



STAGE 1 WATERING RESTRICTIONS

Please note that regular stage 1 watering restrictions will come into effect May 1st. These regular annual restrictions are intended to help control water usage as we start watering lawns and gardens with the warmer, dryer weather. Remember, being water-wise throughout the year can also save you money. With a little effort, we can reduce the amount of water we use at home by as much as 40 per cent! For water-wise tips, visit our water conservation page at www.ladysmith.ca

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We've been reaching out and asking residents and businesses what they think about a number of issues. Do residents support permitting garden suites/coach houses in areas of Ladysmith outside the Old Town core? How can we maintain our high standards for quality development while improving service to existing and potential investors? How can we ensure local youth are healthy, happy and engaged? How can we help better manage our watersheds and protect our drinking water? These are all important discussions and gathering feedback from the community helps us to make informed decisions as we move forward.

During our various consultations, the Town tries to reach as many community members as possible using a variety of engagement tools. These will often include surveys, public meetings and open

houses, notices in local publications and on community bulletin boards, Town social media accounts, and PlaceSpeak, an online engagement platform. Information and updates are also available at www.ladysmith.ca and at City Hall, so please check back often.

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

Town Parks crews will be working to keep our cemetery beautiful throughout the summer months.

Floral tributes and other trinkets that may have been moved to allow for maintenance may be picked up by contacting the Parks Supervisor at 250.245.6448. Thank you for your patience and co-operation.

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LADYSMITH AMBASSADORS

For the past 63 years, volunteers with the Ladysmith Ambassador Society, a not-for-profit group dedicated to instilling community spirit and pride in our local youth through healthy development initiatives and educational bursaries, has been running the successful Ladysmith Ambassador Program. Candidates and Ambassadors volunteer at many community and area functions and participate in programs aimed at strengthening self-esteem, such as communication, public speaking and leadership. They also learn about and share Ladysmith's rich history.

The team strives to be outstanding role models to the youth of Ladysmith and other places they visit, as the Ambassadors also travel throughout British Columbia to promote our beautiful town. The skills they acquire help to provide a solid and positive foundation as they enter the world of employment and post-secondary education. Past Ambassadors also have an opportunity to participate in the B.C. Ambassador Program where they represent Ladysmith alongside other candidates from across the province.

On Saturday, April 28, outgoing Ladysmith Ambassador Sidney Mrus and Vice-Ambassadors

Nina Charley and Brandy-Lin Olson will pass the torch to three new Ambassadors during the annual Coronation Evening Program. Good luck to all candidates and thanks to outgoing Ambassadors for a job well done!

LADYSMITH YOUTH PLAN

It has been an exciting couple of months as the Town, with the help of consultants, community members and youth research teams, engaged Ladysmith residents in deep dialogue about the future of our youth. To ensure the voices of Ladysmith youth were heard directly, we visited 10 different high school classes with Youth Research Team facilitators. In addition, we have received more than 250 survey results from both youth and adults.

The Ladysmith Youth Plan also included two open houses held on April 11 at Frank Jameson Community Centre. Data from those meetings will be compiled and posted publicly for further review and feedback, and further analysis of all data received is ongoing.

In May, consultants will work with participants to develop a final plan to be presented to Ladysmith Council. It is expected that the final plan will be unveiled to the public in June.

BIO-SOLIDS COMPOSTING FACILITY UP AND RUNNING

The new bio-solids composting facility at 4142 Thicke Road is now up and running. We couldn't be prouder of this state of the art operation! Bio-solids from the Waste Water Treatment Plant are being turned into Class A compost, which demonstrates the Town's independence as we treat our own Waste Water from start to finish. Further, Ladysmith is now being recognized regionally and even internationally for the combination of effective innovations included in our Waste Water Treatment Plant and the accompanying bio-solids facility. This is a key accomplishment in Council's strategic goals around infrastructure renewal and long term sustainability.

WATERFRONT AREA PLAN UPDATE

The new Waterfront Area Plan was presented to more than 200 members of the community on January 22nd. Thank you to everyone for your interest and participation in this project! The next step is for Council to consider including this new Plan in the Town's Official Community Plan and adopting zoning for the initial phase of development. This formal process began with Council giving Bylaws 1950 and 1951 first and second reading on March 5, 2018. A Public Hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, May 14, 2018 at the Eagles Hall. Public Hearing notices will be placed in the Chronicle newspaper, on community notice boards and the Town's website in early May. For more information, click the Waterfront Area Plan at www.ladysmith.ca or contact Felicity Adams, Director of Development Services, at 250.245.6405.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS OCTOBER 20, 2018

General local (municipal) elections in B.C. are held every four years on the third Saturday in October. The next local election will be held October 20, 2018. Ladysmith residents will vote for a mayor and six councillors for the Town of Ladysmith, as well as up to nine trustees for the Nanaimo-Ladysmith School District.

Local elected officials make decisions that can directly affect the daily lives of residents, families, local business owners and many others in our community. Local elections are the most direct way for the public to influence their local government or school district by voting for individuals who are entrusted to make those important decisions and govern on their behalf for the four years after election day.

Serving your community as an elected official can be a

rewarding experience. If this is something you are considering, there is a lot of information to help you make the decision.

The provincial government has some excellent videos to inform prospective candidates about the process and requirements for running for local office in B.C. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/governance-powers/general-local-elections/thinking-of-running-for-local-office>

Town staff will also be offering a seminar for people who are thinking about running for office in Ladysmith. The first session will take place on Monday, May 28 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at City Hall.

DERELICT AND ABANDONED VESSELS

Recently, the Town participated in a Government of Canada announcement regarding removal of abandoned and derelict vessels from the Ladysmith harbour. Transport Canada presented the Canada-wide announcement at the Ladysmith Maritime Society Community Marina, and Mayor Aaron Stone stood with federal Transport Minister Marc Garneau as the Minister announced that Ladysmith would receive the first round of funding to remove several abandoned vessels from our shoreline.

Following the announcement, one of the most prominent displays of clean-up work was the deconstruction and removal of a large burned boat near Slack Point. Other smaller vessels were also removed from the area. Mayor and Council are pleased with this first step and will press on until the beauty and health of our harbour are restored.

STREETLIGHTS

Here's some 'illuminating' information about streetlights! All issues with streetlights should be reported to Ladysmith Public Works at 250.245.6445. Staff can then determine if the light belongs to the Town or to BC Hydro. BC Hydro streetlights are easily identified as they have hydro wires connected to them. Town lights are repaired by Town staff, however if a streetlight owned by BC Hydro is not working, Town staff report the issue to BC Hydro, who will then proceed with repairs. Please note that this process can involve a longer repair turnaround time as BC Hydro may wait and repair several lights at the same time.



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WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, we want to hear from you.

Send us an e-mail to info@ladysmith.ca or call City Hall at **250.245.6400**.

MACHINE SHOP REVITALIZATION GRANT

Excitement was in the air during a good news funding announcement aimed at the revitalization of the historic Machine Shop building. Mayor Stone, joined by Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Selena Robinson and local MLA Doug Routley, announced a grant of nearly \$1.8 million in federal Gas Tax funding for the historic Machine Shop. This building is a central anchor within the Arts and Heritage Hub of Ladysmith's new Waterfront Area Plan. The Machine Shop will undergo significant architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical, accessibility and energy efficiency upgrades.

The waterfront planning process, completed with input from many members of our community and in partnership with our Stz'uminus neighbours and friends, played an instrumental role in helping to secure this funding. The Machine Shop project represents the first step toward realizing the vision of a vibrant and sustainable waterfront area.

AGGIE HALL PARKING LOT EXPANSION/NEW PLAYGROUND

You've probably noticed all of the activity at Aggie Hall – the parking lot is being expanded! Aggie Hall parking lot expansion work started the week of April 2nd and is expected to take approximately 4 weeks. The Town will work with the contractor to ensure minimal disruptions. Our apologies in advance for any inconvenience this may cause to those who use Aggie Hall and the sports fields. The next phase will include a new, natural playground directly above the parking lot area, below Second Avenue, in the summer. Stay tuned to www.ladysmith.ca for more information.

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Call City Hall 250.245.6400, click the button on our website www.ladysmith.ca, or send us an e-mail to info@ladysmith.ca to be added to our electronic newsletter mailing list. You can choose to receive City Hall News, Parks, Recreation & Culture News and/or Emergency Information right in your e-mail inbox in a safe, secure e-newsletter.

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