

LADYSMITH LINKS

APRIL 2019

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

CANNABIS CONSULTATION

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.

UPDATE: 4th AVENUE AND ROCKY CREEK DIP

The Town is in the process of securing a contractor to construct a new culvert and road crossing over Rocky Creek.

The Churchill Place to McKinley Road connector will be opened when 4th Avenue closes, likely in late June, and traffic will be detoured, as was done during the September 2018 work.

Residents are always welcome to call Public Works at

250.245.6445 for information. Watch the Town's website for more information in the coming months.

SPRING CLEANUP

The annual Spring Clean Up Week will take place from April 23-29, 2019. During this week, on your regular collection day certain oversized items will be picked up. All items must be placed at the curbside the day BEFORE your regular collection day.

Please Note: If items left at curbside are not on the list above they will not be picked up. For more details check our website at www.ladysmith.ca

CEMETERY CLEANUP

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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THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

A huge thank you to the Ladysmith Sportsmen's Club and the 20 volunteers from Ladysmith Scouts, Cubs and Beavers for planting 282 indigenous plants on March 30 in the ravine between the Dogwood Ball Park and the Ladysmith Golf Course.

These plants will help stabilize and restore vegetation along the bank, which washed out as a result of heavy rainfall in December 2014.

LADYSMITH TAKES STEPS FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

The Town of Ladysmith continues to be discovered as a very desirable community to live, work and play and as a result has been cited as one of the fastest growing communities in British Columbia for last year.

A recent BC Stats report on population estimates shows Ladysmith welcomed approximately 324 new residents in 2018. This 3.6% year-over-year increase makes our town the fastest growing municipality among those with a population of at least 5,000 residents.

"The continued investments in making our community an attractive place to live and do business are paying dividends," said Mayor Aaron Stone. "We have become one of the premiere destinations for new residents and businesses in one of the most in-demand areas of Canada."

The Province estimates year-over-year population growth by using the health client registry and residential hydro hook-ups.

Ladysmith's population is currently projected to be 9,417 and the community has grown an estimated 2.9% annually

on average over the past five years.

Over the same period of time the Town has invested millions, with the support of federal and provincial grant revenues, into capital projects such as upgrades to Wastewater Treatment Plant and the new Water Filtration Plant set for completion later in 2019.

In keeping with Council's objective to conserve and protect the Town's drinking water, increasing the Holland Lake water storage capacity remains a key infrastructure priority for the Town over the coming years.

"To address our goals for sustainable growth, we have made - and will continue to make -- significant investments in our water and wastewater systems. These investments in our award-winning infrastructure will ensure that we are well positioned for decades to come," said Mayor Stone.

"We are also committed to our environmental goals, working to ensure that new development holds up our sustainability vision, reducing negative inputs into our environment and improving outcomes for all."

Ladysmith's Economic Development Strategy supports attracting residential development and sustainable population growth to create a larger market for local businesses, while also expanding the local workforce.

The Town similarly continues to support local not-for-profit organizations and to lobby our provincial and federal government partners on affordable housing opportunities and future housing needs for seniors and people with limited incomes.



LADYSMITH IS IN THE TOP 3 B.C. BUSINESS FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

The Town of Ladysmith was in good company earlier in 2019 after being named as one of BC's top three business friendly communities by Small Business BC.

The honour recognized the Town for its ongoing strategic efforts to attract economic investment and employment opportunities to our community.

Ladysmith was nominated in the Open for Business – Medium Communities category of the Small Business BC Business Friendly Communities Awards.

Trail and District (Lower Columbia) took home the category award at the gala in Vancouver on Feb. 21, but the Town is proud to have been recognized as a small business champion.

Ladysmith Council has seized opportunities to support, engage and grow local business with its "open for business" strategy priority.

The Town is also grateful for the ongoing efforts of our small business champions, the Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce and the Ladysmith Downtown Business Association.

We also continue to strengthen our partnership our with Stz'uminus First Nation as we move forward on the remediation of Ladysmith Harbour and implementation of the Waterfront Area Plan – a major economic driver of our communities for future generations.

The Open for Business Awards recognize and celebrate communities that best demonstrate they are promoting business friendly initiatives within their region.

DCC BYLAW REVIEW UPDATE

The Town of Ladysmith is finalizing the updated Development Cost Charges (DCC) Bylaw after several in-depth Council workshops and a consultation process with the development community as well as other engaged citizens.

Development Cost Charges or DCCs are collected from developers or builders to help pay for the capital cost of installing growth-related infrastructure.

DCCs are collected for water, sanitary sewer, storm drainage, roads and park acquisition and parkland improvement. DCCs are payable by anyone obtaining subdivision approval for the creation of new residential parcels or a building permit for the construction or expansion of commercial, industrial, institutional or multi-family residential projects or for a single family residential building permit when a DCC has not previously been paid.

The current DCC Bylaw was adopted in 2011. Regular review is important to ensure that the projects, associated costs and growth estimates are up-to-date.

The timeframe for a DCC program is typically 20 years. The review of the current program started in 2016.

Council received feedback from the DCC Open House at a meeting in March and approved the first three readings of the new Bylaw at its meeting on April 1.

UTILITY BILLS DUE MAY 30, 2019

The utility bill enclosed with this newsletter for January to March 2019 is due by May 30, 2019. If you have any questions about your bill, please call 250.245.6400 or email info@ladysmith.ca. New utility rates took effect on April 1, 2019.



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WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK

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TABLETS AND PAPERLESS AGENDAS

In keeping with Ladysmith's commitment to sustainability, Town Council will save more than 50,000 sheets of paper each year with its switch to paperless agendas.

Ladysmith joins the local governments across Canada that are replacing often lengthy paper-based meeting documents with digital versions which can be accessed at a Council meeting through a secure Microsoft Cloud-based platform called eScribe.

If you're attending a Council meeting or watching it from the comfort of your home, you'll see Council members referencing their tablets for agenda material.

Councillors will also be able to add comments and follow up notes using their tablets in the same way they would with a hard copy version.

A limited quantity of printed agenda packages will still be

made available to members of the public at Council and Municipal Services Committee meetings.






To view the agendas online, visit: <https://www.ladysmith.ca/city-hall/mayor-council/council-minutes-and-agendas>.

PUBLIC WORKS DAY

We invite you to celebrate with us on Thursday, May 23rd, 2019 at the Public Works Yard, 330 6th Avenue. The theme this year is "It Starts Here." Special Tours for registered student classes will be held in the morning between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome between 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Fun for the whole family - there will be hands on experience with equipment, demonstrations, dirt & bugs, mapping & pipe systems, the fire truck and of course cake, hot dogs and more.

WE WANT TO HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY. CONNECT WITH US:

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