

OCTOBER 2020

LADYSMITH LINKS

COUNCIL ANNOUNCES ALLISON McCARRICK AS NEW CAO

Ladysmith Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Allison McCarrick as the new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the Town of Ladysmith.

McCarrick joined the Town on October 5, 2020 after serving as CAO with the District of Port Hardy for nearly five years. Since embarking on a career in municipal government in 2001, she has held positions as a financial accountant and the Director of Finance for the North Island seaside community.

"I am very grateful to have been chosen as the CAO for Ladysmith and respectfully work on the unceded traditional territory of the Stz'uminus First Nation," said McCarrick. "In meeting with the Ladysmith Council, their love, pride and commitment to the people of this beautiful community is clear. It will be my privilege to work with the dedicated, knowledgeable staff to continue to deliver the services the people of Ladysmith enjoy and to be a part of the Town's exciting future."

McCarrick is a graduate of the British Columbia Institute of Technology, specializing in Finance and Financial Management Services, and holds a Chartered Professional designation in Human Resources. She also received a Certificate in Local Government Administration from Capilano University.

While at the District of Port Hardy, McCarrick's career highlights included:

- Constructing a new water reservoir to increase storage capacity and subsequent upgrades to the overall water supply system.
- Completion of an updated service agreement and creation of a new relationship agreement with the Kwakiutl First Nation.

- Carrying out a major capital infrastructure repair of the community pier and float system.
- Developing a feasibility study in collaboration with the Kwakiutl First Nation for a boatyard and haul-out project.
- Ongoing review of the District of Port Hardy Official Community Plan.
- Increasing tourism services through advertising and branding with Municipal and Regional District Tax revenues.

Ladysmith Council received widespread interest for the CAO role and were impressed by McCarrick's qualifications and experience, which make her ideally suited for this important role.

"We are very excited to have Allison join the Town of Ladysmith to work with Council and lead our staff team. Her passion for Ladysmith, caring and engaged approach, and excitement for delivering on the strategic priorities of the Town make her a perfect fit," said Mayor Aaron Stone. "Through our recruitment process and subsequent conversations I am confident that she will be a great leader for Ladysmith. We can't wait for her to join our team."

McCarrick is originally from Saltair and a graduate of Chemainus Secondary School. She has two adult children and is an active walker, jogger and hiker.

McCarrick replaces Guillermo Ferrero who took over as the CAO for the City of White Rock in May 2020.





FIREWORKS ON HALLOWEEN NIGHT

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.

Pick up a form at City Hall or email info@ladysmith.ca.

For more information, please call City Hall at 250.245.6400 or email info@ladysmith.ca.

TRICK-OR-TREAT COVID-19 SAFETY

Autumn brings with it falling leaves, cooler temperatures and little ghosts and goblins in search of candy. Halloween is around the corner and it may feel a bit different this year because of COVID-19.

Here are a few tips courtesy of the BC Centre for Disease Control for staying safe while trick-or-treating:

- Respect homes by staying away if the lights are out.
- Keep to your local neighbourhood this year.
- Trick-or-treat in a small social group; stick to six people.
- Wash your hands before you go out, when you get home, and before eating treats.
- Wear a non-medical mask that covers your nose and mouth when handing out treats.
- Leave the parties behind; indoor gatherings, big or small, put people at higher risk of getting COVID-19.

You can have fun and be creative when handing out treats:

- Use tongs, a baking sheet or make a candy slide to give more space when handing out candy.
- Plan to hand out individual treats instead of offering a shared bowl.
- Only hand out sealed, pre-packaged treats.

UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS DUE NOVEMBER 26, 2020

Utility Bills for July to September are due November 26, 2020. Due to COVID-19 we are encouraging you to pay online through your financial institution.

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.



TOWN, VOLUNTEERS GET TO WORK ON FORREST FIELD ACCESSIBLE WALKING PATH

The Town of Ladysmith, local service clubs and Mid-Isle Soccer, together in partnership, have started to build an accessible walking path around the Forrest Field soccer pitch.

The accessible walking path is identified in Phase 1 of the Lot 108 Park Plan Update. Implementation of the Plan is among Council's strategic priorities for this term and the Town continues to explore grant opportunities for future amenities.

Service clubs and Mid-Isle Soccer have been fundraising for two years to build the path.

Ladysmith Council and the Town would like to thank all the volunteers for the time and effort in seeing this important community project through to completion.

Part of the work included widening the existing concrete sidewalk around the turf field to allow wheelchairs, scooters and walkers to navigate around spectators during games.

In the coming weeks, the Town will add an asphalt path from the washroom to the parking lot.

LADYSMITH SPRING CLEAN UP POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING 2021

The Town and our contractor Waste Connections made the decision to postpone the annual Spring Clean Up Week in April due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite our best efforts to find alternative arrangements, we will be unable to offer this bulk item pickup service in 2020 due to the ongoing risk to public safety and in accordance with recommendations from the provincial health authority.

We will provide you with an update when more information becomes available about the 2021 Clean Up Week.

The Peerless Road Recycling Depot & Garbage Drop-Off Depot: <https://www.cvrld.bc.ca/DocumentCenter/View/90752/Peerless-Road-Recycling-Centre>.

The Peerless Road facility is changing over to Winter Hours as of November 1 and will be open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 5 pm.

You can purchase extra garbage tags at City Hall for \$2 each, or a book of six for \$10.

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. Report a bear sighting, by calling: 1-877-952-7277.

A reminder that there is a 44lb limit on compost bins and garbage cans. A green bin full of fruit can easily put you over that limit.



Festival of Lights Changes for 2020

Festival of Lights organizers have made the difficult decision to cancel the Light Up kick-off event, including the parade and fireworks, scheduled for November 26.

Volunteers plan to install lights and rooftop decorations over the coming weeks in advance of an unofficial flick-of-the-switch towards the end of next month.

The changes to this year's Light Up are due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the Provincial Health Officer's orders to restrict large gatherings.

Members of the public interested in helping with set-up can contact Alex Cook at 250-245-5334 or Greg Edwards at 250-924-6970.

For the latest on the Festival of Lights, visit: www.ladysmithfol.com.

Fortis BC Donates to Kinsmen for Downtown Washroom

Congratulations Kinsmen Club of Ladysmith on receiving a \$15,000 donation from FortisBC to help fund a permanent downtown washroom facility proposed for First Avenue.

The donation to this grassroots initiative moves the project closer to being shovel-ready.

The project has also received generous contributions from Ladysmith Rotary, Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladysmith and Ladysmith Lions.

The downtown washroom is included in the Town's Five-Year Financial Plan and aligns with Council's strategic priorities for implementing and supporting projects to enhance the downtown.

On behalf of Mayor and Council, a special thanks to FortisBC for providing the Community Giving Awards and recognizing the important contributions of local non-profit organizations like Ladysmith Kinsmen.

WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK

Public engagement is an opportunity for residents, businesses and stakeholders to voice their opinions as part of the decision-making process.

Your involvement allows you to work together with Council and create a community for everyone's enjoyment.

If you have comments, questions or suggestions about the Town, we want to hear from you.

Send an e-mail to info@ladysmith.ca or call City Hall at 250.245.6400.

You can also write a letter or e-mail to Mayor and Council at towncouncil@ladysmith.ca

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