



## BEAR SMART

Did you know that garbage and rotting fruit can attract bears to your neighbourhood? Please keep your garbage and compost contained indoors until your scheduled pick-up day **and** harvest any ripe fruit from trees. To report a bear sighting, call: 1-877-952-7277.

## FOURTH AVE CULVERT REPLACEMENT UPDATE

The important groundwork, construction of the foundation and headwalls and installation of the new culvert for 4th Avenue at the Rocky Creek dip have now been completed as we make steady progress and work towards reopening the road.

The Town started work on the necessary infrastructure project on June 15 to complete the work within the provincial fisheries window, which was extended this year to October 11.

Replacement of the culvert at the Rocky Creek dip is critical to ensuring our core infrastructure can withstand the impacts of climate change – especially high water volumes during major storm events.

The new steel arch culvert is assembled and already installed on site. It is designed and built to modern engineering standards that anticipate major storm events to 200 year flood volumes.

The culvert is also more than double the size of the previous structure and has greater capacity to support increased water flows and fallen debris that can impact the normal course of the stream channel.

In recent weeks the Town's contractor also successfully removed the old culvert, rerouted the Fortis gas pipeline, diverted Rocky Creek to accommodate the new design as well as poured concrete foundation and headwalls to support the new culvert – both major project milestones.

These significant improvements to the supportive structures will help to mitigate erosion which, in part, led to the failure of the previous culvert.

We appreciate the cooperation of residents who continue to obey the posted 30 km/h speed limit along the detour route, and 20 km/h on the gravel connector road, and drive safely through surrounding neighbourhoods.

The final phase includes backfill and stream restoration, reinstating utilities, as well as rebuilding the road and sidewalk.

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## TOWN AND SD68 PARTNER ON SPACE FOR ARTS COUNCIL

The Town of Ladysmith and Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools recently signed a temporary lease agreement that will support the continuation of the Waterfront Gallery and community art classes while ongoing renovations are completed at the Machine Shop.

The Town entered into a short-term agreement with School District 68 which allows the vacant Ecole Davis Road Elementary School site to be used by the Arts Council of Ladysmith and District for 12 months until they can move back into the historic building.

“The Town appreciates the support and continued partnership with School District 68 as we work together to find new opportunities and efficiencies for shared facilities use in Ladysmith,” said Ladysmith Mayor Aaron Stone.

“We are pleased to be able to minimize the impact of the Machine Shop renovation on the thriving local arts community by allowing the Ladysmith Waterfront Gallery to be temporary relocated to Ecole Davis Road Elementary School.”

The former school, located on Parkhill Terrace, was closed at the end of June 2014. Town staff completed a full condition assessment of the building and determined it is safe for public access.

The office, gymnasium and two classrooms on the south

side of the school are all available to the Arts Council.

“The school district is extremely pleased to be able to provide a working space for the Arts Council of Ladysmith and District,” said Board Chair Charlene McKay.

“The district has been in conversation with the Town of Ladysmith over the use of facilities and future plans for the Town. This is but one example of how we are working together to enhance our partnership for the betterment of the community.”

In 2018, the Town was awarded a \$1.75 million grant toward the renovation of the Machine Shop building at 610 Oyster Bay Road.

Seismic, building code and structural upgrades to the historic building started in the early summer of 2019 and are ongoing throughout the fall.

The Ladysmith and District Arts Council, which operates the Gallery out of the second floor of the Machine Shop, is continuing to offer art classes as well as monthly art shows at Ecole Davis Road Elementary School.

“Thank you to the Town for all the work they’ve done to find us a space because it’s a hard task – we’re excited about the move and more excited about coming back,” said Arts Council of Ladysmith and District president Kathy Holmes.

In 2016, both sides agreed to have the Town maintain a community park at the Ecole Davis Road Elementary School site, which includes a playground and fenced off-leash dog area.

## DOGS AT PUBLIC EVENTS

Please be reminded that dogs are not permitted on First Avenue during community events, such as the Ladysmith Light Up which takes place this year on Nov. 28. Please do your furry friends a favour and leave them at home.





## FIREWORKS

Some people love to liven up their Halloween activities with a dazzling fireworks display, however, this is a friendly reminder that you need a CVRD Fireworks Discharge Permit, and a Fireworks Operators Certificate for any large-scale commercial or industrial grade displays.

### **Permits:**

If you want to discharge fireworks on Halloween night in your yard you must have the following:

- Fireworks Discharge Permit approved by the CVRD. This can be applied for at Ladysmith City Hall, 410 Esplanade during business hours, Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A fireworks Safety Awareness Information Package will be provided to you with the issuing of the permit.

Please note that fireworks may be discharged only on October 31 between the hours of 6:00 pm and 12 midnight (and 12 midnight and 1:00 am on January 1). Pick up a form at City Hall or email [info@ladysmith.ca](mailto:info@ladysmith.ca)

For more information, please call City Hall at 250.245.6400 or email [info@ladysmith.ca](mailto:info@ladysmith.ca).

## HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Autumn brings with it falling leaves, cooler temperatures and little ghosts and goblins in search of candy.

With Halloween around the corner, here are a few tips for ensuring your children can have fun and remain safe while trick-or-treating:

- Wear a light-coloured or bright costume, reflective tape or arm bands to heighten visibility.
- Wear costumes that are properly fitted to reduce tripping hazards.
- Select costumes constructed from flame-retardant materials.
- Make sure vision is not restricted. Consider wearing make-up instead of masks.
- Create a fun necklace with string and glow sticks or reflective tape to keep kids visible to drivers. Or accessorize with a flashlight!
- Stay on the sidewalk and never jaywalk.
- Trick-or-treat in pairs or groups.
- Make sure your kids ask you to check their candy before they eat it.

## PAYMENTS DUE

Utility bills for July to September are due November 28, 2019. If you have not received your bill by the end of October, please call 250.245.6400 or email: [billing@ladysmith.ca](mailto:billing@ladysmith.ca).



**Mark your calendars!**



**Light Up is  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS AROUND TOWN

- **Ladysmith Light Up (1st Ave.)** November 28 beginning at 3pm
- **Cinnamon Bun Fun Run (Frank Jameson Community Centre)** December 1 at 9:30 am
- **Old Tyme Christmas and Candlelight Walk (1st Ave.)** December 6 from 5pm – 8pm
- **Ladysmith Christmas Mt Brenton Sail Past (Transfer Beach)** December 14 6pm – 8pm
- **Ladysmith Fire/Rescue Santa Claus Parade (various stops)** December 22 beginning at 4pm

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