



UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS DUE AUGUST 29

You can pay by mail, in person at City Hall (cheque or debit) or online through your bank. There is also an after-hours drop box at City Hall beside the front door.

Check out www.ladysmith.ca to sign up for electronic utility billing (go paperless!) or to sign up for pre-authorized utility bill payments.

4TH AVENUE CLOSURE AT THE ROCKY CREEK DIP

Construction is now underway to install a steel arch culvert and fully rebuild the 4th Avenue crossing at Rocky Creek. When the work is complete, the new and improved road will include two traffic lanes, a pedestrian sidewalk and bike lanes.

In order to successfully complete this major construction project in a reasonable timeframe, the Town has closed 4th Avenue to traffic and pedestrians.

Throughout the construction period, the McKinley Road-Churchill Place access road has been opened as the detour route to bypass 4th Avenue, with construction expected to go until the contract end date on Nov. 1.

We understand that the closure of 4th Avenue at the Rocky Creek Dip is an inconvenience for local residents and users of Forrest Field. We're asking that motorists are mindful of the communities

and neighbourhoods they're driving through, particularly those areas with a posted speed limit of 30 km/h. At that speed we estimate it will take just an extra three to five minutes to reach Forrest Field using the detour.

The Town has taken measures to address concerns raised by residents, including

- Portable speed bumps on McKinley
- Traffic volume and speed counters
- Requested increased RCMP enforcement
- Speed watch by Ladysmith Citizens on Patrol

The Town will also regularly service the McKinley-Churchill access road using a dust control agent.

The TimberWest forestry road will be used as an emergency access route in the case of an emergency only, and also to move some heavy industrial traffic through the area. All route updates will be posted on <https://www.ladysmith.ca/discover-ladysmith/current-projects>

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TOWN OF LADYSMITH



STAGE 3 WATER RESTRICTIONS - WATER CONSERVATION

Stage 3 Water Restrictions remain in effect for residents of Ladysmith, the Diamond Improvement District and Stz'uminus First Nation as together we remain conscious about our water usage.

The Town of Ladysmith took this proactive step on June 21 as a result of extremely low water flows in our local creeks as well as the warm temperatures expected over the coming months.

Since late June we have received some precipitation, and while there is not a water shortage, the public's role in conservation is still vital due to the increased risk of wildfires across Vancouver Island.

Ladysmith currently averages 5,000 cubic metres of water use daily and a suggested target of 3,500 to 4,000 cubic metres would help to keep our water supply levels sustainable.

Every drop counts, and this year more than ever, as we enter Stage 3 Water Restrictions almost two months earlier than in 2018.

Throughout the spring, the community experienced rainfall totals below the recent historical average which subsequently led to less water flowing through our streams.

Between March and the end of June, Ladysmith received 72 mm of rainfall compared to the previous three year average of 240 mm during this same four month period.

With no snow pack and little to no precipitation we won't be able to top up levels as we draw down water over the summer. Ensuring water levels at Holland and Stocking Lake remain as high as possible throughout the warmer season is important in our defence against fighting potential wildfires.

In an effort to reduce the Town's own water use we are scaling back irrigation at many of the municipal parks and boulevards.

Minimal watering at the ball parks as well as the golf course will continue so there is no permanent damage to these green spaces.

With a little effort, we can all reduce household water consumption at home by as much as 40 per cent.

Teaming up with two other neighbours to water lawns sparingly or not at all can save up to 17,000 litres of water per household over the summer months - altogether that's roughly enough to fill the Frank Jameson Community Centre swimming pool.

See more tips on water conservation here: <https://www.ladysmith.ca/sustainability-green-living/water-conservation>

BE FIRE SMART

Have you heard of FireSmartBC? It's all about how to improve the resiliency of your home during a wildfire event. Did you know fire brands (flying embers) can travel two kilometres and ignite spot fires ahead of the fire front. This means a FireSmart home is just as important in the middle of town as one bordering the forest.

#BeFireSmart

HELP REDUCE CONTAMINATED CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Have you ever experienced the satisfaction of collecting a tall stack of flyers into a plastic bag and throwing it in with the curbside recycling? Chances are you've just contaminated your recycling altogether.

In fact, plastic bags are among the top sources of frustration when it comes to our local contaminated curbside recycling.

In October 2017, the Town was first informed by Recycle BC that the contamination rate of our curbside recycling stream had reached a high level.

Contamination means your recycling contains material collected that is not acceptable in the Recycle BC curbside collection program.

These materials can limit how effectively recycling material is processed and present health and safety risks for both collection and post-collection staff.


Ladysmith's curbside contaminants include, in order of prominence:

1. Non-PPP - Non-recyclable garbage and product residue (e.g. paper napkins, single use plastics and forms of packaging);
2. Unsortable materials - materials which are unable to be sorted and recycled due to being tied up in plastic bags, stuffed/nested together etc.;
3. Scrap metal (e.g. keys, nails, cooking pots, hangers);
4. Multi-laminates (such as zipper-top pouches, granola packaging, frozen vegetable bags, and so on);
5. Glass.

Ladysmith residents have a role to play in making our community a leader in sustainability.

Most of the items that are contributing to contaminated recycling levels in Ladysmith can be dropped off for free at the Peerless Road Recycling Centre.

Download Recycle BC's recycling link app to find out what recyclable material goes where, check your collection day, find your nearest depot location and receive notifications about your recycling pick-up. Or go to: <https://www.cvrld.bc.ca/recyclopeda> for a list of where and how to dispose of items for disposal.




Thanks for taking us to the depot!

Plastic bags and glass no longer belong in your curbside recycling

HELP US RECYCLE MORE

Find your nearest depot at [RecycleBC.ca](https://www.recyclebc.ca)



ATVS ON TOWN TRAILS

Please be aware that ATVs and other motorized vehicles are NOT allowed on any Town of Ladysmith trails. The fire danger rating is High for most of Vancouver Island, and there is currently a Class 2 Fire ban, which includes open fires. Please take extreme care with any activity in forested areas that could pose a risk of wildfire. For more information about the current fire danger rating, visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/wildfire-situation/fire-danger>



COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Brits on the Beach - July 14th
- Ladysmith Days - August 2-4th
- Sea Life Celebration - August 11th
- Ladysmith Rod Run and Show and Shine - August 16-17th
- Light up the Night and Arts on the Avenue - August 24-25th
- Loggers Sports - September 1st
- Terry Fox Run - September 15

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WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK






If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, we want to hear from you. Send us an e-mail to info@ladysmith.ca or by calling City Hall at 250.245.6400.

CITIZEN AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT ARE VITAL

Successful civic engagement ensures that our citizens' and stakeholders' views, values, needs and concerns are identified before and during decision making.

Being a part of this two-way process gives our residents the opportunity to contribute and connect with the Town. We encourage our citizens to engage their family, friends and colleagues in discussions and actions that improve our community.

WE WANT TO HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY. CONNECT WITH US:

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