



SALISH WIND CANOE

All through 2017, Ladysmith, together with every community from coast to coast, reveled in national pride as we participated in numerous events to honour this land we all love so much during Canada 150 celebrations. Ladysmith's most enduring Canada 150 project is the Salish Wind, a beautiful red cedar canoe created by Stz'uminus master carvers Manny and Elmer Sampson resting on a base by Nanaimo chainsaw carver Dan Richey. The piece, which truly exemplifies the spirit of Naut-sa Mawt (Working Together in the Coast Salish language) has been permanently installed at Transfer Beach for all to enjoy.

COACH HOUSE CONSULTATION 2018

Council will be seeking community input in the coming months to discuss allowing coach house use on properties zoned "Single Dwelling Residential (R-1)". Currently, a coach house is a permitted use on many residential properties in downtown Ladysmith. Should this be expanded to allow coach house use on all residential properties zoned R-1 in Ladysmith?

The community consultation will include a survey, public meetings, and notices in the Chronicle and on social media. Information and updates will also be available at: www.ladysmith.ca

WATERFRONT AREA PLAN UPDATE

Thanks to our partnership with the Stz'uminus First Nation and extensive and thoughtful community input received at public events, the design charrette, on-line surveys, stakeholder meetings and individual conversations held throughout 2017, the final draft Waterfront Area Plan has been created!

The plan will be available on the Town's website after Jan. 22 at <http://www.ladysmith.ca/city-hall/waterfront-area-plan>

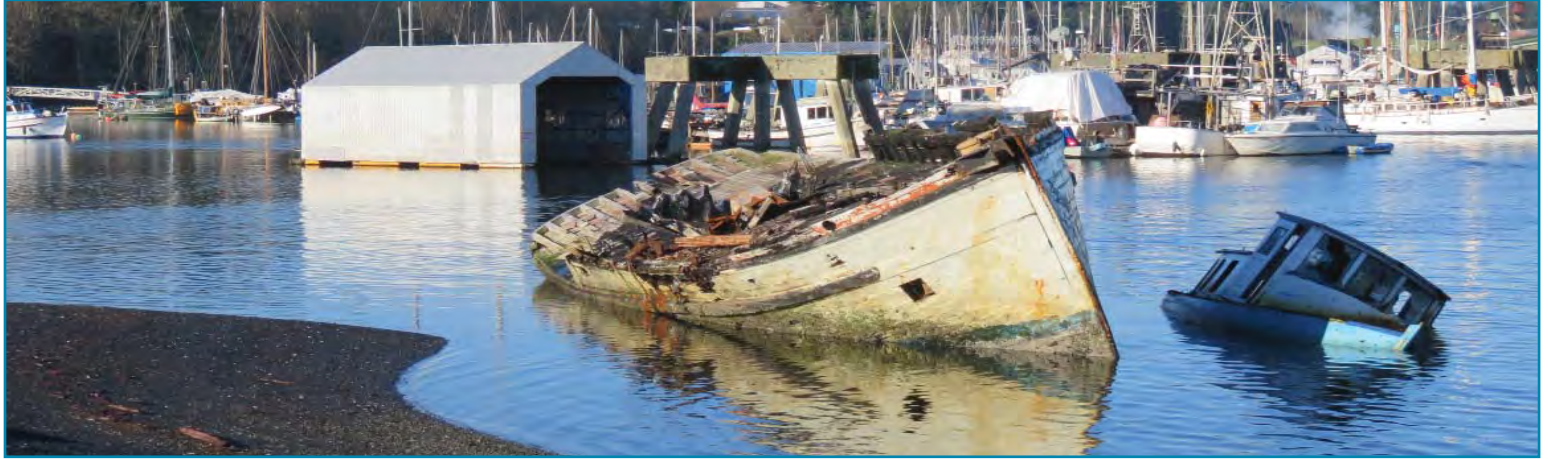
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DERELICT AND ABANDONED VESSELS

In addition to posing unsightly environmental and navigational hazards, the derelict and abandoned vessels located in Ladysmith-area waters can also hurt the economic health of our community. Last year, two vessels sank in the harbour, leaking fuel and potentially affecting the Stz'uminus First Nation, who rely on a 150,000 pound annual oyster license in the area, as well as other local shellfish producers and processors. However, we also received some encouraging news from the federal government, in the form of Transport Canada's new, five-year, \$6.85 million Abandoned Boats Program and the introduction of Bill C-64, the Wrecked, Abandoned or Hazardous Vessels Act, which now makes it illegal to abandon boats, while allowing the government to go after the owners of the hundreds of vessels polluting Canada's waterways. The Town has also submitted an application to have an initial removal of ten boats littering our shoreline, and we will continue to pressure both provincial and federal governments for more action on this front.

SNOW AND ICE

In the event of a snowfall, Town staff will be responsible for clearing "heavily travelled" sidewalks along First Avenue and Dogwood Drive. For all other areas, property owners and residents are reminded that it is your responsibility to clear snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of your business and your home. Removal should take place no later than 10:00 a.m. on each day of a snowfall. This will greatly help all pedestrians and add to the safety of the elderly and those with limited mobility. To aid residents in keeping streets clear, a mixture of sand/salt is available at Public Works for use on sidewalks in front of your homes. Please respect your fellow citizens and limit the amount you take to what you can reasonably use to keep your sidewalk clear so that there is enough to go around when the sidewalks are slippery. The Town will make every effort to keep major arterial and collector streets open, and to clear snow from as many residential streets as possible during snowfalls. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our streets safe.

BIO-SOLIDS UPDATE

The new bio-solids composting facility at 4142 Thicke Road will be up and running very soon. The building is now fully constructed and the air handling and electrical controls within the structure are complete. The bio-filter is complete and the Town is currently waiting for the hydro connection to the building to be activated. The channel aeration system which will pump air through the bio-solids treatment channels is nearing completion. When all is complete, the plant will begin processing the bio-solids from the waste water treatment plant and turning it into Class A compost.



LADYSMITH YOUTH PLAN

An encouraging development for our town is related to the future of Ladysmith youth. The Ladysmith Youth Plan will be driven by youth and shaped by their feedback and is aimed at creating a compelling, innovative and realistic roadmap that helps to engage young people, involve them in community activities, and ensure they play a prominent role in the decisions that affect them. The project, which is a collaborative effort between the Town, Ladysmith youth and a number of key community stakeholders, is expected to be completed by June.

Phase One: Building the Foundations is complete. Phase One included an inventory of existing youth programs and services, research on best practices for youth programs, interviews with staff and community members associated with youth programs, and the establishment of a Youth Research Team.

Phase Two: Community Consultation and Organizing Data is underway. The Youth Research Team will work with other members of the project on community engagement activities. Engagement activities include: World Café, Focus Groups, Interviews, Surveys, and a Youth Video Contest. For more information, including dates and details of engagement activities, check out:

- Facebook - @youthladysmith
- Twitter - @youthladysmith
- Email - youth@ladysmith.ca
- Website - www.ladysmith.ca

WILDLIFE REMINDERS

Sightings of bears and cougars in our community have been reported recently. Reporting bear or cougar issues before the animals have the opportunity to become habituated to people or conditioned to feeding on human foods can help make them candidates for non-lethal management, such as capture and release, if it is safe to do so. However, if the public does not report issues and the animals (especially bears) become conditioned to finding their food on our properties or in our garbage, and /or begin acting aggressively toward people, they are generally not candidates for non-lethal response and are usually euthanized. Please protect our wildlife by ensuring your home and property are wildlife resistant.

- Invest in bear-proof garbage cans.
- Keep your garbage inside a garage or secure enclosure, and only put it out on the morning of your regular garbage day.
- If you have fruit trees, make sure you do not leave ripe fruit on the tree or on the ground.
- Remove bird feeders.
- Clean your barbecue thoroughly after each use.
- Leave a radio talk show on when you are away.





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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](tel:250.245.6400).

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WATER MAIN FLUSHING PROGRAM

Regular water main flushing is an important part of a comprehensive water management program. Each year, between January and April, the Town's Utilities Department flushes both water supply mains and distribution water mains. Potable water is flushed at a high velocity through the water mains to ensure all piping is refreshed and minor sediment within the pipes is removed. This is one of the methods relied upon by the Town to help keep our drinking water safe and clean.

During the flushing period, water users may experience some discoloration of the water supply. Running a cold tap for a short period will help restore water quality back to normal. If you or someone you know depends on medical equipment that uses water, please call Public Works at 250-245-6445 for flushing dates.

Yearly water main flushing is also a reminder to clean the screens on your faucets as well as the pressure reducing valve (where water enters the house). This should be done on an annual basis. Thank you for your patience and cooperation!

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