

BUSINESS LICENCES BY 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, 2019 to avoid a \$25 late payment fee. If you are a new business in Ladysmith and apply after July 1st, your cost will be prorated to \$50 for the balance of the calendar year.

Ladysmith business owners who carry out work in additional Central Vancouver Island municipalities can purchase an Inter-Community Business Licence for an additional \$150.00. Following are the participating municipalities: Campbell River, Parksville, Qualicum Beach, Courtenay, Port Alberni, Cumberland, Duncan, Lake Cowichan and Nanaimo.

PUBLIC ART STRATEGY

Whether it's the many historical artifacts found around town, or the Salish Wind canoe at Transfer Beach Park, our green open spaces, streets and downtown alleyways are full of so many community treasures in the form of public art.

In early September, the Arts Council of Ladysmith & District was awarded a contract by the Town to complete a Public Art Strategy.

Local residents from both Ladysmith and Stz'uminus First Nation responded enthusiastically to the idea by engaging in public presentations, workshops, walking tours, surveys and a post card project to

garner their feedback on current examples of public art and how we can better reimagine our public spaces.

The idea for a Public Art Strategy was born out of Ladysmith's 2016 Parks and Recreation Master Plan with the goal of developing guiding principles and implementation steps for more accessible forms of artistry in the community.

The completed draft Public Art Strategy, including a set of recommendations, will be reviewed in January by the Municipal Services Committee and Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee before going to Council.

Thank you for being a part of the process.

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WATER FILTRATION PLANT

First phase completed this winter

Construction of the Town of Ladysmith's new Water Filtration Plant continues to progress steadily with the completion of the earthworks phase this winter.

This first step in the project involved laying the foundation for the new treatment facility, which is scheduled to be completed near the end of summer 2019.

We undertook this necessary investment in our infrastructure to meet the latest Island Health filtration standards, and responsibly plan for our future community and economic growth.

During the earthworks phase, bedrock material was blasted to clear the way for the 16,000 sq-ft facility and then reused as fill material for the site.

Crews have also installed the stainless steel underslab piping that will eventually tie in to both Stocking Lake and Holland Lake. Once operational, the WFP will enable the Town to draw from these water sources during increased periods of turbidity, such as following a heavy rainfall.

Holland Creek trail users may have also noticed in recent weeks the installation of the sanitary service pipe connecting up to Colonia Drive. This sewer line will take any residuals from the water filtration process to the recently upgraded Waste Water Treatment Facility (sewage plant).

For more on the WFP project you can visit: www.ladysmith.ca/our-services/water/water-filtration

SNOW AND ICE

What happens when it snows in Ladysmith

The mountains overlooking Ladysmith may be blanketed with snow but those toboggans and shovels are still collecting dust in our garages. It's still a good idea to be prepared to deal with snow on our streets.

In the event of a snowfall, the first priority for the plows is to clear access to public buildings such as the Community Health Centre, RCMP detachment, Ambulance Station and Fire/Rescue Station.

We then clear and maintain all main roads on a 24 hour basis as the snow continues to fall. Our primary concern is keeping the main roadways, First Avenue Fourth Avenue, Dogwood Drive, Davis Road and Chemainus Road open to traffic.

Weather permitting, we then clear snow from the main hills throughout the Town, focusing on widening the roads we have already cleared to make room for traffic. Local neighbourhood roads will be cleared after the main thoroughfares (listed above) are completed.

Through roads will be cleared first, and then cul-de-sacs. Did you know it can take about 48 hours to clear all 60 kilometres of roads in Ladysmith?

Remember that it is your responsibility to shovel the sidewalk in front of your house by 10:00 am after a snowfall. This helps to ensure the safety of your neighbours and other pedestrians. We also provide a free salt/sand mixture at the Public Works Yard.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL PLAN DISCUSSIONS

Council has been busy with the proposed 2019 budget. Next, they will be reviewing grants-in-aid, and determining tax rates. The Financial Plan and Tax Rates bylaws will be presented in April, and must be adopted by May 15. To view all the budget presentations, visit: www.ladysmith.ca/discover-ladysmith/community-plans/our-financial-plan.



LOT 5 EXPROPRIATION

Offer to purchase property

Last year, the previous Town of Ladysmith Council directed staff to acquire a 3.2 acre property (Lot 5) to be included in our municipal parks and open spaces, as outlined in the Waterfront Area Plan (WAP).

The Town made an offer to purchase Lot 5 at market value, but the owners rejected the offer. The Town then proceeded to expropriate the land as authorized under the *Community Charter* and *Expropriation Act*.

A local government can acquire a property when it's in the public interest to do so but we are required to follow this legislated process.

Lot 5 is predominantly a rock scarp face covered with mature trees and portions of well-used pedestrian trails surrounded by provincial and town lands.

The Town's interest in acquiring the property was communicated to the public on several occasions during the Waterfront Area Plan public consultation process. Lot 5 is shown in the Waterfront Area Plan as green space.

Several steps in the statutory expropriation process have already been taken place, including:

- Determining the purpose of the expropriation and confirmation of the Town's statutory power to expropriate
- Land title search

- Issuance of an expropriation notice and delivery of the notice to the owners
- Filing of the expropriation notice in the Land Titles Office
- Posting of the expropriation notification sign at the site, located to the east of the Machine Shop.

Updates and additional information can be found on the Town's website at: www.ladysmith.ca/city-hall/waterfront-area-plan

DOG LICENCES

The 2019 dog tags are now available and eligible for an early purchase discount until the end of January.

Licences (tags) are available at City Hall, 410 Esplanade during regular office hours, Frank Jameson Community Centre, 810 6th Avenue and For Pet's Sake pet store, 416 1st Avenue.

CANNABIS SURVEY

Ladysmith residents can watch their mailboxes over the coming weeks as we prepare to send out a survey regarding the retail sale of cannabis.

The current zoning bylaw prohibits the sale of cannabis within the municipality and your feedback will help the Town decide where cannabis stores could be located.

Options will be available for returning a hard copy of the survey to City Hall, or completing it electronically.

PAYMENTS DUE

Utility bills for October to December are due February 28, 2019. If you have not received your bill by the end of January, please call 250.245.6400 or email: billing@ladysmith.ca.



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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 discolouration 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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