



STAGE 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS

Stage 1 Watering Restrictions came into effect for Town of Ladysmith residents as of May 1st. These annual restrictions are intended to help manage water usage during the warmer, drier months of the year.

Remember, being water-wise all year-round can also save you money.

To read more about full water restrictions, visit our website: <https://www.ladysmith.ca/our-services/water>.

TRANSFER BEACH PUBLIC WASHROOMS, PICNIC SHELTERS NOW COMPLETE

The Town of Ladysmith has now completed a significant portion of the Transfer Beach Park improvements and the public washroom facilities were recently reopened in time for summer as more people visit our popular waterfront destination.

Additionally, both the Kinsmen Shelter and Sportsmen Shelter are now available for day use and rental bookings after significant upgrades were undertaken to improve the overall aesthetic and layout.

These enhancements and others are the result of a \$701,552 Provincial grant received by the Town through the Tourism Dependent Community Fund stream.

Ongoing projects at Ladysmith's waterfront park as a result of this grant funding include construction of a shelter over the Salish Wind canoe and building a walkway down to the beach, increasing the overall accessibility of the green space for those with mobility challenges.

The public washroom renovations add nearly 260 sq. ft. to the existing building and reconfigure the floor plan to achieve better functionality and overall use of space.

Interested in booking a picnic shelter at the beach for your next event? Contact the Town by calling 250.245.6424.

TOWN OF LADYSMITH



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2021 Annual Report is available on the Town's website. The document provides a summary of Council's achievements over the last year on its four strategic priorities: Infrastructure, Waterfront, Community and Economy.

It also includes a copy of the Town's 2021 Financial Statements and Statistical Information.



ATVS ON TOWN TRAILS

All-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are fun to drive for many and allow riders to access off-road trails they might not easily reach on foot.

Please be aware that only authorized ATVs and other motorized vehicles are allowed on all Town of Ladysmith trails.

During the warmer summer months, please take extreme care with any activity in forested areas that could pose a risk of wildfire.

GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS COMING UP IN THE FALL

General Local (municipal) Elections in B.C. are held every four years on the third Saturday in October. The upcoming local election is right around the corner on October 15, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Frank Jameson Community Centre.

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. Advance voting will take place on October 5 and 12, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Voting is an important part of the democratic process; this is your opportunity to decide who will represent you to make decisions on the future of Ladysmith.

Similarly, 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 available to help you make the decision.

Start by visiting www.ladysmith.ca/election for information specific to the Town of Ladysmith.

The Provincial Government also has some excellent videos to inform prospective candidates: <https://www2>.

UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS DUE AUGUST 30, 2022

Utility Bills for April to June are due August 30, 2022. 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.



gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/governance-powers/general-local-elections/thinking-of-running

Whether you've made the decision to run for office, or you simply want to have a voice in your community, be sure to get out and vote on October 15!

LADYSMITH YOUTH BRING NEW LIFE TO FJCC MURAL

The Town of Ladysmith is pleased to collaborate with Ladysmith Secondary School students to complete a new vibrant art mural design at the Frank Jameson Community Centre.

The first phase of this public art and youth engagement project is now complete. Grade 9-12 Visual Arts students displayed their talents along the front wall of the FJCC.

Drawing on inspiration from the theme of 'Connection', eight individual concept sketches created by youth were amalgamated into a collaborative design. The mural reflects the natural beauty of our local landscape, culture and people, as well as activities that locals enjoy – keeping us “connected” to where we live.

The Town's objective through the mural project is for youth to discover a positive way to express themselves

and gain real-world skills while enhancing this public space.

LSS art teacher Kathleen Hall mentored the students through the brainstorming and design creation process for this project.

The next phase of this project will continue in the fall once students have returned to the classroom.

MEET OUR SUSTAINABILITY AMBASSADOR

The Town is excited to have launched our second year of the summer Sustainability Ambassador Program with the continued goal of engaging the community in water conservation and efficient recycling.

Sustainability Ambassador Ava Smith is entering her second year at the University of Victoria where she is studying Geography. Ava was raised in Ladysmith and is excited to give back to her hometown.

In June, over 120 plants were distributed as part of the 2nd Annual Native Plant Giveaway organized through this program.

Watch for more outreach initiatives in the coming weeks, including recycling audits and pop-up engagements.

LOCAL BURNING AND WILDFIRE BANS

Fire Restrictions and Wildfire News for our area is sent out by the Coastal Fire Centre. 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>



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Call City Hall 250.245.6400, sign up on our website www.ladysmith.ca, or send us an email to 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.

TOWN NEWS YOU CAN USE

Summer Events in Ladysmith - Summer is finally here, and with that the Town will see the return of many of our favourite events, such as Concerts in the Park, Ladysmith Days, Ladysmith Show n Shine, Dine on the Dock, Arts on the Avenue and Light up the Night, the Sealife Celebration and more. For details on these events, go to the Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce webpage. <https://www.ladysmithcofc.com/calendar>

New Water Rate effective April - September - Reminder, this is the first billing targeting water consumption over 200m³. If applicable, this will impact your bill for the second (April-June) and third (July-September) quarters of the year.

The rate for consumption over 200m³ is \$3.3285 per m³ during these two billing cycles.

Emergency and Routine Notifications through the CVRD - 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. It also lets you know when it's safe to return to the affected area. To register: www.cowichanalert.ca.

FortisBC Low Level Flying this Summer - Talon Helicopters will be performing low level flying with LaSen Inc. for FortisBC between July 11, 2022 and August 31, 2022 during daylight hours, as per authorization issued by Transport Canada.

The work is FortisBC's annual inspection of its high-pressure natural gas lines. The aim is to make sure the system continues to operate safely.

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