

# **SUSTAINABILITY PROGRESS REPORT – 2014**

## **SHORT TERM ACTION ITEMS**

Growth & Development	Transportation	Energy & Emissions	Green & Natural Systems	Water & Waste Systems	Culture & Identity	Public Health & Social Development	Economic Development	Local Food & Agriculture	Leadership & Partnerships
ACTION: Review zoning bylaw to determine feasibility of allowing detached suites. STATUS: Complete	ACTION: Develop a Master Transportation Plan STATUS: In five year Financial Plan	ACTION: Review and update the Community Energy Plan STATUS: Working with BC Hydro for funding of review in 2016	ACTION: Review the Riparian Development Permit Area 6 Guidelines STATUS: Complete	ACTION: Complete current upgrades to the Town's drinking water system STATUS: In five year Financial Plan	ACTION: Expand existing spaces and programming for arts- based groups and activities STATUS: Complete	ACTION: Participate in the Cowichan Communities Health Network STATUS: On-going	ACTION: Develop business and retention action plans for target sectors identified in the Economic Development Strategy STATUS: Working within context of regional function	ACTION: Develop a community food strategy STATUS: Working within context of regional function	ACTION: Publish the Ladysmith Sustainability Action Plan to the municipal website STATUS: Complete
ACTION: Update Waterfront Area Plan to align with sustainability vision STATUS: In five year Financial Plan	ACTION: Inventory/review pedestrian conditions STATUS: Sidewalk assessment completed	ACTION: Consider amending the Civic Green Building Policy to require LEED Gold for new municipal buildings over 465 sq m STATUS: Not started	ACTION: Prepare a Ladysmith Harbour Remediation Action Plan STATUS: Not started	ACTION: Complete construction of the secondary wastewater treatment plant STATUS: Underway, completion in 2016	ACTION: Review Town's Heritage Strategic Plan to align with the Sustainability Vision outcomes STATUS: In-process	ACTION: Improve engagement with residents about recreational facilities and programming STATUS: On-going	ACTION: Expand the 10% Shift "buy local" program STATUS: On-going and expanding to social procurement in 2015	ACTION: Make local food available in municipal facilities and community events STATUS: On-going	ACTION: Promote engagement in the implementation of the Ladysmith Sustainability Action Plan STATUS: On-going
ACTION: Complete and implement Downtown Area Plan STATUS: Not started	ACTION: Enhance public transit systems STATUS: On-going, joined BC Transit system	ACTION: Provide information to residents on incentive and rebate programs for energy efficiency. STATUS: On-going	ACTION: Prepare a Holland Creek Restoration Plan STATUS: Not started. Work on culvert in golf course	ACTION: Implement Stage 3 of the Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP) STATUS: Commenced (see WWTP project)	ACTION: Review and update the 2011 Community resources listing on the Town's website STATUS: Complete	ACTION: Conduct a community recreational assessment & gap analysis STATUS: Commence in fall 2015 with Parks, Recreation & Culture mater plan	ACTION: Continue working on the "Partnership for an Economically Diverse Community" STATUS: On-going	ACTION: Integrate agricultural opportunities in land use plans, including the update to the Zoning Bylaw STATUS: Complete	ACTION: Continue implementing opportunities for shared infrastructure and servicing with the Stz'uminus First Nation STATUS: In-process
	ACTION: Establish more bike lanes and improve cycling infrastructure STATUS: On-going	ACTION: Develop a municipal fleet inventory and assess for efficiencies STATUS: In five year Financial Plan (asset management) ACTION: Inclusion of regulations to support energy efficient building guidelines in the new Zoning Bylaw.	ACTION: Form a multi- stakeholder watershed management committee STATUS: Currently under consideration	ACTION: Develop a Zero Waste Plan STATUS: Zero Waste Plan in co-operation with the Cowichan Valley Regional District ACTION: Implement a coordinated Environmental Education Campaign STATUS: Not started	ACTION: Enhance public art and experience STATUS: On-going		ACTION: Promote the opportunity for local businesses to calculate their carbon footprint and become carbon neutral STATUS: Not started ACTION: Support building the green economy STATUS: On-going		

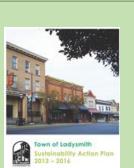












## LONG TERM ACTION ITEMS

Growth & Development	Transportation	Energy & Emissions	Green & Natural Systems	Water & Waste Systems	Culture & Identity	Public Health & Social Development	Economic Development	Local Food & Agriculture	Leadership & Partnerships
ACTION: Aim for transit- supportive densities in new development areas STATUS: Supported by OCP in Downtown and at small lot and higher densities.	ACTION: Open discussions with Provincial Transportation Ministries to identify ways to work together on sustainable innovations STATUS: On-going	ACTION: Explore alternate forms of energy, such as solar, wind and geothermal STATUS: On-going with Province and CVRD	ACTION: Undertake more detailed mapping of wildlife habitats and corridors STATUS: On-going with CVRD	ACTION: Explore options for composting of municipal bio-solids STATUS: Underway	ACTION: Develop a Volunteer Stewardship Strategy STATUS: Not started (on- going work with local sports clubs). Watershed roundtable in 2015.	ACTION: Develop ways to ensure that affordable housing in included in new developments STATUS: On-going	ACTION: Update the Town's Economic Development Strategy STATUS: Not started	ACTION: Host food workshops, including training for local growers and producers STATUS: On-going	ACTION: Support regional collaboration where it serves the greater good and promotes long-term sustainability STATUS: On-going
ACTION: Explore ways to integrate other land uses into or around existing single-use areas STATUS: On-going	ACTION: Create an alternate transportation reserve fund STATUS: Not started	CTION: Review existing guidelines to support green building directions STATUS: On-going	ACTION: Support the protection of sensitive areas such as wetlands and watersheds STATUS: On-going with CVRD	ACTION: Expand the curbside recycling program to include glass and Styrofoam STATUS: MMBC regulations guide	ACTION: Develop a Public Art Strategy to profile and celebrate the artists and arts in Ladysmith STATUS: Not started Strategy. On-going support to Arts Council	ACTION: In partnership with VIHA, redesign the Primary Health Centre and improve daycare services and elderly support STATUS: On-going support with VIHA.	ACTION: Explore opportunities for an eco-industrial project for a new industrial park at South Ladysmith STATUS: On-going. Working with First Nations and road realignment in 2015	ACTION: Facilitate and encourage food sharing STATUS: On-going donations to food bank from municipal gardens	ACTION: Seek opportunities to leverage more efficient use of community facilities and resources STATUS: On-going partnerships
ACTION: Leverage Ladysmith's location along the Island highway corridor STATUS: Consider within scope of waterfront plan review	ACTION: Explore the possibility of providing a commuter service between Ladysmith and Duncan and Nanaimo via train or bus STATUS: In progress	ACTION: Explore opportunities to pursue a pilot project of a Net Zero building/home and neighbourhood STATUS: Not started	ACTION: Develop and implement landscape design guidelines to provide songbird and butterfly habitat STATUS: Complete.	ACTION: Improve rainwater management STATUS: Included rainwater management in the new Development Permit Area guidelines for commercial , Industrial and multi-unit residential development			ACTION: Continue to support home-based businesses STATUS: Zoning Bylaw regulations updated.	ACTION: Support the efforts of community partnerships STATUS: On-going	ACTION: Pursue funding opportunities to advance the implementation of more costly aspects of the Sustainability Action Plan STATUS: Pursuit of grants on-going
ACTION: Improve the pedestrian linkage between downtown, the highway and the waterfront STATUS: On-going	ACTION: Support car- pooling and car co-op programs within the community and look at ways to incorporate connections to regional nodes into these programs STATUS: Complete	ACTION: Use heat from available sources, such as sewage pipes or pumping stations, to heat buildings through district energy systems and encourage new developments to incorporate an alternative energy source STATUS: on going and part of new WWTP	ACTION: Reduce/eliminate invasive species throughout the community STATUS: On-going. Partnerships with volunteers for Earth Day.				ACTION: Develop, support and promote eco-tourism business possibilities within the community STATUS: On-going		



ACTION: Review existing parking requirements and consider reducing requirements in new developments STATUS: Complete				
ACTION: Consider opportunities to develop new road standards STATUS: In five year Financial Plan (Master Transportation Plan and condition assessment process)				



#### **OBJECTIVES & INDICATORS**

Growth & Development	Transportation	Energy & Emissions	Green & Natural Systems	Water & Waste Systems	Culture & Identity	Public Health & Social Development	Economic Development	Local Food & Agriculture	Leadership & Partnerships
OBJECTIVE: Increased housing diversity across Ladysmith INDICATOR: % of type of housing types Target – 70% Single Family /30% Multi-Family (OCP) Current – 75% Single Family / 25% Multi- Family (Statistics Canada 2011)	OBJECTIVE: Increase walking INDICATOR: #/% of residents who walk to meet daily needs Target – 7% (Provincial Average) Current – 6% of all work trips (2006 Census)	OBJECTIVE: Reduce community energy use and GHG emissions INDICATOR: Annual total of community energy use (kWh and GJ) and GHG emissions (tonne CO2 e) Target – 5% reduction by 2012 from 2007 levels; 15% reduction by 2016 from 2007; 33% reduction by 2020 from 2007 levels (OCP) Current: 2012 data not yet available	OBJECTIVE: Protect parks and natural ecosystems INDICATOR: Amount of protected natural greenspace and parkland within the Town Target – To be reviewed and established in PRC Master Plan (2015)	OBJECTIVE: Encourage water conservation INDICATOR: Per capita residential water consumption Target – Current leader in region. Target established in 2015 to be 20% less; 200 liters per capita per day (residential)	OBJECTIVE: Encourage greater participation and appreciation of Ladysmith's arts and cultural events and facilities INDICATOR: % of residents actively participating in public celebrations Target – To be reviewed and established in PRC Master Plan (2015)	OBJECTIVE: Improve physical and social well-being of Ladysmith residents INDICATOR: % of population who take part in an activity at a recreation centre at least once a month % of residents actively participating in sports using community facilities Target – To be reviewed and established in PRC Master Plan (2015)	OBJECTIVE: Business Diversity INDICATOR: # of businesses; % of businesses in target growth sectors #of licensed businesses (not including mobile businesses) – 371 % of businesses in target growth sectors: 63%	OBJECTIVE: Increase opportunities for local food production, processing, retail and celebration INDICATOR: Spending on local food Target – not yet established other than 10% shift	OBJECTIVE: Actively engage regional partners and stakeholders in planning and decision- making for sustainability initiatives INDICATOR: # of sustainability initiatives completed with partners and stakeholder organizations Target – not yet established
OBJECTIVE: More mixed uses in more areas of Ladysmith INDICATOR: % of different land uses Target – Not yet established Current – Data not available	OBJECTIVE: Increase cycling INDICATOR: #/% of users of Town bike system Target – 2% (Provincial Average) Current – 0.3% of all work trips (2006 Census)	OBJECTIVE: Reduce energy use and emissions related to Town operations INDICATOR: Annual total of corporate energy use (kWh and GJ) and GHG emissions (tonne CO2 e) Target – To be established in Energy Plan update (2015)	OBJECTIVE: Restore the ecological functionality of degraded sensitive ecosystem areas INDICATOR: % of degraded sensitive ecosystem areas that have an appropriate level of ecological function restored Target – Not yet established	OBJECTIVE: Use best practices in stormwater and wastewater management INDICATOR: Streams water quality index Target – Not yet established	OBJECTIVE: Preserve and enhance Ladysmith's built heritage INDICATOR: # of heritage buildings in various states of repair (excellent, fair, poor); # of heritage buildings restored Target – Complete five SOS over 5 years Current – 22 records on CHR	OBJECTIVE: Improve access to affordable housing INDICATOR: # of individuals in Core housing need Target – n/a Current – 12% of households in the CVRD (CVRD Housing Indicators Report, April 2014)	OBJECTIVE: More money spent at local independent businesses INDICATOR: Local spending Target – 10%		OBJECTIVE: Actively engage citizens in community building, planning and decision making INDICATOR: # of residents participating in public events; visitors to Town website (Sustainability webpages) Target – Not yet established
OBJECTIVE: More areas with transit supported densities INDICATOR: aggregate density of population Target – 17-30 units per hectare (TOD) Current – 3-4 units per hectare (Population density per km <sup>2</sup> - 660.6 (Statistics Canada 2011)	OBJECTIVE: Increase transit usage INDICATOR: # of transit riders on local/inter- municipal system Target – 10% (Provincial Average) Current – 0.5% of all work trips (2006 Census)			OBJECTIVE: Reduce, divert and manage solid waste to achieve target of zero waste INDICATOR: Amount of solid waste landfilled, per capita Target – Not yet established	OBJECTIVE: Enhance support to Ladysmith's diverse arts, cultural and heritage venues and events INDICATOR: Dollars spent to provide cultural services Value of arts grants distributed (\$ per resident) Target – To be reviewed in PRC Master Plan (2015)		OBJECTIVE: Increase in tourist visits INDICATOR: visits by tourists at visitor's centre and overnight visitor stays at marina Target – 10% growth per year Visitor Centre: 8,719 Marina: 1,665 Visitor night stays, 100% increase in five years		OBJECTIVE: Continue to promote the efficient and effective management of municipal services with the goal of continuous improvement of long- term fiscal sustainability INDICATOR: Completion of annual sustainability report (Yes/No) Target – Complete annually







OBJECTIVE: Reduce the amount of environmentally hazardous substances and waste INDICATOR: Hazardous waste generated in tonnes Target –







#### **FUTURE PRIORITIES**

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Aim for transit- supportive densities in new development areas. On-going Explore ways to integrate other land uses into or around existing single-use areas. On-going Implement land use regulations to support the Downtown Plan and Waterfront Plan. Following completion of plans. Leverage Ladysmith's location along the Island highway corridor – pursue addition of appropriate land uses along this corridor. On- going Improve the pedestrian linkage between downtown, the highway and the waterfront. On-going	Open discussions with Province to identify ways to work together on sustainable innovations. Create an alternative transportation reserve fund financed through off-street parking funds to enhance car-free opportunities. Explore the possibility of providing a commuter service between Ladysmith and Duncan and Nanaimo via train or bus. Support car-pooling and car co-op programs within the community. Review existing parking requirements and consider reducing requirements. Consider opportunities to develop new road standards that include narrower streets, bike lanes and other traffic calming provisions.	Explore alternate forms of energy, such as solar, wind and geothermal that could be adopted by individual houses and specified areas of Ladysmith Review existing guidelines to support green building directions in both new construction and renovations or retrofits Explore opportunities to pursue a pilot project of a Net Zero building /home and neighbourhood that has no net draw on external energy sources Use heat from available sources, such as sewage pipes or pumping stations, to heat buildings through district energy systems and encourage new developments to incorporate an alternative energy source or district heating systems	Undertake more detailed mapping of wildlife habitats and corridors Support the protection of sensitive areas such as wetlands and watersheds Develop and implement landscape design guidelines to provide songbird and butterfly habitat Reduce/eliminate invasive species throughout the community	Explore options for composting of municipal bio-solids Expand the curbside recycling program to include glass and Styrofoam Improve rainwater management	Develop a Volunteer Stewardship Strategy Develop a Public Art Strategy to profile and celebrate the artists and arts in Ladysmith	Develop ways to ensure that affordable housing is included in new developments In partnership with VIHA, redesign the Primary Health Centre and improve daycare services and elderly support	Update the Town's Economic Development Strategy Not started Explore opportunities for an eco-industrial project for a new industrial park at South Ladysmith On-going Continue to support home-based businesses On-going. Develop, support and promote eco-tourism business possibilities within the community On-going.	Host food workshops, including training for local growers and producers Facilitate and encourage food sharing Support the efforts of community partnerships	Support regional collaboration where it serves the greater good and promotes the long- term sustainability Seek opportunities to leverage more efficient use of community facilities and resources Pursue funding opportunities to advance the implementation of more costly aspects of the Sustainability Action Plan

