



## UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS DUE FEBRUARY 24, 2023

Utility Bills for October to December are due February 24, 2023. We encourage 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](mailto:billing@ladysmith.ca).

## 4TH AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The Town has retained Hazelwood Construction to complete the reconstruction of 4th Avenue between White Street and Root Street over the next several months.

Construction commenced in mid-January 2023, with completion planned in early Fall 2023.

The contractor is removing and replacing existing underground and surface infrastructure within the municipal right-of-way. This includes replacement and upgrading of sanitary sewer, storm sewer, watermain, pavement, streetlights and intersection improvements at 4th Avenue and Belaire Street.

The project is necessary due to the age and condition

of the existing municipal infrastructure and change in traffic volumes over time.

A map and project page are now available on the Town's website where you can receive updates. Residents within the work zone should have received a hand-delivered letter with further details.

Due to the high travel volume through this area, we appreciate the patience of residents and motorists who may be impacted by detours or road closures.

All thru traffic will be detoured during construction. Signs indicating "Local Traffic Only" refer to properties located in the construction work zone only. Please follow the posted directional signage.

If you have questions about the project, please contact Infrastructure Services by calling 250-245-6445.

# TOWN OF LADYSMITH



## REFRESHING DOWNTOWN WITH \$407,455 FEDERAL GRANT

The Town of Ladysmith is receiving \$407,455 in federal funding to refresh downtown amenities, supporting local businesses and economic development, while also creating a more inclusive and welcoming gathering space for all.

The Federal Government is providing the funding through its Canada Community Revitalization Fund.

The Town will complete many key initiatives as a result of the funding, including:

- Installation of a new Level 2 electric vehicle charging station.
- Completion of two new painted crosswalks at 1st Avenue and Gatacre Street.
- Updated 'Welcome to Ladysmith' signage.
- Improvements to existing heritage artifact signage.
- Installation of new tourism and wayfinding signage.
- Replacement of some interlocking brick paving.
- Refreshing bike racks and benches.

Ladysmith Council's 2019-2023 Strategic Plan includes support for projects that expand upon our vibrant downtown's unique sense of place.

First Avenue and the surrounding area is a destination for shopping, restaurants and many of the events that draw tens of thousands of visitors year-round - most notably during the holiday season for the Festival of Lights.

The addition of new tourism and wayfinding signage, as well as improvements to sidewalks and benches, offer an inviting pedestrian experience to explore the streets on foot and visit many of the local sites.

The heritage revitalization improvements support the Town's efforts to promote our community's aesthetic appeal for BC's film industry, as well as other potential key economic investment opportunities.

Furthermore, many of the projects specific to sustainable modes of transportation align with the draft Official Community Plan policies for reducing our greenhouse gas emissions.

Watch the Town's website and social media for more updates on these and other projects.

## SIGN UP FOR OUR ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Call City Hall 250.245.6400, sign up on our website [www.ladysmith.ca](http://www.ladysmith.ca), or send us an email to [info@ladysmith.ca](mailto:info@ladysmith.ca) to be added to our electronic newsletter mailing list. You can choose to receive City Hall News, Parks, Recreation & Culture News and/or Emergency Information right in your email inbox in a safe, secure e-newsletter.





## ‘PLANNING AHEAD’: FINDING YOUR PROPERTY BOUNDARY

Development Services often receives inquiries from residents about their property boundaries. Here are three ways a property owner can try to locate their property boundaries:

### 1) Check the Town’s archives

For some properties, the Town may have a property survey/site plan in our files. For most building permit applications, the Town requires the property owner to submit a survey which shows the property boundaries and the location of buildings and structures. The survey is then filed with the building permit file and kept in the archives.

- Property owners or the public can request access to a survey if there is one on file. There is no fee to request this information.
- Not all properties have building permit files and not all building permit files contain a survey of the property. If the development on the property was built prior to the 1980s we are unlikely to have a survey.
- To request that the Town check the archives for a survey please complete the “Building Permit Information Request Form” which can be picked up from our office or found online

by visiting: <https://www.ladysmith.ca/business-development/application-forms>. The form can then be submitted to [ds@ladysmith.ca](mailto:ds@ladysmith.ca).

### 2) Check the subdivision plan for your property and look for the property pins.

Subdivision plans are surveys that show the property boundaries and the location of property pins of all properties within a specific subdivision. Property owners can use the subdivision plan to try to locate property pins which are placed in the ground and usually made of metal. A metal detector can help if pins are not visible.

- You can request a copy of the subdivision plan of your property from the BC Land Title and Survey Authority (LTSA). Copies of official subdivision plans are only available from LTSA.
- The public can find their subdivision plan number and view the approximate location of property boundaries online at [LTSA’s ParcelMap BC](https://www.ltsa.ca/ParcelMapBC).

### 3) Have your property surveyed by a professional

You can hire a professional BC Land Surveyor to find your property boundaries and prepare a survey.

- Only a professional BC Land Surveyor can complete a land survey in BC.
- You can find BC Land Surveyors here: <https://abcls.ca/page/public-register>.

## 2023 DOG LICENCES

Pick up your 2023 Dog Licence today and save \$10 until Feb 1st. Licences are available at City Hall, Frank Jameson Community Centre and for Pet’s Sake Pet Store- 416 First Avenue.

For more information visit: <https://www.ladysmith.ca/our-services/pets-animals/dog-licences>



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## UPDATES FROM THE TOWN

***Town Supporting Reconciliation Through Transfer of Crown Water Lot Lease*** - The Town of Ladysmith is supporting the reconciliation commitments made between Stz'uminus First Nation and the Province through the transfer of the marina water lot lease (District Lot 2016) prior to the agreement end date in 2029.

The Ladysmith Maritime Society currently operates the community marina on behalf of the Town.

The Town, Stz'uminus First Nation and the Ladysmith Maritime Society continue to discuss details for completing the transfer of this Crown water lot.

Stz'uminus First Nation and the Town are working together to implement the Waterfront Area Plan, as we share a mutual interest in the environmental remediation of the harbour.

The signed reconciliation agreement between Stz'uminus First Nation and the Province in March 2022, establishes commitments to work together on community priorities and future land transfers, providing support for economic development, and funding for future environmental remediation activities in Ladysmith Harbour.

Together, the relationship between Stz'uminus and the Town is strengthened by taking incremental steps towards implementing a small part of the reconciliation framework and our shared vision for the waterfront.

***New Manager of Protective Services / Full-time Fire Chief*** - The Town of Ladysmith is pleased to introduce Chris Geiger as the municipality's new full-time Fire Chief/Manager of Protective Services.

Geiger has acted as the Ladysmith Fire/Rescue (LFR) Chief since April 2020 and has been a firefighter locally since 2007. Geiger has also been with CFB Esquimalt Fire/Rescue since June 2018.

The new Manager of Protective Services role was created to ensure the delivery of quality fire protection, rescue, prevention and inspection services for the Town and area.

Geiger will liaise with Town staff, public safety, and emergency response agencies, as well as the public on strategic and operational aspects of fire and rescue operations, and prevention.

He will also coordinate Ladysmith's local emergency management response efforts in cooperation with the Cowichan Valley Regional District and local partners.

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