



JANUARY 2024

LADYSMITH LINKS

UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS DUE FEBRUARY 28, 2024

Utility Bills for October to December are due February 28, 2024. 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.

New saddlespan tent to support Transfer Beach events

The Town is receiving funding from the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) to add a temporary saddlespan tent at Transfer Beach Amphitheatre, further enhancing our current community events and supporting visitor attraction.

The \$50,000 grant through ICET's Community Placemaking Program will fully fund the purchase of the new outdoor public amenity.

Due to the unique design and versatility, the saddlespan tent can be configured as a shade cover, allowing for uninterrupted views of the Ladysmith Harbour, or as a stage backdrop for concerts.

"Enhancing the vitality and adaptability of our

amphitheatre through this unique project is a great addition to our waterfront," said Mayor Aaron Stone. "The project will require staff to be responsive, which is important in attracting new events and ensuring the long-term sustainability of our amazing waterfront areas."

The Town envisions that the portable tent will improve the experience at our large community events such as Canada Day, the National Indigenous Peoples Day, and Ladysmith Days.

The tent will be available for these and other rentals at the amphitheatre. Event organizers are encouraged to watch the Facility Rental section of the Town's website in the coming months for more details.

When not in use, the tent will be disassembled and safely stored to ensure the ongoing use and enjoyment of the waterfront space for visitors.



Forrest Field practice pitch officially open

The Town is excited to announce that the practice/warm-up pitch is now officially open for use at Forrest Field.

The project is one component of the Lot 108 Park Plan Update Phase 1 implementation that broke ground this past spring.

Other completed projects in recent months include the parking lot improvements off of 4th Avenue, the completion of an accessible walking loop and some improvements to the site's drainage.

Nearly \$350,000 of the Town's portion of the Canada Community-Building Fund went towards these projects.

An official grand opening of all the amenities for Phase 1 is anticipated for the Spring 2024 when the remaining items such as the outdoor physical fitness equipment is installed.

The Lot 108 Park Plan Update was completed in 2019 and phases in development to take advantage of opportunities, such as grant funding, as they arise.

Water main flushing program

Each year, the Town flushes both water supply mains and distribution water mains. Regular water main flushing is an important part of a comprehensive water management program. Potable water is flushed at a high velocity through the water mains to ensure all piping is refreshed and minor sediment within the pipe is removed.

This is one of the methods relied upon by the Town to help keep our drinking water safe and clean.

During this flushing period, water users may experience some discoloration of the water supply. Should this occur, running a cold water tap for a short period will help to restore water quality back to normal.

Residents who are dependent on medical equipment that uses water are invited to call Infrastructure Services 250.245.6445 for specific flushing dates.

Residents can take this opportunity to clean the screens on faucets and the pressure-reducing valve (where the water enters the house). These should normally be cleaned at least once a year.

If you have any questions regarding the flushing program, please contact Infrastructure Services by calling 250.245.6445.

EMERGENCY AND ROUTINE NOTIFICATIONS

Have you signed up for the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) Emergency Alert Registration service to receive emergency alerts for the area, including Ladysmith? This free service provides information on Evacuation Routes, Alerts and Orders and available/open ESS Reception Centres. To register: www.cowichanalert.ca.



What happens when it snows in Ladysmith

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, 1st Avenue, 4th 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-desacs. 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 sidewalks bordering your property by 10:00 am after a snowfall. This helps to ensure the safety of your neighbours and other pedestrians.

Business Licence renewals due by February 29

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 29, 2024 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 \$170.00. Following are the participating municipalities: Campbell River, Parksville, Qualicum Beach, Courtenay, Port Alberni, Cumberland, Duncan, Lake Cowichan and Nanaimo.

2024 DOG LICENCES

Pick up your 2024 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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Provincial Phase Out of Single-Use and Plastic Items

In response to significant feedback, the Province is shifting to a phased implementation of its Single-Use and Plastic Waste Prevention Regulation. Starting December 20, 2023, some requirements and prohibitions will take effect, while the timeline for others will be extended to July 15, 2024, and in the case of PVC film wrap, July 1, 2028.

The Province is taking this approach to allow businesses to use up existing stock and select better options; give people more time to learn about the changes; and allow additional time to develop and implement sustainable acceptable alternatives to more challenging items such as PVC film wrap.

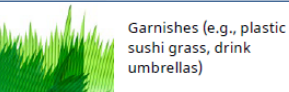
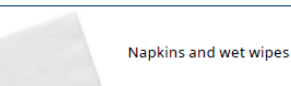
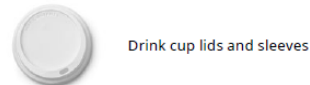
Please see the graphic below for more details on how the phased implementation will proceed.

December 20, 2023

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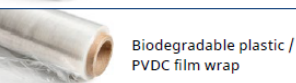
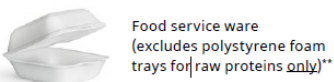
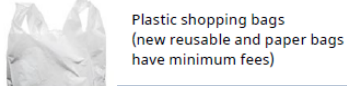


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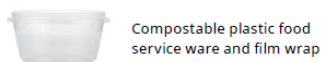


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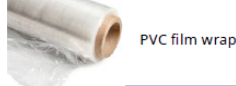


RESTRICTED USE



July 1, 2028

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July 1, 2030

PROHIBITED



* Utensils include spoons, forks, knives, chopsticks, stir sticks and drink splash plugs.

** Made of biodegradable plastic, polystyrene foam, PVC or PVDC including bowls, boxes or cartons, cups, containers, plates, platters and trays (excludes polystyrene foam for raw proteins)

Additional information and resources

For more information and resources on BC's Single-Use and Plastic Waste Regulation: www2.gov.bc.ca/reuse

Review the [Government of Canada's Single-Use Plastic Prohibition Regulation](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/reuse) for more restrictions.

The regulation supports BC's efforts to prevent single-use and plastic waste, divert more waste from landfills and keep what we do use working for us longer – creating a cleaner, better future for everyone.



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