



LADYSMITH

**Parks, Recreation, & Culture
Request for Proposals
No. 2021-PRC-03**

Accessibility Audit

For further information
please contact:

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RFP Issue Date: **October 18, 2021**
RFP Closing Date: **November 1, 2021 @ 2:00 pm,**
RFP Opening: **November 1, 2021 @ 2:15 pm,**
Location of Bid Opening: **Council Chambers
Ladysmith City Hall**



1. Introduction

One in five Canadians have a disability and as our population ages this continues to grow. Accessibility is more important than ever. The Town of Ladysmith (the “Town”) is seeking proposals for an accessibility audit to be performed on some of our key public buildings/sites. When the audit has been completed it is the Town’s intent to implement the recommendations from the assessment in order to create universally accessible facilities.

2. Required Project Deliverables

- Provide an assessment of the designated buildings with a point scorecard certification using the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification (RHFAC) or equivalent.
- Provide recommended changes to our buildings in order to meet accessibility certification.
- Provide recommendations as to how the selected buildings/sites meet or exceed the current building codes that improve accessibility standards using a standardized benchmark to compare with and help assess where they are and need to be in terms of meaningful access.
- Provide direction to incorporate best practices from a number of sources, including Universal Design principles and the CSA Standard B651-12.

3. Response Content

All respondents should include the following information in their proposal

- Scope of work.
- List of personnel involved and qualifications.
- Timeline for completion of the audit which will include the recommendations to be done in a prioritized sequence. All recommendations must meet or exceed the RHFAC or an equivalent certification.

As part of the submission review process, proponents may be required to present their proposal and approach to the Town staff. Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by a committee comprised of Town staff. During the evaluation process any or all of the proponents may be asked for clarification by telephone or email.

4. Enquiries

All enquiries related to this “Request for Proposal” are to be directed to:

Richard Frost, Manager of Facility Operations
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5. RFP Addenda

It is the responsibility of the proponents to check periodically for any addenda that may be issued by the town of Ladysmith. Addenda will be posted on the Town of Ladysmith website (www.ladysmith.ca/city-hall/bid-opportunities) and on BC Bid.

6. Proposal Submission by Email

Proponents are requested to submit their proposals **no later than 2:00pm on November 1, 2021** to the attention of:

Donna Smith, Manager of Corporate Services
Town of Ladysmith
410 Esplanade - PO Box 220
Ladysmith, BC V9G 1A2
Email: bid@ladysmith.ca

Proposals must be submitted by email. The Town is not responsible for the timely receipt or adequacy of any electronic transmissions, and late receipt of Proposals via email or facsimile will be cause for rejection of a Proposal.

All submissions must be clearly marked “Request for Proposals No. 2021-PRC-03”.

The successful bidder will be required to obtain and provide proof of the following:

- A current business license for operating in the Town of Ladysmith
- A Clearance Letter from WorkSafe BC that confirms they are registered and in good financial standing with WorkSafe BC
- Minimum \$2 million liability insurance with the Town of Ladysmith named as additional insured
- Federal, provincial and municipal permits when and where applicable

Submissions in response to this RFP will be opened in public at the Town of Ladysmith City Hall on **November 1, 2021 at 2:15pm**.

7. Proposal Evaluation

The Town will evaluate proposals based upon but not limited to, the following:

- Quality of the proposal
- Fee quote
- Principles of best value (see below)
- Demonstrated proven experience
- Accessibility and responsiveness
- Reference checks

The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals either whole or in part at any time, or waive formalities in, or accept a proposal either whole or in part which is deemed most favourable in the interest of the Town. The Town will be under no obligation to proceed further with any submitted proposal and, should it decide to abandon same, it may, at any time, invite further proposals for the supply of the described services or enter into any discussions or negotiations with any party for the provision of the services. No alterations, amendments or additional information will be accepted after the closing date and time unless invited by the Town.

The lowest or any submission in response to this RFP will not necessarily be accepted. The bids will be considered on their merits and it is not the intention of the Municipality to buy on price alone.

The Town of Ladysmith Purchasing Policy entails the following Principles of “Best Value”:

- Procure the goods and services requirements of all departments in an efficient, timely and cost effective manner while maintaining the necessary controls;
- Engage in an open bidding process wherever practical;
- Ensure maximum value is obtained during the acquisition of goods and services. Where applicable, the total cost of the goods and services purchased should be taken into account. Total cost may include but not be limited to acquisition cost, disposal cost, residual value, training cost, maintenance cost, product performance and environmental impact;
- Take into account wherever practical the commitment to protection of the environment, and energy conservation;
- Ensure the acquisition of goods and services meets the requirements of applicable legislation and trade agreements, including the New West Partnership Trade Agreement, and the Agreement on Internal Trade; and
- Ensure that maximum value is realized when disposing of surplus goods, materials and equipment.
- Up to five (5) percent of the evaluation score will be allocated based on the proposal’s contribution to the following community benefits:
 - *Economy*
 - Demonstrate job creation within the local area, which is defined as the Cowichan Valley Regional District and the Regional District of Nanaimo.
 - Contribute to a stronger local economy (buy local)
 - Increase training and apprenticeship opportunities
 - Provide work experience and employment opportunities for youth aged 15 to 24
 - Ensure that a Living Wage for the local area is paid

- *Public Spaces*
 - Enhance community recreation, arts and/or culture infrastructure
 - Improve and enhance public spaces
 - Improve access to public spaces for people living with disabilities
- *Environment*
 - Demonstrate that work undertaken exceeds requirements for environmental standards

8. Ownership of Proposals

All Proposals and subsequent information materials shall become the property of the Town of Ladysmith after the closing date and time and will not be returned.

The Proposals will be held in confidence by the Town subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. This Request for Proposals and all associated documentation is the property of the Town of Ladysmith and shall not be copied or distributed without the prior written approval of the Town.