question during Question Period at the end of each Council meeting - **Council encourages and welcomes your participation.**

- Write to City Hall, Box 220, Ladysmith, B.C. V9G 1A2, or send an e-mail to:

Mayor Aaron Stone: astone@ladysmith.ca

Councillor Steve Arnett: sarnett@ladysmith.ca

Councillor Cal Fradin: cfradin@ladysmith.ca

Councillor Joe Friesenhan: jfriesenhan@ladysmith.ca

Councillor Carol Henderson: chenderson@ladysmith.ca

Councillor Rob Hutchins: rhutchins@ladysmith.ca

Councillor Duck Paterson: dpaterson@ladysmith.ca

THREE WAYS TO STAY IN THE KNOW

Follow us on Facebook for posts on important information:

www.facebook.com/LadysmithBC

Email info@ladysmith.ca to join the **City Hall Public e-mail list** and receive e-mails about meetings, events and other news.

Email prc@ladysmith.ca to receive the **Parks, Recreation and Culture online monthly newsletter.**



Left to right: Councillor Joe Friesenhan, Councillor Cal Fradin, Councillor Steve Arnett, Mayor Aaron Stone, Councillor Rob Hutchins, Councillor Carol Henderson, Councillor Duck Paterson

HAVE YOUR UTILITY BILL E-MAILED

To sign up for "e-billing" for your next quarterly utility bill, send us an e-mail at info@ladysmith.ca and provide your account number (from the upper left hand side of your bill).

AUTOMATIC UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS

You can pay your utility bill directly through our pre-authorized debit program. Download the form at www.ladysmith.ca, and return it with a void cheque. After that, your account will be debited on the bill's due date. You will still receive your quarterly utility bill.

PROPERTY TAX PRE-PAYMENT PLAN

With our tax pre-payment plan, you make equal monthly payments based on this year's taxes, debited automatically on the first of each month. For details, please call City Hall at 250.245.6414 ext. 6206 or visit www.ladysmith.ca.

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SNOW CLEARING - USEFUL INFORMATION

The Public Works Department maintains approximately 60 km of paved roads within the Town's boundaries. Here are a few facts about the Town's snow clearing routine:



First priority for the snow ploughs is to clear snow from establishments such as the Community Health Centre, RCMP station, ambulance station and fire station.

All **main** roads are cleared and maintained throughout the day and night as the snow continues to fall. **Main** roads include Fourth Avenue, First Avenue, Dogwood Drive, Davis Road and Chemainus Road.

It takes approximately 48 hours to clear all the roads in Town. If snow falls again within that time, crews must then return to streets with higher priority. We hope you will be patient when this happens.

Sidewalks on Main Streets - Town staff clear sidewalks around parks, bridges and Town-owned properties as well as heavily travelled sidewalks along First Avenue and Dogwood Drive. Please remember, whether you are a resident or operate a business in Ladysmith, you must clear your own sidewalks by 10:00 a.m. following a snowfall.

A free sand mixture is available outside the Public Works Yard (Sixth Avenue at Roberts Street) to help you keep sidewalks clear and safe.

2016 DOG TAGS - SAVE \$10 - BY JANUARY 31

The Town offers a \$10 discount on tags bought by January 31 of the current year. The rates for 2016 tags are:

Not Spayed or Neutered	Spayed or Neutered
\$44 by January 31, 2016	\$26 by January 31, 2016
\$54 after January 31, 2016	\$36 after January 31, 2016

Tags are available at: City Hall (corner of Roberts Street and Trans Canada Highway), Frank Jameson Community Centre (810 Sixth Avenue), Little Rascals Pet Store (436 First Avenue).

Please visit www.ladysmith.ca for frequently asked questions about owning a dog in Ladysmith.

Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) dog tags are also available at City Hall and Frank Jameson Community Centre. \$25 if purchased by January 31st and \$35 thereafter.

2016 BUSINESS LICENCES

DUE FEBRUARY 28

The Town of Ladysmith offers inter-municipal business licences with Duncan, North Cowichan and Lake Cowichan. Your Ladysmith business licence is valid when you offer mobile business services within these three other communities. The cost of an annual business licence is \$100. **Renew by February 28, 2016 to avoid a \$25 late payment fee.**

INTER-COMMUNITY BUSINESS LICENCE

Ladysmith mobile businesses operating in Campbell River, Parksville, Qualicum Beach, Courtenay, Port Alberni, Cumberland, Duncan, Lake Cowichan and Nanaimo, can purchase an Inter-Community Business Licence for an additional \$150.

Ninety per cent of business licence fees go to the Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce business and tourist services, helping keep customers in town to support Ladysmith businesses.

ARE YOU NEW TO LADYSMITH?

Visit City Hall (corner of Roberts Street and Trans Canada Highway) or contact us at 250.245.6400 or info@ladysmith.ca to:

- Update your contact information
- Sign up for e-billing for your quarterly utility bill
- Find out information about waste separation and collection, where to get recycle bags, organic bins and compostable bags.

BUILDING AND BYLAW DEPARTMENT

LOCATION UPDATE

The Building and Bylaw Department has re-located to the Development Services Office located at 132C Roberts Street (corner of Roberts Street and Second Avenue).

Contact information is as follows:

Director of Development Services

Felicity Adams 250.245.6405 fadams@ladysmith.ca

Building Inspection

Colin Bollinger - 250.245.6443

cbollinger@ladysmith.ca

Bylaw Enforcement

Mark Hayden - 250.245.6446

mhayden@ladysmith.ca

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE

MASTER PLAN - SURVEY

A Parks, Recreation & Culture Master Plan is underway, and you have an opportunity to provide input into the future of programs, services, events, facilities, parks and trails!

Complete the survey either; online at www.ladysmith.ca or the one included with this invoice and return it to the Frank Jameson Community Centre to be entered into a draw for a facility pass.