



NEW HOME OWNER GRANTS 2021

Starting January 1, 2021 municipalities will no longer be able to accept retroactive or current year Home Owner Grant applications. For more information please visit www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant.

YARD WASTE PILOT PROGRAM

The Town of Ladysmith is launching a new yard waste pilot project this spring as we make it easier for you to dispose of unwanted debris.

Two door-to-door pick up dates are tentatively planned for April 26-30 and May 25-31, 2021 (the last collection day of the month).

In addition to solid waste, Waste Connections is collecting yard waste as part of your regularly scheduled pick up day.

The following items and quantities can be placed curbside for collection:

Yard Waste: Up to 10 compost bags or reusable bins of yard waste no larger than 77L and weighing no more than 44lbs/2.kg.

Sticks: Up to 2 bundles of sticks no longer than 3 feet and no larger than 2 inches in diameter. Bundles of sticks must be tied with cotton string and not exceed 44lbs/20kg in weight.

The Town is planning to evaluate public participation in the yard waste pilot project and bring forward a

recommendation to Council regarding the potential for additional pick up days in the fall.

Visit the Town's website later in April to find out more details on the project. You can also stay up to date on the latest information by subscribing to our newsletters: www.ladysmith.ca.

MACKIE ROAD WATER MAIN

The second phase of the Holland Creek water main project was completed earlier this year, helping to ensure the ongoing safe delivery of our water supply.

The new stretch of water main installed under Mackie Road ties into the project's first phase completed last year, which diverts a pipe leading from the Water Filtration Plant away from the trail.

The Town prioritized the project following the 2018 windstorm, which caused significant erosion to sections of the path.

In total, over 550 metres of the high-density polyethylene – a stronger material better able to withstand seismic activity has been installed.



STAGE 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS

Please note that regular Stage 1 watering restrictions will come into effect May 1st. These annual restrictions are intended to help control water usage as we start watering lawns and gardens with the warmer, drier 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 percent!

For water-wise tips, visit our water conservation page at <https://www.ladysmith.ca/sustainability-green-living/water-conservation>

DOWNTOWN WASHROOMS

Construction of the downtown public washroom facility on 1st Avenue is steadily moving ahead thanks to heavy lifting by the Ladysmith Kinsmen Club and community partners.

The public washroom is being built in the alleyway between 521 and 531 1st Avenue making it within short walking distance from many shops and restaurants.

The new facility's foundation was poured in early March

and the entire project is tentatively scheduled to be completed at the beginning of May.

The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated the timelines for the project, which has been made possible as a result of fundraising by the Kinsmen Club as well as community donations and a grant from FortisBC.

The exterior design of the washroom will feature hardy plank siding and landscaping to complement the neighbouring downtown businesses and amenities. Inside, all of the features will be touchless, helping to limit the spread of bacteria and decreasing unnecessary water usage.

The downtown washroom aligns with Council's strategic priority for implementing and supporting projects that enhance the downtown. It is also included in our Five-Year Financial Plan.

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.

UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS DUE MAY 28, 2021

Utility Bills for January to March are due May 28, 2021. Due to COVID-19 we are encouraging you to pay online through your financial institution. However, payments can be made in person at City Hall using debit, cash or cheque, by mail or by using our after-hours drop box.

If you have questions about your bill, please call 250.245.6400 or email: billing@ladysmith.ca.



PROVINCIAL GRANT TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS AT LADYSMITH MUSEUM

The Ladysmith and District Historical Society (LDHS) is receiving \$89,000 in provincial funding for the Ladysmith Museum that will assist in better protecting artifacts and improving the building layout.

“On behalf of Ladysmith Council, I’d like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Ladysmith & District Historical Society volunteers who dedicate so much time and effort to preserving our heritage and sharing the story of our community,” said Mayor Aaron Stone. “This important source of funding as part of the local economic recovery from COVID-19, will help to greatly improve the overall visitor experience at the Ladysmith Museum and enhance the preservation and awareness of our local history by helping to safeguard historical artifacts.”

The improvements to the Ladysmith Museum are expected to begin later this spring.

<https://www.ladysmith.ca/city-hall/news-media/news-detail/2021/03/03/provincial-grant-to-fund-improvements-at-ladysmith-museum>

WATER MAIN FLUSHING PROGRAM

Regular water main flushing is an important part of the Town’s comprehensive water management program. Each year between January and April, Public Works 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.

COLONIA CROSSING

Developer Lamont Land Ltd., is starting construction of a bridge crossing at Colonia Drive in order to access a land parcel it owns within the Holland Creek Local Area Plan (HCLAP).

The Town will keep you informed of the progress of the bridge crossing, as well as notify you of any temporary closures of the Holland Creek Trail during construction through our webpage. Thank you for your patience.



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TOWN NEWS YOU CAN USE

COVID-19 Latest Updates - During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Town of Ladysmith is open for business and staff are working to serve you as we follow all guidelines and orders of the Provincial Health Officer. Please visit our website for the latest updates: www.ladysmith.ca/COVID-19

Official Community Plan (OCP) Steering Committee - Ladysmith Council is pleased to announce it has appointed 17 community members to the Official Community Plan (OCP) Review Steering Committee. Momentum is building for this important strategic priority.

Derelict Vessels Funding Application - The Town of Ladysmith and Stz'uminus First Nation have jointly applied for \$3.5 million in federal funding to remove derelict and sunken vessels from the harbour as we make progress on the implementation of the Waterfront Area Plan.

Aggie Hall being used as a COVID-19 Vaccination Site - The Town of Ladysmith is supporting Island Health in facilitating a COVID-19 immunization clinic at Aggie Hall which will help to improve ease of access for area residents receiving a vaccine. All appointments for vaccinations will be pre-booked. For information on eligibility and how to register: <https://www.islandhealth.ca/learn-about-health/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine>

Brown Drive Park Storybook Walk - Ladysmith's first Storybook Walk at Brown Drive Park is a proven success, thanks to a community-supported partnership between the LRCA, Town of Ladysmith, Ladysmith Rotary, Ladysmith & District Credit Union, Vancouver Island Regional Library - Ladysmith Branch and LaRosa Gardens Residents. Come explore today.

For more information on any of these items, please visit: www.ladysmith.ca.