



OCTOBER 2021 LADYSMITH LINKS

Town Receives \$296,343 for Active Transportation Projects

The Town of Ladysmith is receiving a BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$296,343 to improve pedestrian safety and expand our existing active transportation network.

Council previously endorsed the Town contributing up to an additional \$127,500 towards the total project budget as a condition of the cost-shared funding delivered by the Province.

As a result, the Town will construct a sidewalk along Colonia Drive from Brown Drive Park/Kinsmen Park to Malone Road, as well as along Delcourt Avenue up to Dunsmuir Crescent.

Completing the sidewalk will provide important pedestrian connections to the Frank Jameson Community Centre, Ladysmith Secondary, Ladysmith Primary, as well as the Holland Creek Trail.

“Creating more sustainable solutions for reaching key destinations in Ladysmith supports Ladysmith Council’s ongoing efforts to mitigate climate change at the community level,” said Mayor Aaron Stone. “The Official Community Plan review is similarly focused on ensuring now and in the future we make the necessary investments so that residents can feel comfortable walking, biking or riding a scooter to

their destination.”

The Provincial funding and Town contributions will also help purchase three e-bike charging stations and bike racks, to be installed in the downtown, Brown Drive Park and Transfer Beach, further expanding our cycling infrastructure.

The Town will also complete bike sharing road markings along Colonia Drive and Delcourt Avenue and install crosswalks in this area to maintain the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

Additionally, the Town will purchase two pedestrian/cyclist counters to monitor the impact of these enhancements.

The Town will proceed with tendering the project in the near future. The anticipated start date for construction is spring 2022.

The funding announcement came on the final day of the Union of BC Municipalities convention, which was once again held virtually this year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

For the latest news and updates visit the Town’s website at www.ladysmith.ca, as well as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

You can also receive up-to-date information in your email inbox by subscribing to the Town’s newsletter.



Ladysmith Storybook Walk Pilot Program Extended Until Year End

The Ladysmith Storybook Walk continues to create beneficial opportunities for local children and families to read and stay active and is being extended until the end of the year.

Since launching on Family Day last February as a pilot program between the Town of Ladysmith and the Ladysmith Resources Centre Association (LRCA), the highly successful community-based initiative promoting literacy and physical literacy has inspired hundreds of participants.

The LRCA is providing funding to support the continuation of the Storybook Walk at Kinsmen Park/Brown Drive Park until the end of the year.

The premise behind a storybook walk is that children and families explore the pages of a book that are installed along a path while at the same time participating in physical activity. The local installation winds its way around the playground and through the nearby forest trail where children's imaginations can come to life.

During COVID-19, the LRCA was able to pivot its Adventures in Early Literacy program outside in a way that children could safely gather.

Official Community Plan Public Engagement Event Hears 'Big Ideas' For Ladysmith

A special thank you to the community members who attended the Big Ideas Fair in downtown Ladysmith on October 2nd.

The feedback you shared about the opportunities and challenges we face now and in the future will directly influence the updated Official Community Plan (OCP).

During this public engagement phase for the OCP review, the Town is continuing to provide opportunities for the entire community to participate in the visioning process.

The Big Ideas Fair was the first in-person engagement as part of the OCP review; we heard from hundreds of people who shared an enthusiasm for making Ladysmith an inclusive place to live, work and play.

Looking for more ways to get involved in the OCP review? Visit www.ladysmith.ca/ocp to complete the 'Oot and Aboot' visual mapping survey. Show us the areas you cherish the most by getting outside and exploring the community.

Be Bear Aware

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.



Recycling Audits

The Town of Ladysmith completed two informal curbside audits this summer and found in both cases that soft plastics contributed to the majority of contamination in the recycling stream.

Contaminated recycling refers to items such as plastic bags or wrappings, improperly rinsed containers, and multi-layered packaging such as chip bags, or granola bar wrappers that are being disposed of in curbside collection. But there's good news!

You can take the majority of soft plastics to Peerless Road Recycling Centre and Bottle Junction Depot on Oyster Bay Drive free of charge.

Holland Creek Crossing

The contractor for the Holland Creek bridge crossing at Colonia Drive has resumed construction.

During ongoing construction of the crossing, trail users should expect intermittent closures and be prepared to turn back. We anticipate restricted access to the trail at Colonia Drive as well as on the south side above Crystal Falls. You will continue to be able to enter the trail at Mackie Road but the path right towards the Upper Bridge and the Heart Lake Connector may be closed during ongoing construction.

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.

Please note that fireworks may be discharged only on October 31 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 12 midnight in the owner's yard, with a valid permit.

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.

Talk to your neighbours!

A friendly warning to your neighbours will limit disturbance. Respectful communication goes a long way for healthy neighbourly relations.

Utility Bill payments due November 26, 2021

Utility Bills for July to September are due Friday, November 26, 2021. Payments can be made in person at City Hall by debit, cash or cheque, by online banking, 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.



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Town News You Can Use

Water Restrictions - We would like to thank all residents of Ladysmith for your cooperation during the summer water restrictions. With the recent cooler weather, water restrictions will end on October 31.

Pet Responsibility - We encourage community members to be responsible pet owners and please pick up after your animal(s) when out walking on sidewalks, trails and visiting parks. Properly disposing of your waste bags by using the nearest available trash container is helping to keep our public spaces enjoyable for everyone. We appreciate your cooperation.

Resident Alien - Resident Alien production crews have wrapped up filming in downtown! Thanks to everyone for your 'patience' during filming. We look forward to seeing Ladysmith shine in Season 2!

Town Donates Produce to Foodbank - The Town harvested and donated 45 squash plants to the Ladysmith Resources Centre Association Food Bank. The produce was grown in garden beds at Transfer Beach Park and City Hall. The use of these gardens for growing vegetables strengthens our local food security by helping to provide nourishing food to those who need it the most.

Online Crime Reporting - Report an incident online, when the police are not required: <https://ocre-sielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ladysmith/en>

In-Person Council Meetings - Unless otherwise posted, regular meetings of Council are once again in person at City Hall. Please remember that masks are mandatory and public attendance is on a first-come, first-served basis as space permits. Meetings will continue to be livestreamed on our YouTube channel.