



WATER RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

The annual water use restrictions are now in effect for Ladysmith and the entire CVRD. For more details, go to www.ladysmith.ca/our-services/water. Check back often throughout the summer as the restrictions do change with hotter weather.

4TH AVE ROCKY CREEK DIP

During late winter/early spring 2018, Ladysmith experienced heavy rainfall resulting in storm flows into Rocky Creek which exceeded the capacity of the existing culvert on 4th Avenue. The first storm washed out the sidewalk and most of 4th Avenue's southbound lane. Town of Ladysmith staff carried out a temporary repair and re-opened both lanes. However, a second heavy rainfall that occurred a number of weeks later once again damaged the upstream sidewalk and a portion of the southbound lane. At this point, following recommendations from an engineer, Town staff closed the southbound lane and initiated an inspection program to monitor the crossing over Rocky Creek.

During these inspections, it was determined that the existing culvert was failing and a portion of the upstream section of the culvert had started to collapse. Further consultation with an engineer confirmed that the structure was in need of complete replacement.



Planning and geotechnical work is now underway - once the design work has been completed, we expect to start construction in late summer. Consultation with the Ministry of Environment will be completed and all permit requirements will be in place prior to work commencing. Further, in the event the remaining traffic lane is closed for some reason, an alternate route has been planned.

All route updates will be posted on www.ladysmith.ca, or call 250.245.6445.



FACILITY GRAND OPENINGS

The Town proudly showcased two prominent infrastructure projects during an official event to celebrate the grand opening of both facilities.

Completion of the Town's new wastewater treatment plant has significantly improved the quality of the wastewater effluent discharged to the Ladysmith Harbour, reducing pollution levels and supporting the guiding principles of the Town's Waterfront Area Plan. The facility is also an engineering marvel, recently receiving an Association of Consulting Engineering Companies (ACEC) Award for Engineering Excellence.

The upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant and the accompanying new bio-solids composting facility, which takes bio-solids produced at the wastewater treatment plant and transforms them into Class A compost, demonstrates Ladysmith's commitment to restoring the health of the local aquatic environment and our independence as we treat our own wastewater from start to finish. We are grateful to the federal and provincial governments for providing the Gas Tax funds that helped to make these projects possible.

BUILDING PERMIT CHECKLISTS

Did you know that easy to use checklists have been created by the Town's Development Services team for new residential construction and residential renovations and additions? The checklists will be used by all builders and are available online at <http://www.ladysmith.ca/business-development/>

[building-information-and-permits/building-application-forms](#) and from the Development Services office.

Tip sheets containing tips and useful links for preparing a complete application have also been developed. The new forms were tested with local builders who were supportive of this helpful new approach.

WATERFRONT AREA PLAN AWARD

The Town's vision for a renewed waterfront area has been recognized as one of the finest examples of professional planning work in British Columbia and the Yukon, with our Waterfront Area Plan winning Gold for Excellence in Policy Planning – Small Town & Rural Areas Award from the Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC). PIBC Awards for Excellence in Planning honour the best in professional planning work undertaken by members in five categories.

The PIBC award acknowledges the many months of hard work that went into ensuring those affected by the Waterfront Area Plan was given an opportunity to play a role in shaping it into what it is today. This broad, nearly two year long engagement process was necessary to support the vision of the plan, which thoughtfully balances the desires of our community while also providing economic feasibility and sustainable growth.



LADYSMITH YOUTH PLAN UPDATE

It's been an amazing 8+ months working with various community organizations and youth on the Ladysmith Youth Plan (LYP). We are so grateful for the participation, energy and enthusiasm of everyone involved.

On June 4, consultants with Pacific Leadership Design and the Ladysmith Youth Research Team presented the draft Ladysmith Youth Plan to Council. We would like to convey our deep appreciation for the contributions made by the Youth Research Team toward the creation of the LYP, participating actively as local youth representatives in all aspects of the planning stage. During their monthly planning meetings, responsibilities included reviewing strategies for connecting with Ladysmith youth and the general public. Throughout facilitation training and all the subsequent public engagements, their volunteer work reflected an extraordinary amount of commitment and a high level of learning and performance. It's been incredibly inspiring to watch these amazing young people grow and thrive as a team.

On June 7, the draft Ladysmith Youth Plan was also presented to the Town's Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee. Next steps involve making

recommended changes to the LYP before the final draft is presented to Council in mid-July.

NEW WATERFRONT AREA PLAN ADOPTED BY COUNCIL

On May 14, 2018, following a public hearing and nearly two years of extensive community engagement that included over 1700 direct interactions with Ladysmith area and Stz'uminus First Nation residents and stakeholders regarding proposed ideas for the waterfront area, the new Waterfront Area Plan was officially adopted by Town Council. Also on June 4, the tract of land behind Transfer Beach Park was re-zoned from 'Waterfront Reserve (CD-4) Zone' to 'Medium Density Residential (R-3) Zone' to permit a multiple-unit residential development. The sale of this land will help to fund various components of the plan. This area is not part of the park.

Implementation of the plan will be facilitated by a full-time term Waterfront Implementation Project Manager and guided by the Waterfront Implementation Committee (WIC), comprised of three representatives each from Ladysmith Town Council and the Stz'uminus First Nation Council who have been appointed to the WIC to advise and make recommendations on waterfront implementation items to each Council.

OPEN FIRE BAN

Due to the recent hot, dry weather, all open fires (including campfires) are banned in B.C. Parks, Crown lands and private lands located within communities throughout the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdiction, including Ladysmith. Please check B.C. Wildfire for updates, and practice fire safety at all times.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/fire-bans-and-restrictions>



AROUND TOWN

- BC Summer Games - July 19-22nd
- Ladysmith Days - August 4-5th
- Sea Life Celebration - August 12th
- Ladysmith Rod Run and Show and Shine - August 17-18
- Light up the Night and Arts on the Avenue - August 25-26
- Logger Sports - September 2
- Tery Fox Run - September 16

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018

Voting is an important part of the democratic process. It is a chance for every eligible person to decide who will represent them and what the future of their municipality, their province, and their country will look like.

General local (municipal) elections in B.C. are held every four years on the third Saturday in October. The next local election is right around the corner on 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.

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>

This past May and June, Town staff provided two well-attended seminars for people thinking about running for office in Ladysmith and for those who wished to inform themselves about the elections process. Whether you've made the decision run for office, or you simply want to have a voice in your community, be sure to get out and vote on October 20!

AGGIE HALL PARKING LOT EXPANSION

The Town's new Aggie Hall parking expansion project has been completed! We'd like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding while Town crews and contractors worked hard over the past few months to carry out this project. Be sure to check out the new Aggie Hall sign located at the site. Next up: An exciting new Aggie Playground to replace the old one.

 Send an E-mail to info@ladysmith.ca

 Mail a Note to Town of Ladysmith City Hall, 410 Esplanade, Box 220, Ladysmith, B.C. V9G 1A2

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