

Late Agenda Items

**Public Hearing and Regular Council Agenda
April 18, 2023**

Recommendation:

That Council amend the agenda to add the following item(s), received after publication of the agenda:

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| 5.1. Official Community Plan Bylaw 2022, No. 2200
Add a public submission. | Page(s)
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Subject:Zero attempt at public engagement regarding the upcoming PUBLIC HEARING FOR OCP update in Ladysmith! - April 6th, 2023

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For all...

What about the "notice" embedded in this page (see photo attached) tells the citizens of Ladysmith that you give a hoot about their engagement in this process? I am on the look-out for stuff related to the OCP and did not even see the "notice" the first time I scanned the paper on Friday. It wasn't until Easter Monday, when I was looking for info related to the #70 Bus Survey, that I even noticed it.

Where is the banner heading to catch people's attention? The print is so small it requires a magnifying glass to read. You look at the page, see a big blob of gray, and your eyes glaze over as you move on! There should of been a full page notification with that much information to put out.

On March 16 there was an article in the Chronicle about the the fact that the OCP (Official Community Plan) is going to a Public Hearing. The Mayor was quoted as saying "Hopefully we'll see the finish line this year...". That comment did not make me think that the Public Hearing would be anytime soon. It completely caught me by surprise. And once again, for a hugely important event to the whole community, there is virtually no TIME notice. The Chronicle came out on the 6th and the Public Hearing is on the 18th. At dinner time. There is only one newspaper coming out between the "notice" and the Public Hearing. Certainly no time to stir up some commentary.

I have witnessed the OCP process in three cities and all of them had so much more, and better, out reach for public engagement. Flyers and brochures were sent out to each house hold. Signage was put up around town. When something was in the newspaper it jumped out at you. And weeks, if not a month, of notice was provided for events and significant milestones. I just checked the town website and the OCP Review page is out of date. The OCP Review page also suggests you "sign up for the Town's Newsletter to stay up-to-date on the OCP Review and upcoming opportunities for you to participate in the process!" Both the January and April editions of the Newsletter do NOT include any information about the pending and/or confirmed Public Hearing date. Abysmal effort.

During the Municipal Election, last October, a gentleman in the audience at the All Candidates Meeting was concerned that there was so little information in the public realm about the OCP review process. The Mayor was sitting behind me and commented to his companion that there was all kinds of information on the website and had been for 18 months. While town Staff and Council congratulate themselves for their presence on-line and in social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) they have failed to reach out to those of us who just don't want to, or can't, spend a lot of time on their computer or engaging in social media.

I have attached a photo showing one of the things they did in Sidney. Signage on the main road into town was up through the entire review/update period. The banner was changed to keep pace with events as the process unfolded. If you lived in Sidney, or were just passing through (like me), you could not be uninformed as to what was happening in regards to the OCP.

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TOWN OF LADYSMITH

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Official Community Plan
Bylaw No. 2200
April 18, 2023, 6:00pm

Pursuant to Section 466 of the Local Government Act, we advise you that a Public Hearing has been scheduled to consider Official Community Plan Bylaw 2200. Anyone who considers their interest in property to be affected by the proposed Bylaw will be given reasonable opportunity to be heard.

Subject Property
Bylaw No. 2200 will apply to all properties in the Town of Ladysmith.

What is the Proposal About?
Bylaw No. 2200 is a new Official Community Plan. If approved Bylaw 2200 will replace the existing Official Community Plan—Official Community Plan Bylaw 2003, No 1488. The proposed Official Community Plan includes goals, objectives, policies, statements, and map designations respecting the following:

- The location, amount, type and density of residential development required to meet anticipated housing needs.
- The location, amount and type of present and proposed commercial, industrial, parks, institutional, agricultural, recreational and public utility land uses.
- The location and area of sand and gravel deposits that are suitable for future sand and gravel extraction.
- Restrictions on the use of land that is subject to hazardous conditions or that is environmentally sensitive.
- The location and phasing of major road, sewer, stormwater and water systems, including cycling, transit and pedestrian infrastructure.
- The location and type of present and proposed public facilities.
- Housing policies respecting affordable housing, rental housing and special needs housing.
- Targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and policies and actions with respect to achieving those targets.
- Social needs, social well-being and social development including poverty reduction and support for persons with disabilities.
- The maintenance and enhancement of farming.
- The preservation, protection, restoration and enhancement of the natural environment, its ecosystems and biological diversity.
- Emergency preparedness and mitigating the impacts of climate change.
- Health and wellness.
- Reconciliation with First Nations.
- Arts, culture, and heritage.
- Economic development.
- The designation of development permit areas under section 488 of the Local Government Act for the form and character of new commercial, residential, and industrial development; revitalization of areas where commercial character of the natural environment, protection of development from hazardous conditions, uses are permitted, protection of the natural environment, protection of development from hazardous conditions, promotion of energy and water conservation, promotion of the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, which will require proposed development within defined development permit areas to obtain a development permit.
- The designation of areas under section 492 of the Local Government Act where temporary uses may be allowed.
- Circumstances under section 485 of the Local Government Act where Development Approval Information may be required.
- Considerations for proposals to amend the Official Community Plan and community contributions offered in conjunction with such proposals.
- Short-term, medium-term, long-term, and ongoing actions and incentives intended to implement the Official Community Plan.

Where Can I Get More Information?
A copy of the proposed Bylaw and related information may be viewed at the Town of Ladysmith City Hall located at 410 Esplanade or the Development Services Office located at 192C Roberts Street, Ladysmith, BC, until April 18, 2023 between Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:00pm, excluding statutory holidays. The Proposed Bylaws are also available at www.ladysmith.ca/publichearings.

How do I Attend the Virtual Meeting?
The meeting will be held on April 18, 2023 at the Ladysmith Seniors' Centre. Anyone may attend the meeting. The meeting will be held on April 18, 2023 at the Ladysmith Seniors' Centre, 630 2nd Avenue, Ladysmith, beginning at 6:00pm.

How Do I Make a Written Submission?
If you are unable to attend the Public Hearing, written submissions can also be provided. If received by Noon, April 18, 2023, written submissions will be included in the Public Hearing agenda. Written submissions should be sent to Town of Ladysmith, PO Box 220, Ladysmith, BC V9G 1A2 or by Email to info@ladysmith.ca. Written submissions can be accepted at the Public Hearing up to the close of the Public Hearing. Please be advised that the content of submissions will be made public and form a part of the public record for this hearing.

Notice Issued by the Corporate Officer.

QUESTIONS?

Questions can be directed to staff in the Town of Ladysmith Development Services Department by calling 250-245-6415 or emailing info@ladysmith.ca or www.ladysmith.ca/publichearings



Riders asked for feedback after a year of express bus

STAFF WRITER
NEWS BULLETIN

An express bus has now been running between Nanaimo and Duncan for a full year, and riders of the route are being asked for feedback. B.C. Transit, the Regional District of Nanaimo and the Cowichan Valley Regional District launched Route 70 NCX Nanaimo-Cowichan Express at the end of March last year. Now, operators are asking for input about travel times, bus stops and possible expansion "that will help fine-tune the service," stated a press release.

Buses run Monday to Saturday, beginning at downtown Nanaimo and travelling to Village Green Mall in Duncan. There is one Ladysmith stop on the route at First Avenue and the Trans-Canada Highway.

In December, citing ridership from late summer and early fall, B.C. Transit said the route saw average daily boardings of 89 passengers on weekdays



(News Bulletin file photo)

and 84 on Saturdays, up from 50 rides per day when the express bus first launched.

The survey is open until April 17 and can be found at <http://engage.bctransit.com/nex2023>. Paper copies are also available at numerous locations, including at the RDN administration and transportation office (6300 Hammond Bay Rd., Nanaimo) and CVRD head office (175 Ingram St., Duncan).

For route information, go to www.bctransit.com/nanaimo/home.

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Households total tax bills will still go up

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For the average single-family home in Ladysmith, the total tax bill has an average increase of \$737.99, resulting in an average total tax bill of \$7,377.99, according to a report released by the British Columbia Assessment Authority. The report says that while the average tax bill will increase, the average tax rate will decrease by 0.16 per cent, or \$19. National taxes, however, will increase, "probably net-rising around \$130," according to Stone.

The town will be using the same collection model that was used in 2022. The alternative municipal tax collection scheme will set a first due date on July 4, 2023 with a two-per cent penalty on outstanding current taxes and unclaimed homeowner grants, and a final due date of Sept. 15, which will see a further eight-per cent penalty.

Ladysmith to Canada

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It proved to be a very successful start, to what hopefully, will be a successful trip to nation. The senior improv students of Ladysmith Secondary School a fundraiser March 30 to help pay expenses to the Canadian Improv Games this week in O

To participate in the game school students form teams compete in regional tournaments co-ordinated by regional Improv Games volunteer teams perform improv suggestions provided by the audience and each scene is judged on a fixed scoring criteria.

Nationals gather together teams from across Canada eight-day series of judge acts as well as an opportunity for the students to take lessons and fine tune their skills. To get to nationals, the youths Lucy Street, Za Trawick, Eli Bowden, Harper, L.J. Nyhan, P and Kaylin Zech had to raise more than \$16,000 to help pay for the trip. Last week's event was

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL CEMETERY CLEANUP

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March 15th - September 30th, 2023

Pursuant to Town of Ladysmith, Bylaw No. 1668, Section 55, floral tributes will be removed by the Caretaker and disposed of when their condition is considered to be detrimental to the appearance and beauty of the Cemetery.

Floral tributes and trinkets, in an acceptable condition, removed to allow for maintenance can be picked up by contacting the Parks Supervisor at 250.245.6448.

Thank you for your patience and co-operation.

250-245-6445 | info@ladysmith.ca | www.ladysmith.ca
330 6th Avenue | MAIL PO Box 220, Ladysmith, BC V9G 1A2



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Official Community Plan Update

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SIDNEY 2040
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