



2022-2026 TOWN OF LADYSMITH COUNCIL

The Inaugural meeting of Council for the 2022-2026 term will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at 630 2nd Avenue (Ladysmith Seniors Centre). The public is welcome to attend this meeting, or view it live on the Town's YouTube channel.

One of first orders of business in the coming months for the new Council will be to create a Strategic Plan to guide future projects, initiatives and general policy direction over the coming term.

DEMOLITION OF TRANSFER BEACH PARK FOOD CONCESSION

The Town completed the demolition of the former Transfer Beach Park concession building in late September.

The building was beyond the point of repair and required significant capital upgrades to make it functional.

We are reseeded the area and now working towards the installation of a new accessible pathway that will extend down to the beach area, creating a more inclusive park space for residents and visitors. Additional accessible picnic

tables will be included along this pathway.

These projects, as well as improvements to the public wash room, picnic shelter and Salish Wind canoe shelter, are

all funded through the Province's Tourism Dependent Community Fund.



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‘PLANNING AHEAD’: SHORT TERM RENTALS IN LADYSMITH

Ladysmith’s Development Services department often receives inquiries from members of the public interested in learning more about short-term vacation rentals in residential areas.

Short-term vacation rentals (AirBnBs, VRBOs, bed and breakfasts) in residential areas are regulated by the Town’s Zoning Bylaw.

In certain areas of town, property owners may operate a bed and breakfast if it complies with certain regulations. However, other forms of short-term rentals, such as the use of an entire secondary suite or dwelling unit, are not permitted under our Zoning Bylaw.

A bed and breakfast in Ladysmith can consist of up to four individual rooms within a single-family residence. It also must be owned and occupied by the property owner(s), but you’ll be happy to know there’s no requirement to serve a morning meal for guests!

The owner(s) are, however, required to provide adequate parking and to hold a current business licence with the Town.

Here is a list of more conditions that apply to B&Bs in Ladysmith:

- Must be located within a single family residence.
- Must be operated by the property owner who resides on the property on which the B&B is located.
- Accommodation units are permitted to have a kitchenette and a separate bathroom but may not contain a full kitchen.
- Property owner must have a business licence.
- Must not be located on a parcel that contains a secondary suite unless the parcel is larger than 1,000m².
- Must not alter the principal residential character of the dwelling.

If you are thinking of operating a B&B in your home the first step is to determine if it is a permitted use in your zone and whether you can meet the other regulations.

If you have other questions, please reach out to our Development Services staff by emailing ds@ladysmith.ca or calling 250.245.6415.

UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS DUE NOVEMBER 29, 2022

Utility Bills for July to September are due November 29, 2022. 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.



FALL YARD WASTE PICKUP

The Town and our contractor Waste Connections are once again partnering to bring you a Fall Yard Waste Pickup in October.

The following items and quantities can be placed curbside on your regular collection day during the week of October 17-21, 2022:

- Yard Waste – Up to 10 yard waste bags or reusable bins, no larger than 77L and weighing no more than 44lbs/20kgs.
- Sticks – Up to 2 bundles of sticks which are no more than 3' in length and 2" in diameter. Bundles of sticks must be tied with cotton string and not exceed 44lbs/20kg in weight.

Acceptable materials include:

- Leaves;
- Grass clippings;
- Flowers;
- Non-invasive plants;
- Tree or hedge clippings;
- Branches (maximum diameter 2", maximum weight 20kg or 44lbs).

NEW FIREWORKS PERMIT PROCESS

Ladysmith residents interested in discharging fireworks on Halloween night are being advised of a new application and permitting process that is being administered by the Town.

The Family Fireworks Permit Application fee is \$10. Separate permit classes, fees and insurance requirements apply for display fireworks and pyrotechnics.

The Family Fireworks Permit replaces the permit process previously overseen by the Cowichan Valley Regional District. Permit approvals are subject to the current Coastal Fire Ban and any corresponding restrictions.

Application forms can be obtained at Ladysmith City Hall, 410 Esplanade during business hours, Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., by emailing info@ladysmith.ca or visiting [our website](#).

Please note that all fireworks permit applications are due at least 3 business days before the event and are approved by the Fire Chief.

WATER RESTRICTIONS

We would like to thank all Ladysmith residents for your co-operation during the summer and early fall months. With the recent cooler weather, water restrictions will end on October 31.

To read more on water restrictions in the Town, please see: www.ladysmith.ca/ourservices/water.



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TOWN NEWS YOU CAN USE

BGC Central Vancouver Island Building Expansion - The Town of Ladysmith and BGC Central Vancouver Island are excited to break ground on a major addition to a local childcare building that will create more affordable childcare solutions for families and caregivers. The BGC Central Vancouver Island has provided licensed child care services at the Town-owned building at 220 High Street for over a decade. The over 1,000 sq-ft building renovation and improvements to the outdoor play area is the result of a \$875,000 grant received through the Union of BC Municipalities and will facilitate the creation of 12 new infant/toddler spaces.

Fall and Winter Events in Ladysmith - As fall and winter approach, the Town will see the return of many of our favourite events such as the Monster Bash at the FJCC, Ladysmith Festival of Lights and Old Tyme Christmas. For details on these events and others, visit the Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce website: <https://www.ladysmithcofc.com/calendar>

Emergency and Routine Notifications through the CVRD - Have you signed up for the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) Emergency Alert Registration service to receive emergency alerts for the area, including Ladysmith? This free service provides information on Evacuation Routes, Alerts and Orders and available/open ESS Reception Centres. To register: www.cowichanalert.ca.

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.