



STAGE 3 WATER RESTRICTIONS

Stage 3 Water Restrictions are in effect for the Town of Ladysmith, Stz'uminus First Nation and the Diamond Improvement District and will remain in effect until further notice.

The Town moved to Stage 3 in early July due to the dry weather that Ladysmith and area is experiencing.

Residents are encouraged to follow the guidelines for watering times and restrictions: <https://www.ladysmith.ca/our-services/water>.

Thank you for your cooperation in making every drop count.

TOWN VEHICLES TO CARRY EVERY CHILD MATTERS DECAL

The Town of Ladysmith's fleet of vehicles will carry the 'Every Child Matters' decal designed by Stz'uminus artist John Marston as we raise awareness about the impact of residential schools.

The decal initiative is being led by FortisBC in cooperation with Marston, who created the Welcome Figure for Ladysmith Secondary School and is currently also completing the Welcome to Ladysmith signs.

Every Child Matters was established to acknowledge

the lost and missing children and the lasting impact of residential schools and colonization on Indigenous people, their families and communities.

Marston's decal design represents an eagle holding a child.

An event was held at City Hall in advance of National Indigenous Peoples Day and included the raising of the Stz'uminus First Nation flag.

As part of the Town's participation in the FortisBC initiative, Council authorized that \$1,000 be donated to the Indian Residential School Survivor Society.

TOWN OF LADYSMITH



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2022 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 2022 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.

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

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

POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY SUPPORTS FRUIT RESCUE PROGRAM

Do you have extra fruit on trees or veggies in your garden that you could use some help picking? Each year, an abundance of apples, cherries, plums and more are grown locally, but not always harvested.

As part of the CommUNITY Together to End Poverty Hw-nuts'-ulwum Poverty Reduction Strategy, the Town of Ladysmith is supporting the Ladysmith Resource Centre Association (LRCA) in launching a Fruit Rescue project to make sure any extra food grown is harvested and shared within the community.

How it will work: Area residents are invited to contact the LRCA's Fruit Rescue Coordinator, Shannon Crowards, by emailing shannon@lrca.ca or calling 250-245-3079, if you have fruit trees or gardens that you would like help harvesting.

After each harvest, one third of what is collected will go to the owner, one third will be shared with the volunteers and the last third will go to the LRCA Food Bank and/or other partner organizations who will distribute the fruit within the Ladysmith and Stz'uminus communities to those who need it.

UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS DUE AUGUST 30, 2023

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



LOCAL BURNING AND WILDFIRE BANS

BC Wildfire Service prohibits campfires throughout the Coastal Fire Centre, except for the Haida Gwaii Forest District.

These prohibitions apply to all public and private land and help prevent human-caused wildfires and protect public safety.

In addition to open fires being prohibited, the following activities and equipment are also restricted:

- Fireworks;
- Sky Lanterns;
- Burn Barrels or Burn Cages of any size or description;
- Binary Exploding Targets;
- Air curtain burners;
- Tiki and similar kind of torches; and,
- Chimineas.

WILDLIFE AWARE

Nature is right on our doorstep and this means always being mindful of how human activity impacts wildlife.

At this time of year, wildlife can be spotted more frequently. Don't leave garbage or compost outdoors. Use

caution when on the trails. If you see a bear or cougar, please report it immediately.

Reports of wildlife in an urban setting or reports of wildlife in conflict should always be reported to the BC Conservation Officer Service Conservation reporting line 1-877-952-7277 (RAPP) or #7277 on the TELUS Mobility Network.

RECYCLING AUDITS

The Town sustainability program is back this summer, with our ambassadors Ava and Taylor completing recycling audits across the community.

Ladysmith currently sits at a 4.2% contamination rate for its recycling, which includes only non-recyclable items. However, this statistic is likely higher as it doesn't include items such as glass, soft plastics and flexible plastics.

These items contribute to contamination and can instead be brought to either the CVRD Peerless Road Recycling Centre or the Junction Bottle Depot.

We're encouraging households to be aware of recycling best practices as we all work together towards our goal of waste reduction. If any contamination is found, it will be left in a clear bag along with a flyer containing more information on disposal options.

DOGS AT PUBLIC EVENTS

Just a friendly reminder that dogs are not permitted on 1st Avenue during community events. Please do your canine friends a favour and leave them at home.

For more frequently asked questions regarding owning a dog in town, visit: <http://ow.ly/k09y30lx2HG>.



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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

Community Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) - There are seven vacancies to fill, each with a two-year term, ending June 30, 2025, on the Town CPAC. The mandate of the CPAC is to provide feedback to applicants and advice to Council on land use applications, policies, regulations and initiatives referred by Council. Applicants should have a broad range of skills and/or experience in economic and social development, housing design, heritage or the environment.

Please access more information and an application by visiting: <https://www.ladysmith.ca/volunteer>

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>

Annual Cemetery Clean Up - Town Parks crews are completing clean up work at the Ladysmith Cemetery as we work to keep the grounds beautiful.

Any floral tributes and trinkets found in an acceptable condition that are removed to allow for maintenance can be picked up by contacting Infrastructure Services at 250.245.6445.

Emergency and Routine Notifications through the CVRD - Sign up for the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) Emergency Alert Registration service to receive information on Evacuation Routes, Alerts and Orders and available/open ESS Reception Centres.

To register, visit: www.cowichanalert.ca.

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