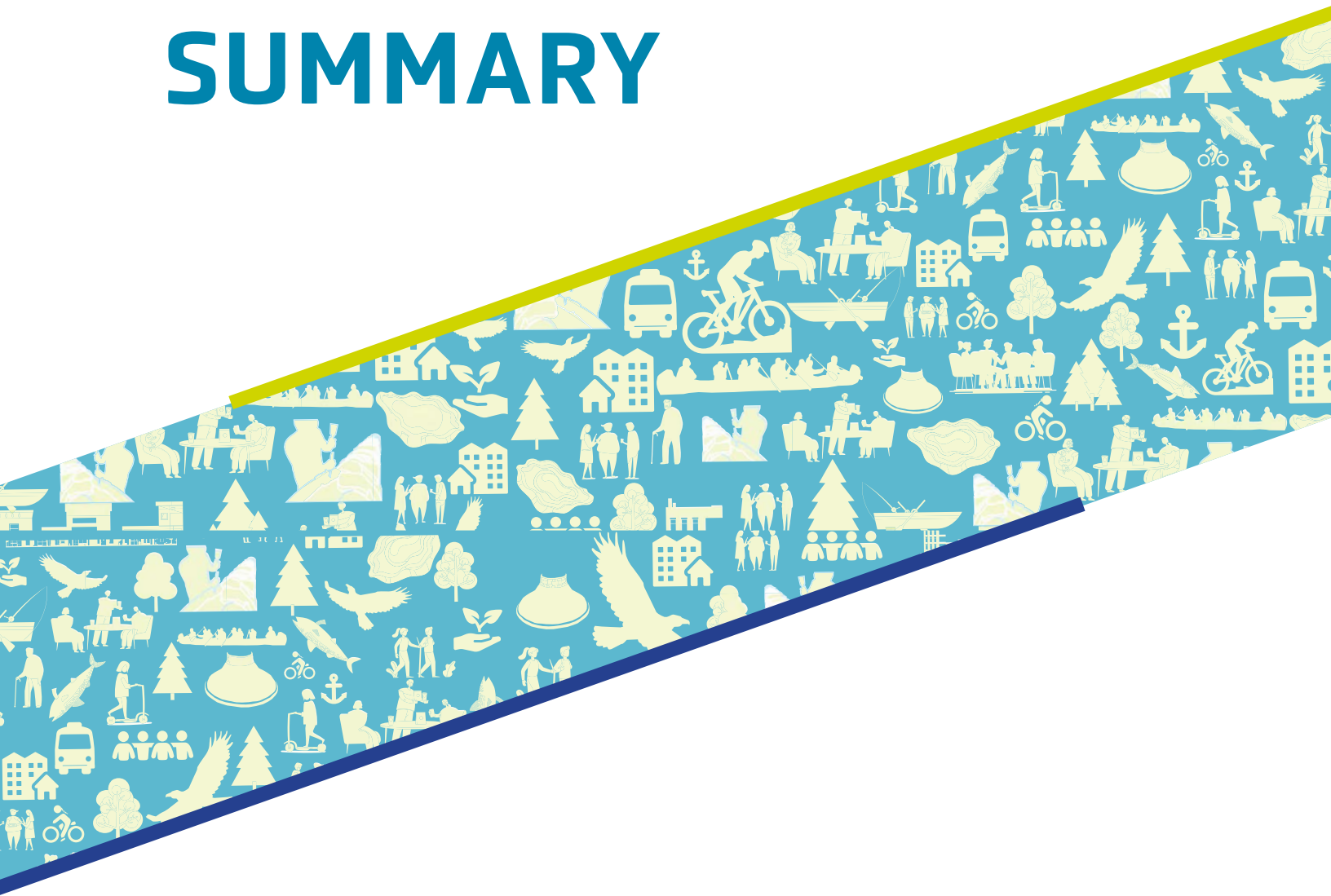


LADYSMITH UNPARALLELED 2049
OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY



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The Town of Ladysmith sits within the unceded traditional territories of the Stz'uminus First Nation, whose people have been the inhabitants and stewards of the lands and waters since Time Immemorial.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Community engagement was undertaken between Spring and Fall 2021, to help inform the creation of a vision, goals, and growth scenarios for Ladysmith's Official Community Plan.

Engagement activities included two different types of online surveys, virtual workshops, and in-person events that sought to reach a broad and diverse group of people. Over 400 people participated in one of the online surveys, and hundreds more contributed their input in other engagement activities.

The ideas, insights, and experiences shared during this phase of engagement were diverse and plentiful. While everyone contributed nuanced and specific input, a number of themes emerged. They are:

The waterfront and surrounding natural areas are incredibly important.

These areas include Transfer Beach, Holland Creek, Heart Lake, and Stocking Lake, and they are valued for recreation, socialization, community wellbeing, ecological function, and habitat for wildlife. There is a sense that Ladysmith's natural setting and access to nature sets it apart from many other places, and must be both protected and leveraged.

Ladysmith's small town character and historic downtown are central to the Town's identity.

Input from community members recognized 1st Avenue as a social anchor, with welcoming and diverse local businesses that provide a unique experience for residents and visitors alike.

Walking and cycling infrastructure and connections must be improved.

There is a need to ensure pedestrian and cyclist safety, and to enhance trail and street network connectivity.

Better connections and transportation choices between Ladysmith and neighbouring municipalities are needed.

These transit and active connections are required to improve access to employment and post-secondary education, enhance affordability, support accessibility, and reduce car dependency and associated greenhouse gas emissions.

Ladysmith is caring and has a strong sense of community.

Volunteerism is high and people from all walks of life – service club members, local business owners, and residents in general – help each other out and contribute to Ladysmith's social fabric.

People want to see climate action taken seriously.

There is interest in diverse approaches to addressing climate change mitigation and adaptation, such as renewable energy generation, electric vehicle infrastructure, rainwater collection, and urban farming.

Housing affordability must be addressed immediately.

There are significant concerns that housing is inaccessible to a growing number of residents.

More supports are needed for people facing barriers.

Related to concerns about housing affordability, there is also a need for greater supports for people facing barriers such as poverty and mental health challenges, as well as the organizations that serve them.

Managing growth and development will help address many needs and community goals.

There is a recognition that new growth and development need to respond to a diverse set of imperatives including affordability, diverse and suitable housing options, integrated destinations / land uses, transportation choices (i.e. reduction of car dependency), and protection against urban expansion into natural areas. Infill and higher densities offer opportunities to address these needs.

Relationships between Ladysmith and Stz'uminus First Nation should continue to be strengthened.

Participants greatly value the presence of Stz'uminus people and culture in Town, ranging from events and programs, to schools and neighbourhoods. Some called for the indigenization of Ladysmith, and to make it more welcoming to Stz'uminus people.

Ladysmith has many cherished places and destinations.

These range from iconic local businesses and community facilities, to parks and natural areas.

There is a desire for more things to do.

Community members also expressed an interest in seeing more diverse local businesses such as cafes, restaurants, and social spaces, as well as expansion of recreational opportunities within town. Many youth expressed a need for more youth-oriented activities and destinations.

The arts, culture, and heritage sector is valued and strong.

Galleries, facilities, historic assets, community events, and organizations enhance quality of life in Ladysmith, while creating a draw for tourists and visitors. Many see Ladysmith as a growing hub for arts and culture.

This input provided by participants will help shape the creation of the plan in 2022.

My BIG idea for tackling the climate crisis head-on is...

More ebike infrastructure

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gray water for households
ocean water to have
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My BIG idea for tackling the climate crisis head-on is...

More bike lanes ✓

#LadysmithUnparalleled





The Ideas Fair took place along 1st Avenue, encouraging all community members to dream about the future of Ladysmith.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Ladysmith Council's Strategic Plan provides direction to update Ladysmith's OCP to set the vision and a road map to build the community it wants over the next quarter century. Project objectives include:

- Meaningful, inclusive, and comprehensive stakeholder engagement
- Indigenous participation and engagement with a focus on reconciliation and partnership
- Meet legislative requirements for OCP and adoptions
- Adaptable process

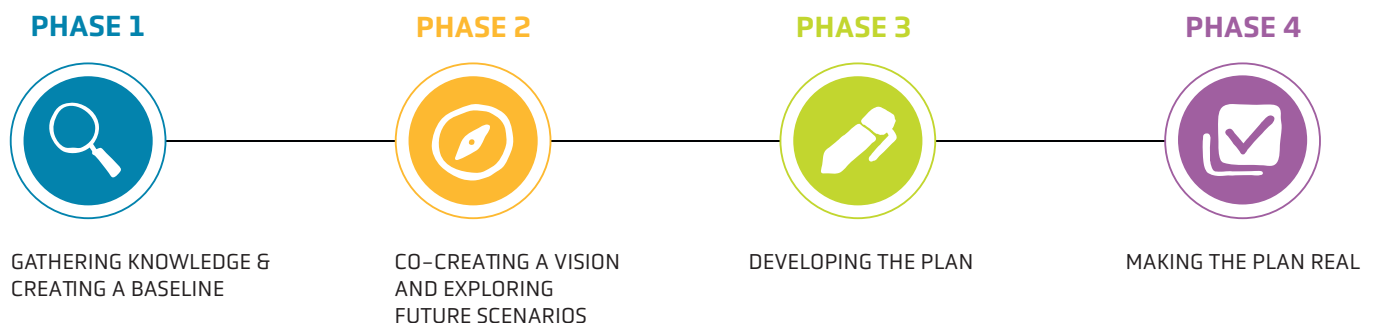
WHY WE ENGAGE

Community engagement is integral to the OCP process because: people deserve to be part of planning processes that affect their lives; people are experts in their own lived experiences and therefore have inherent expertise to share; and people's input strengthens the plan and planning process.

PROJECT PROCESS

The OCP update is a four-phase process that will culminate in an updated policy document in 2022. Phase 1 - Gathering Knowledge and Creating a Baseline included technical analysis and review. We are in the process of developing a vision, goals and growth scenarios. There will be multiple opportunities to engage throughout the next phase. The input shared in this report comes from engagement undertaken in Phases 1 and 2.

Visit <https://www.ladysmith.ca/city-hall/OCP> for the latest engagement opportunities and project updates.



VISIONING SURVEY



OVERVIEW

PURPOSE

An online survey was available from May to August 2021 as a way of seeking input on community assets, issues, ideas, and priorities for Ladysmith, as well as visions for its future.

A total of 435 people participated by offering their input.

The following section highlights demographic information of participants, and summarizes the emergent themes from their input.

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WELCOME

MAP IT

PRIORITIZE

IMAGINE

SHARE

About You

Tell us a bit about yourself. Please click finish when you are done.

Final Questions (Optional)

What is your age?

Select...

How do you identify? (Click all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-binary	<input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ2+
<input type="checkbox"/> Black	<input type="checkbox"/> Person of Colour
<input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous	<input type="checkbox"/> Person with Disabilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Parent	<input type="checkbox"/> Low Income Resident
<input type="checkbox"/> International Immigrant	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

What is your relationship to Ladysmith? (Click all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Stz'uminus First Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> Resident
<input type="checkbox"/> Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Business owner
<input type="checkbox"/> Retiree	<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor
<input type="checkbox"/> Employee	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Owner
<input type="checkbox"/> Renter	<input type="checkbox"/> None of the Above

Enter your email to be entered to win a gift certificate to a local business of your choice. Your email will remain private.

Type...

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How did you like this survey?

Great Good Fair Poor

Thank You!

Thank you for sharing valuable input about Ladysmith's OCP!

Do you have other comments to share? Click the comment icon in the top right corner to do so.

Click on the social media icons to share this survey with others!

[Project Site](#)

Please share this with others and help us get everyone involved!

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Answer the questions you want to, then click Finish:

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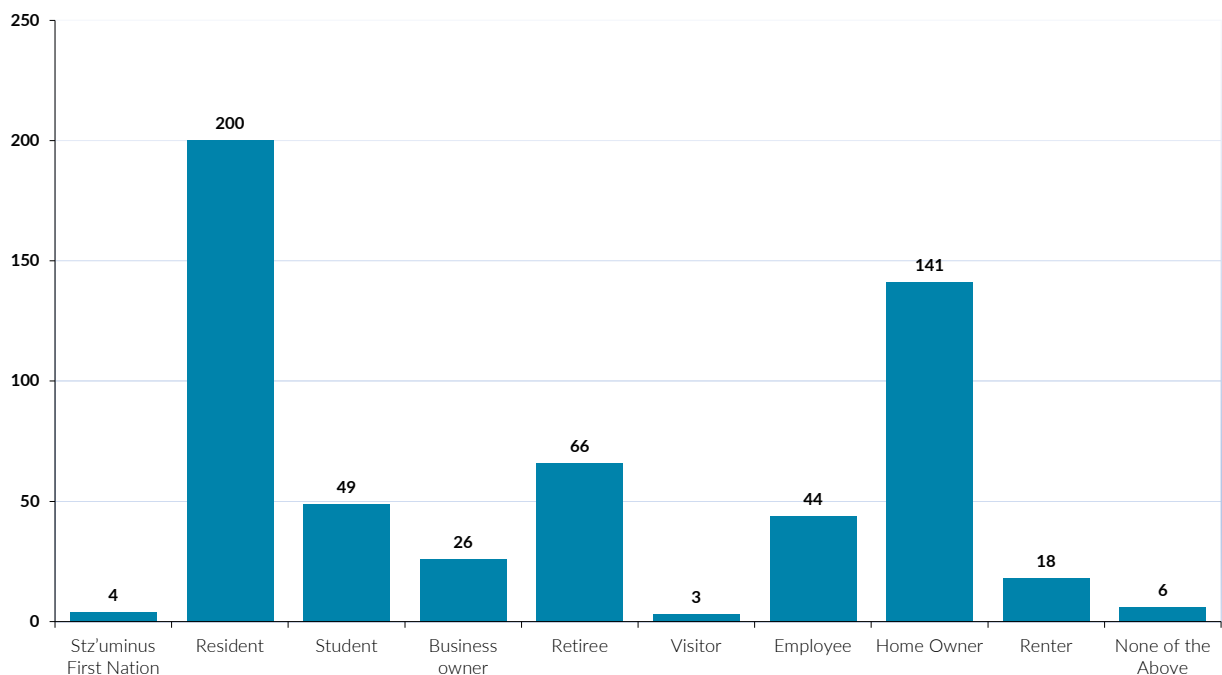
WHO PARTICIPATED

RELATIONSHIP TO LADYSMITH

Participants were asked “What is your relationship to Ladysmith?”

283 participants offered this optional demographic information. Of those who did, almost half were homeowners (49.8%). Only 18 participants (6.4%) were renters, which is below the expected rate of 19.4%

Only 4 participants (1.4%) identified as Stz’uminus First Nation.



IDENTITY FACTORS

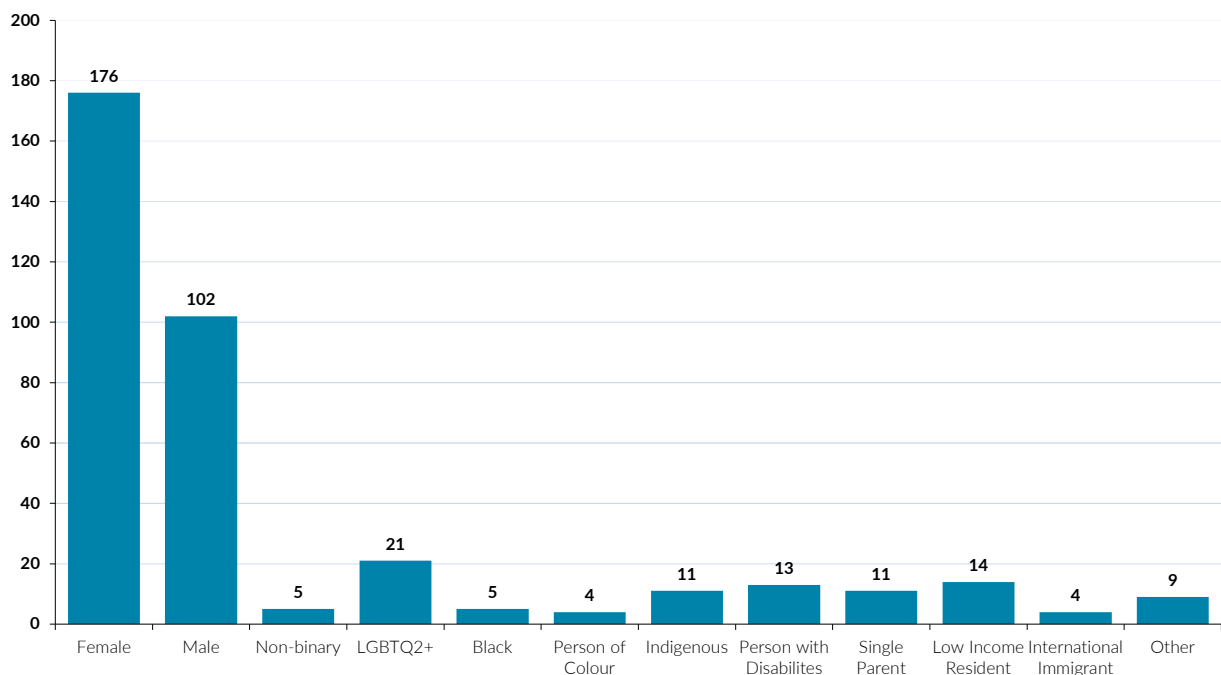
To better understand who is represented by the survey responses provided, we asked participants to self-identify across a variety of factors.

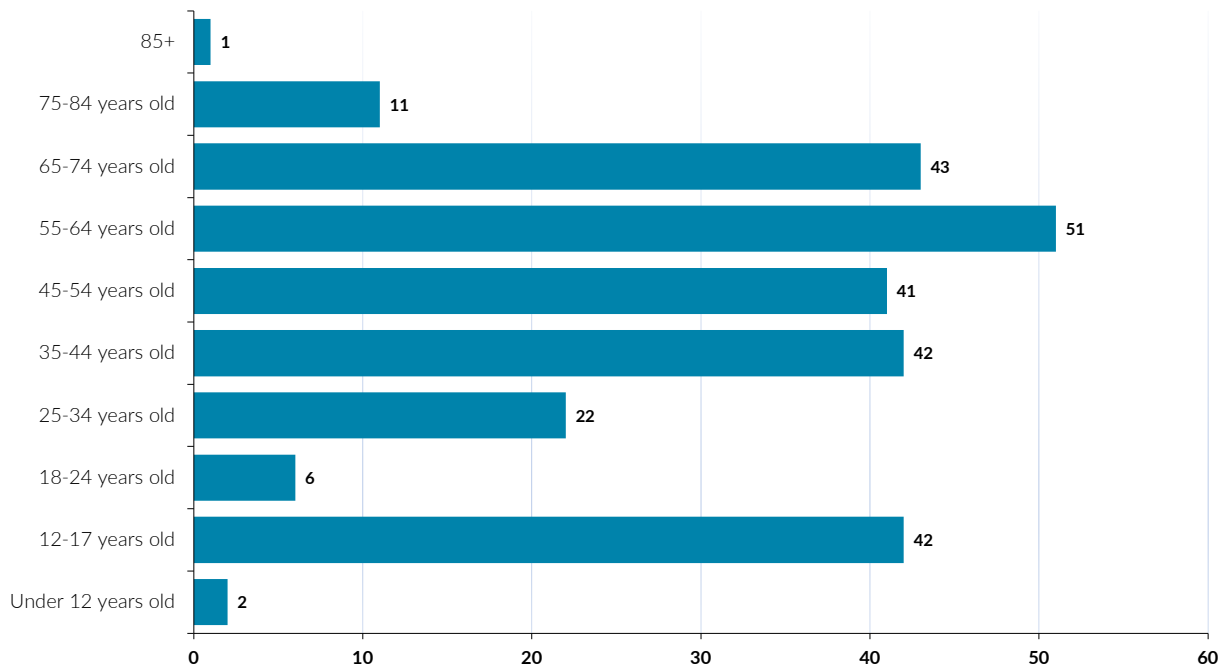
Among equity-seeking groups, women were well (over) represented compared with the Census (2016). The following groups were significantly underrepresented in the survey: single parents (4% compared with 15%); low income residents (5% compared with 11.8%); international immigrants (1.4% compared with 12.3%); Indigenous People (4% compared with 8%); Black People (1.8% compared with 0.3%), and other visible minority persons (1.4% compared with 3.3%).

Available Census data do not offer insight into the proportion of the community who are persons with disabilities and/or LGBTQ2+. However 13 survey participants (4.6% of the total who responded to this question) identified themselves as persons with disabilities, and 21 survey participants (7.4% of the total who responded to this question) identified themselves as LGBTQ2+.

It will be important to elevate the input received by these groups in the survey and to reach out to these voices in future engagement activities.

Please note that since not all survey participants provided demographic information, the proportion of equity-seeking groups in the survey may be lower than what is seen in the community/ Census.





AGE OF PARTICIPANTS

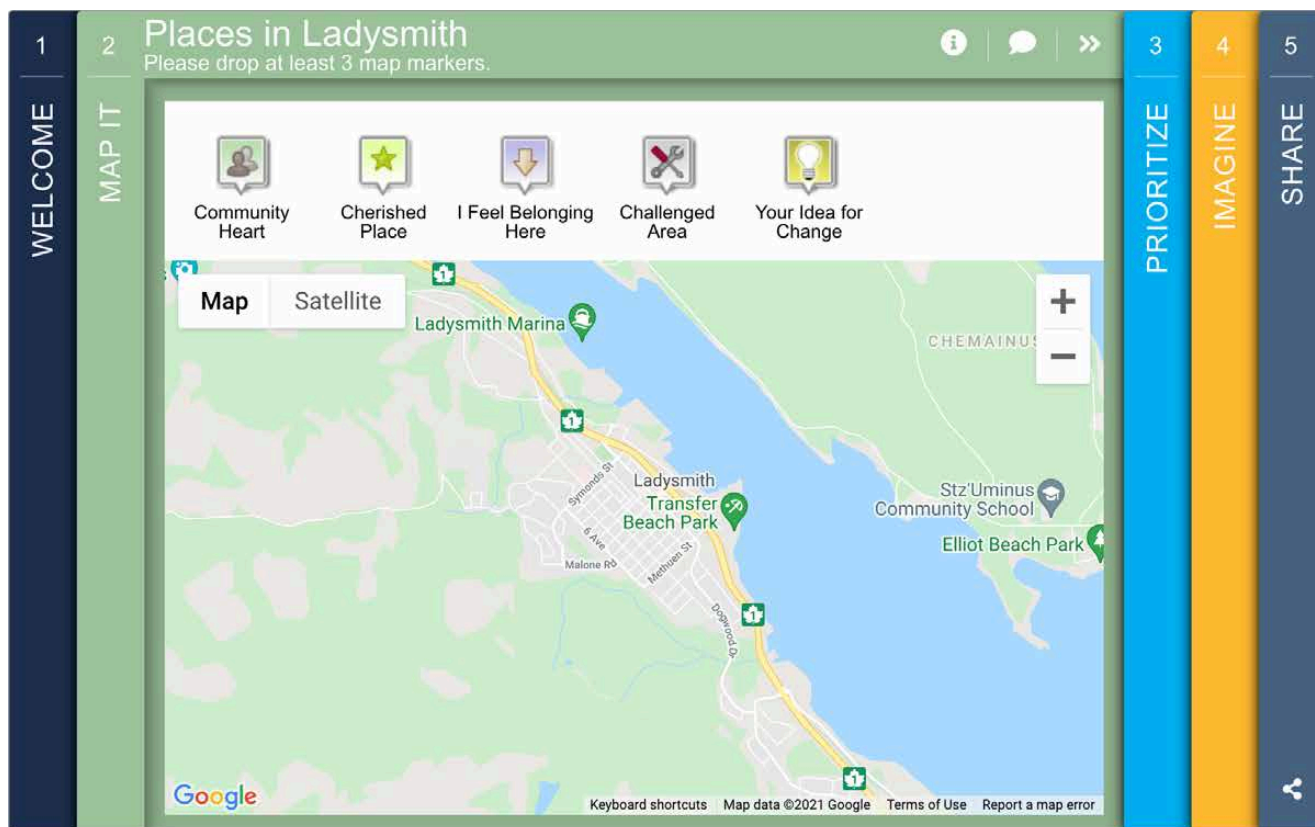
Participants were also asked to identify their age. Of the 261 respondents who provided this information, there was a slight overrepresentation of ages from 35-64.

Several age groups aligned with the expected rates from Census data (2016), including 65-74 and 25-34 year olds.

Children under the age of 12, 18-24 year olds and those over the age of 75 were the most underrepresented. Future engagement efforts will require targeted outreach to these groups.

Specific outreach to high school students to complete the survey resulted in higher response rates from 12-17 year olds, re-affirming that targeted engagement can improve diverse representation.

PLACES IN LADYSMITH

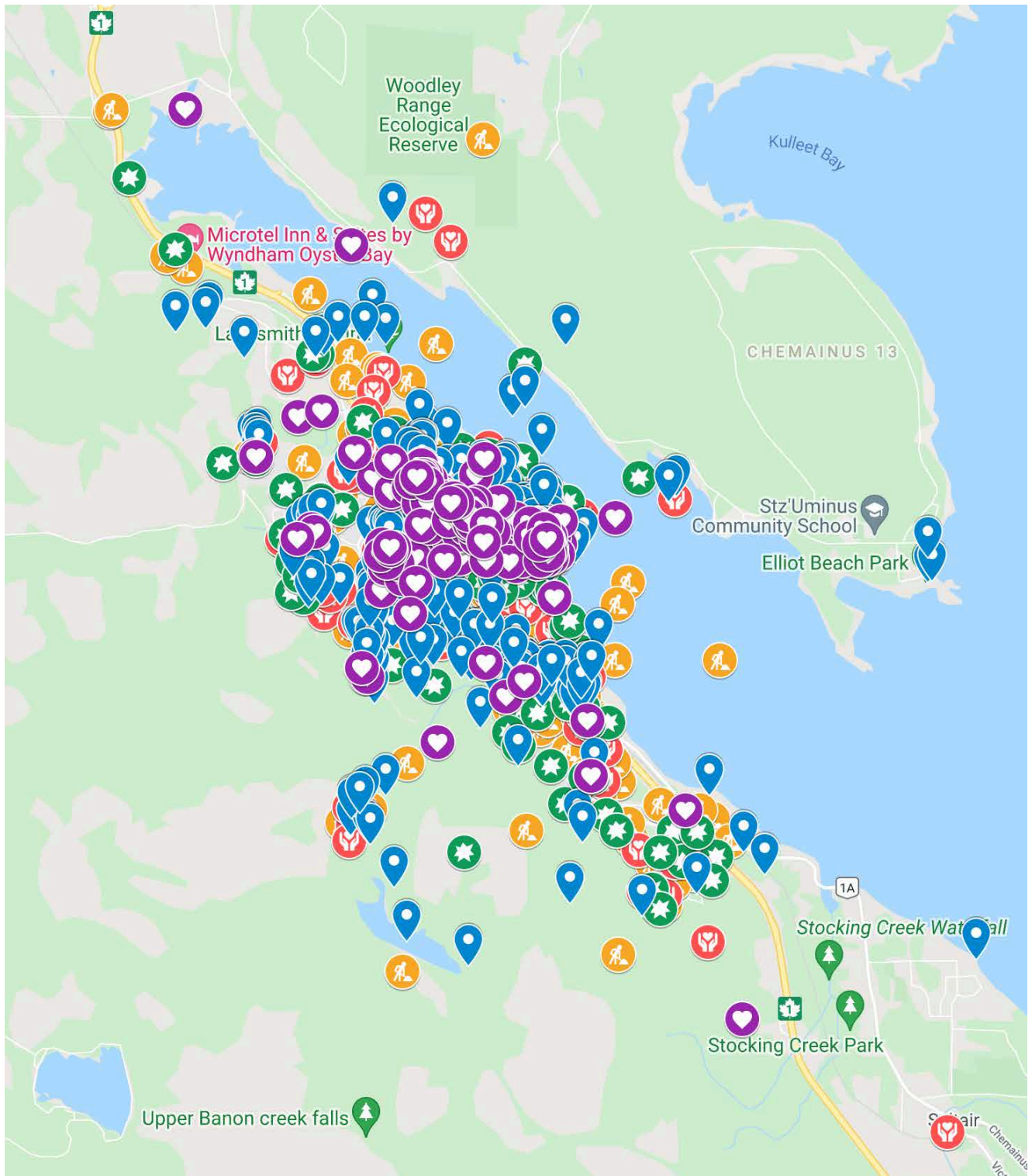


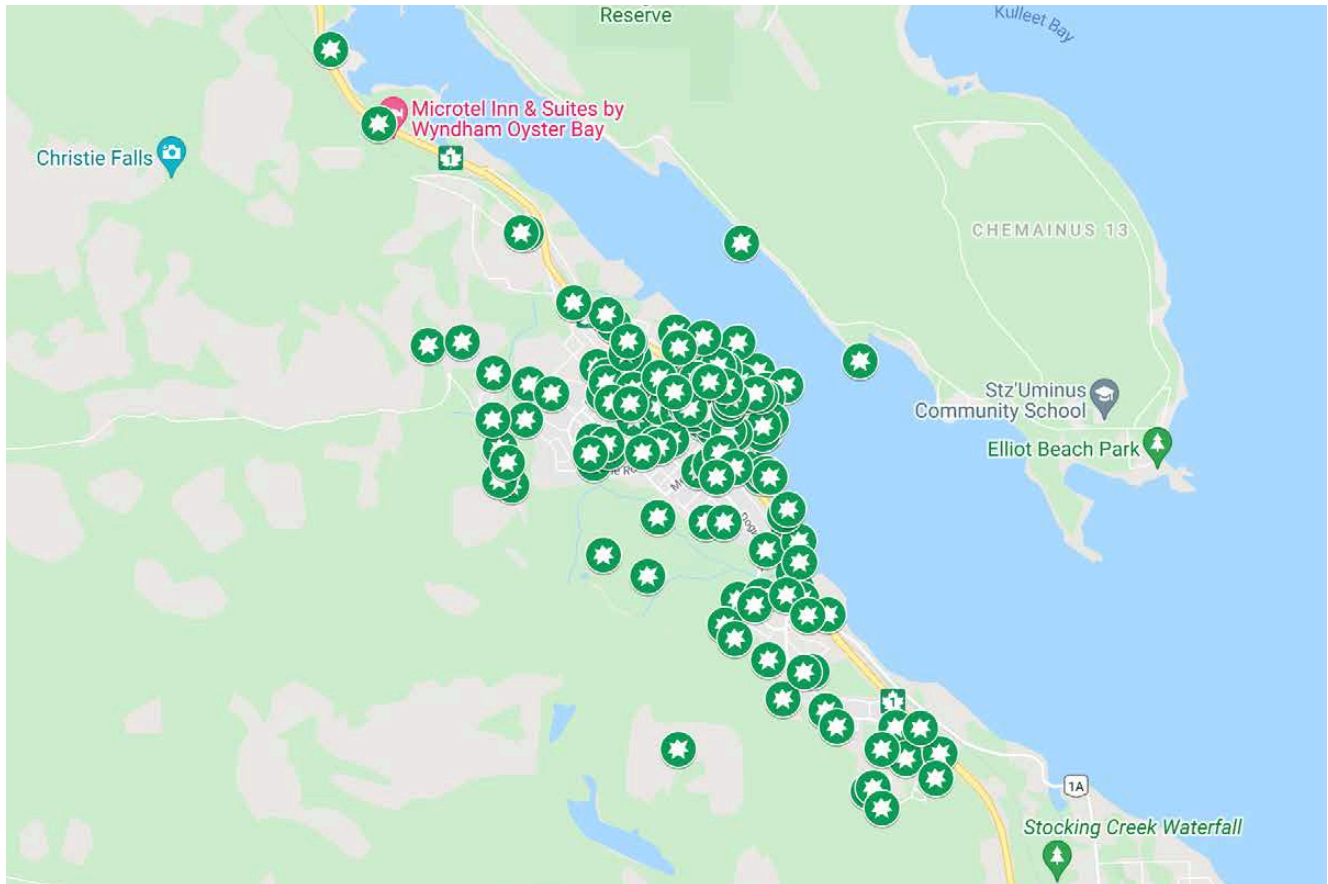
Participants had the opportunity to identify important locations on a map of Ladysmith and surrounding area. A total of 1,502 locations were identified across five categories: ideas for change, cherished places, community hearts, “I feel belonging here”, and challenged areas.

An additional 1,425 comments were shared related to these categories.

The interactive map with all participant responses can be explored through the following link:

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IDEAS FOR CHANGE

A total of 171 location markers were identified for ideas for change with 156 associated comments. These contributions were relatively evenly spread out across Ladysmith, with a concentration of ideas around the downtown and waterfront areas.

Major thematic ideas for change included:

- **More multi-unit buildings** to provide affordable housing and reduce the expansion of the town's footprint
- **More amenities and diverse businesses** including local, small scale, recreational, and tourism-based industries
- **Better access throughout town** with improved walking and biking trails, sidewalks, street crossings, and improved wayfinding and signage
- **Prioritize the waterfront** through improved pedestrian access, boardwalks, and small scale commercial activities

Please refer to the [link](#) provided to explore all verbatim comments related to this topic.

Representative Comments

"My ideas are in line with the Waterfront Plan and I see this area as our highest priority."

"Waterfront restaurants and businesses."

"I would like to see more of a boardwalk or walkway here that connects to Transfer Beach. Similar to other oceanfront towns or cities. This kind of boardwalk provides a chance for walks, exercise, family gatherings, picnics. There's an established running club in Ladysmith that could likely use this, as well."

"Walkway / trail connection between Transfer Beach Park and south of town."

"1st Ave isn't very bike friendly with all the angled parking. It would be great to be able to bike to get our groceries or to go out for dinner."

"Improve and add cross grade walking and biking trails in all new developments. Maintain views from trails."

"Create and develop bike trails and promote both land and sea tourism."

"Plan future developments to have a cross of housing types, small, larger, rentals, apartments and include commercial zoning - stores, pubs"

"More teen oriented activities"

"More shops and places to hang out"

"More like Sidney by the sea; farmers market, more choices for shopping, ice cream, etc ..."

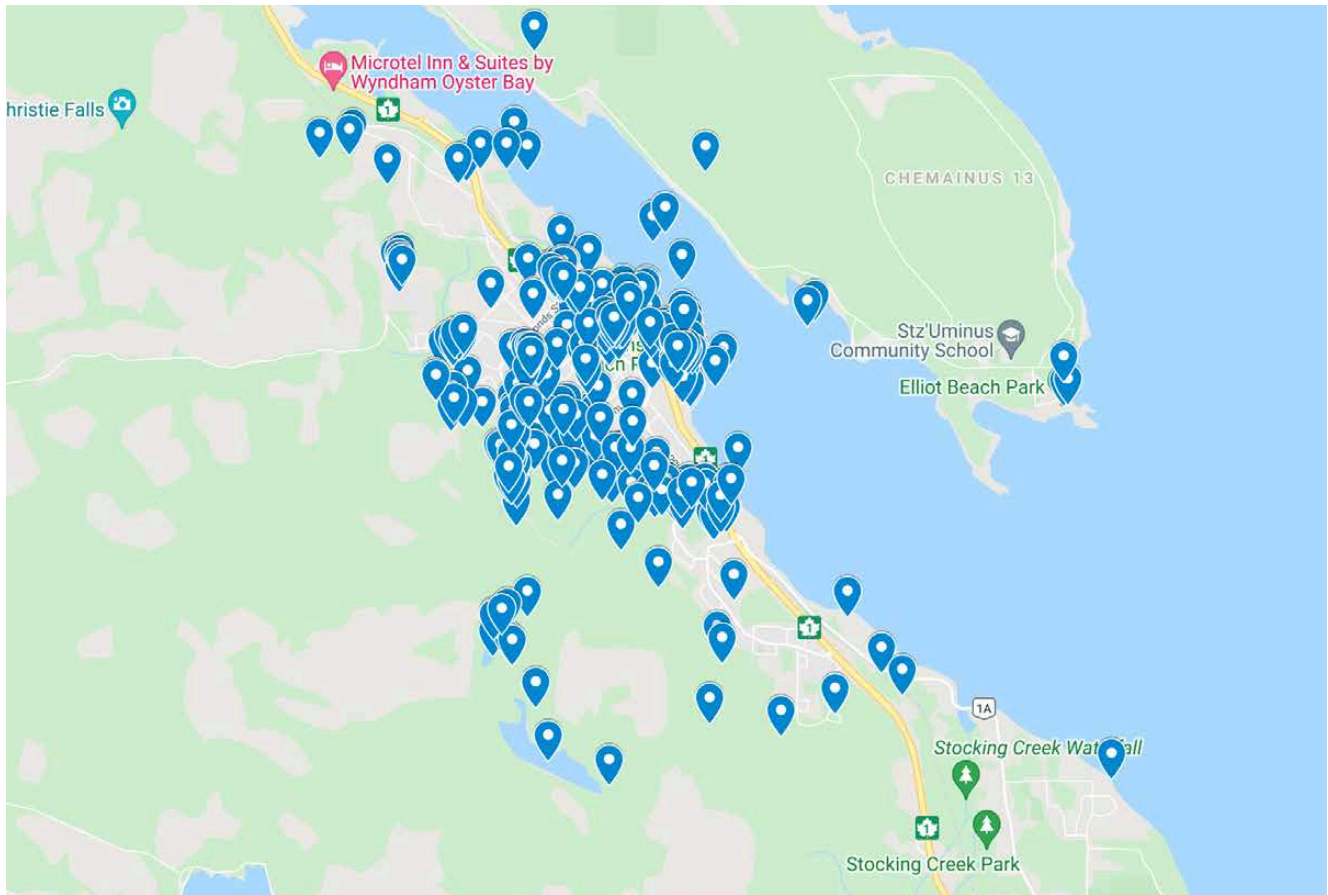
"These new subdivisions need zoning allowances for commercial mixed with residential. Corner stores, pubs, gas station to alleviate the traffic in the downtown and Coronation zones. We do not have the services to support the current population let alone accommodate a growing population. Poor city planning to grow population without services. Ladysmith needs a walk in clinic, better shopping, less restaurants, allowance for drive through services in other areas of town. Creates better walkability"

"All the amenities are located along 1st Ave or at Coronation mall, but some community coffee shops/ restaurants that people can walk to easily would be lovely!"

"Ladysmith needs something that draws tourists into town not just to the beach area. Lightup is only once a year and to keep tourist money coming to town we need better hotels and attractions. Our quaint and heritage town should be used as a draw"

"High occupancy housing to decrease the need for expansion/taking down forest"

"We need more apartment buildings. we need affordable housing somewhere in Ladysmith. Not everyone can afford a house."



CHERISHED PLACES

A total of 511 location markers were identified as cherished places with 374 associated comments. These contributions were relatively spread out across Ladysmith, with clusters concentrating around downtown, Transfer Beach and the waterfront, as well as surrounding natural areas.

Major themes for cherished places included:

- **Connections to natural spaces**, including Holland Creek Trail, Transfer Beach, Heart Lake and Stocking Lake, provide a diversity of benefits ranging from social wellbeing to ecological function
- **Various elements of ecosystems**, including wildlife, the ocean, vegetation, were all identified through cherished places
- **Ladysmith's downtown**, including restaurants, bakeries, and other local businesses, was identified as a cherished place that offers access to services and a place to hang out
- **Community spaces**, such as the museum, library, Frank Jameson Community Centre (FJCC), and Ladysmith Secondary School (LSS) were all identified as cherished places

Please refer to the [link](#) provided to explore all verbatim comments related to this topic.

Representative Comments

"A major reason my family moved to Ladysmith was Transfer Beach. What a beautiful place to go play some games, laying the sun, sit by the water, etc"

"Transfer Beach! <3 My entire life is filled with memories here. I'd love to see slack point and the rest of the waterfront reflect the same level of care and quality as this place. Just so wonderful and supports such a great variety of activities and events."

"The community comes together at the Beach"

"Getting back to nature, with my dog. Trusted, safe, accessible. A familiar place with memories, history, triumphs, failures, laughter and tears. Holland Creek trail represents home."

"Transfer Beach park is one place we take visitors, and go ourselves just to see the water."

"I spent my childhood down here doing swimming lessons. Then I brought my kids down here to swim and play. Now I bring my grandkids down here."

"Holland Creek Trail: Preserve, maintain and restore it. It is essential to our community health"

"Holland creek Trail. It's a cherished place for the community because it gives us a place right in town to connect to nature and our families, especially during the pandemic."

"Holland Creek. Water. Trees. Fish. Nature. Solace from the busy world. As busy as it can be, I find a quiet here for myself. I know decisions in the past were made that I'm not happy about today (the crossing) but I understand. For the future we need to do more protection to the natural spaces we have left to ensure we leave a legacy for the future."

"Huge variety of hiking trails in the hills behind town. It's wonderful to have so many options for hikes to do without needing to get in the car."

"The nature trails in and around Ladysmith are like none other in Canada and worth maintaining"

"The availability and closeness of nature is an essential part of our community and who we are. We need to protect this natural corridor."

"The forest is the oxygen of Ladysmith (heart, mind, soul)"

"Forests, ferns, salmon, bears, river - accessible from home"

"I love our downtown core and what is offered."

"First Ave and the special shopping available certainly adds to the uniqueness of Ladysmith, butcher, baker and restaurants and pubs"

"Old Town Bakery is THE Ladysmith destination we cannot live without"

"The bakery has been around forever and my dad took me there ever since I was a kid"

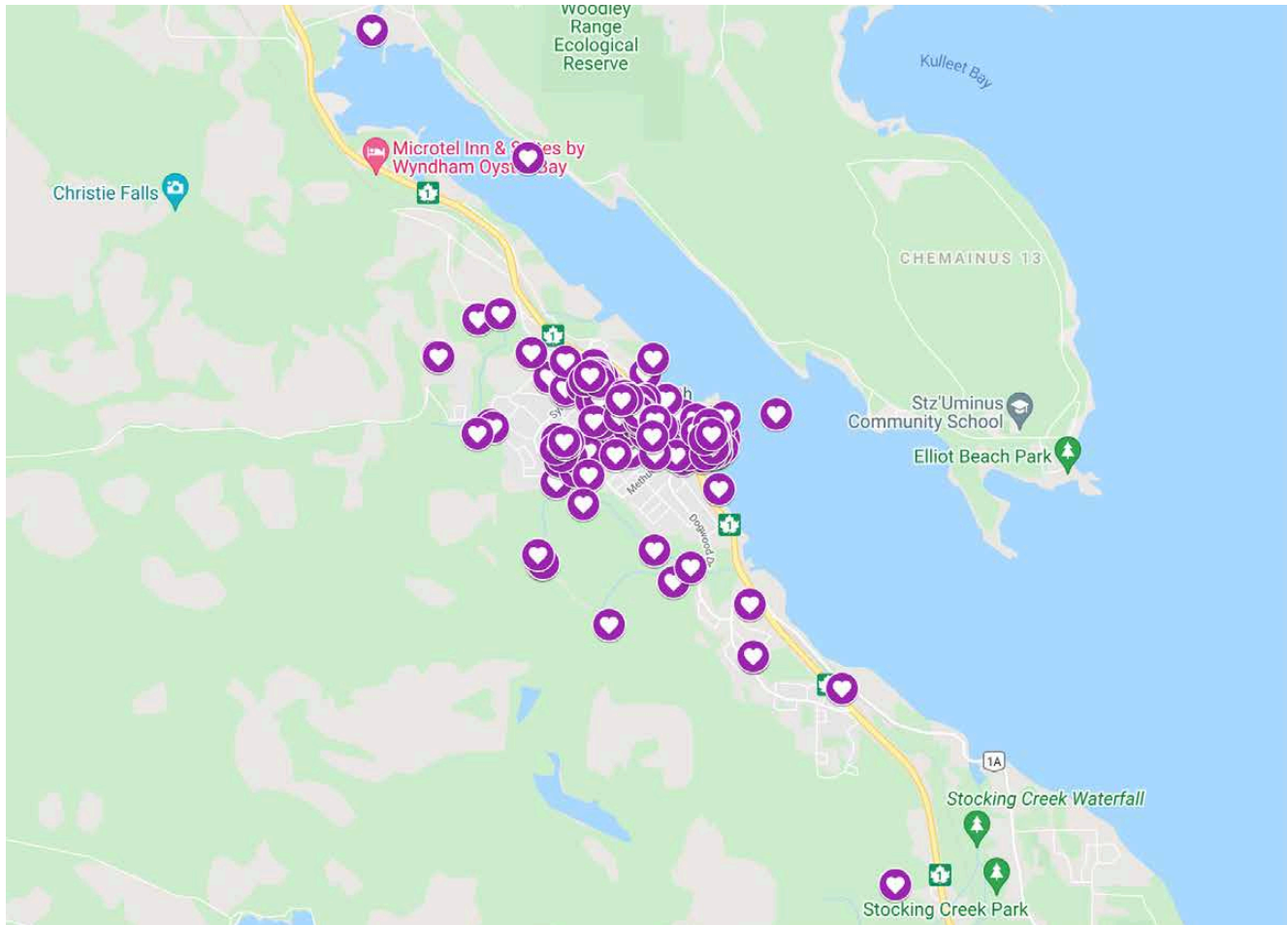
"It's the local coffee hang out and there is always friendly staff"

"The Ladysmith Museum, the Library, the Thrift Store, just places to be."

"Fitness and serenity...why we live in Ladysmith!"

"FJCC - Important place for recreation, health, fitness, etc."

"As an upcoming grade 12 student, I cherish the amazing school that has encouraged me to push my limits and become someone that I am proud of. The teachers and many students that fill this school have helped create a safe space for students to learn and grow."



COMMUNITY HEARTS

A total of 337 location markers were identified as community hearts with 242 associated comments. Community hearts are places that participants feel are particularly important to the community.

Recurring places that were identified as community hearts included:

- **1st Avenue and the downtown area**
- **Transfer Beach and the waterfront**
- **Holland Creek Trail**
- **Community anchors**, including businesses, community organizations and meeting places

Please refer to the [link](#) provided to explore all verbatim comments related to this topic.

Representative Comments

"First Ave feels like the heart of the town."

"It is our downtown where you meet your friends & neighbours."

"Our downtown is part of what makes us special!"

"First Ave is the heart for sure. Commerce, culture, history, art, activity. Vibrant. I love downtown."

"This has always been the hub of Ladysmith, but more so during the pandemic. It was a little slice of cake and a little "normal" in an uncertain time."

"Old town bakery makes everyone who enters happier when they leave"

"The library is a place for anyone in the community to go, providing people with a place to connect and receive a smile and compassion"

"Feeding our community is paramount and 49th provides a great service"

"The Holland Creak trail and the natural beauty around it is essential to our community profile."

"When I think of Ladysmith and talk about it to my friends and family, Holland Creek and Transfer Beach are the reasons I say this town is so special"

"The waterfront defines Ladysmith, its history, presence and future."

"Everyone loves this beach, great scenery, playground, amphitheatre"

"Our social services help those in need and those struggling to continue to feel part of the community. The Irca is a major provider of such services"

"The Ladysmith Resources Centre Association (aka "The Heart on the Hill" has been providing social services to community members, across the lifespan, since 1993. This is significant, given the Town's proximity to neighbouring cities."

"LRCA provides so many social services. It is our social heart"

"LaFF connects with families through all situations, giving them support and a foundations from which to grow and feel safe."

"Aggie Hall, home to LaFF and many community events. LaFF doesn't just provide a place for play, it provides a safe space for families to learn how to function together and provides much needed supports in the form of leading through example, learning through presentations, providing food/clothing/diapers during lean/difficult times. Non-LaFF activities provide a sense of belonging, community and pride"

"I feel that Aggie hall is where we gather when events of importance to us all, occur."



I FEEL BELONGING HERE

A total of 183 location markers were identified as places where folks feel belonging, along with 128 associated comments. These contributions were relatively spread out across Ladysmith, with some clusters around the downtown and waterfront.

Recurring places where people felt belonging included:

- The **community centre (FJCC) and Ladysmith Secondary School (LSS)**
- **Downtown** - restaurants and local businesses that contribute to a small town feeling
- **Natural areas** - including Transfer Beach, Holland Creek, and the waterfront
- **Neighbourhoods** where participants live. For example, 'Old Town.'

Please refer to the [link](#) provided to explore all verbatim comments related to this topic.

Representative Comments

"I feel peaceful in nature and recharge my batteries here."

"I enjoy the outdoors, as does my family. The trails are at our doorstep so you can get out on them anytime and often."

"Holland Creek. A place to ground myself and feel appreciation for this paradise we live in"

"Wasn't sure where to put this as I feel I 'belong' in most of Ladysmith. But I do love the Holland Creek Trail system."

"We are on an island and that is what makes us unique. Transfer beach part has been set up nicely and is an enjoyable place to visit for family and tourists alike. Between our waterfront and our beautiful holland creek trail, they maintain the island feel and highlight what we love about the island."

"I love this space - I love the park and playground, I love the dog park, beach, beach vendor, and generally vibe. I love that there are storyboards highlighting the Indigenous connections and presence in the community. I love there is a space for entertaining and generally LOVE everything about transfer beach."

"Everything of necessity is located on 1st. Very pleased with Zak's patio and a public washroom! Overjoyed at the new youth clothing store. It's been long over due."

"Main street, where small business welcomes everyone."

"Restaurants around town give a sense of communing with friends for a good meal."

"1st ave is a great collection of small business that meets my families needs. A feeling of caring"

"I live in 'old town' and have for more than 20 years. I know my neighbours, new and old, and feel community on our streets."

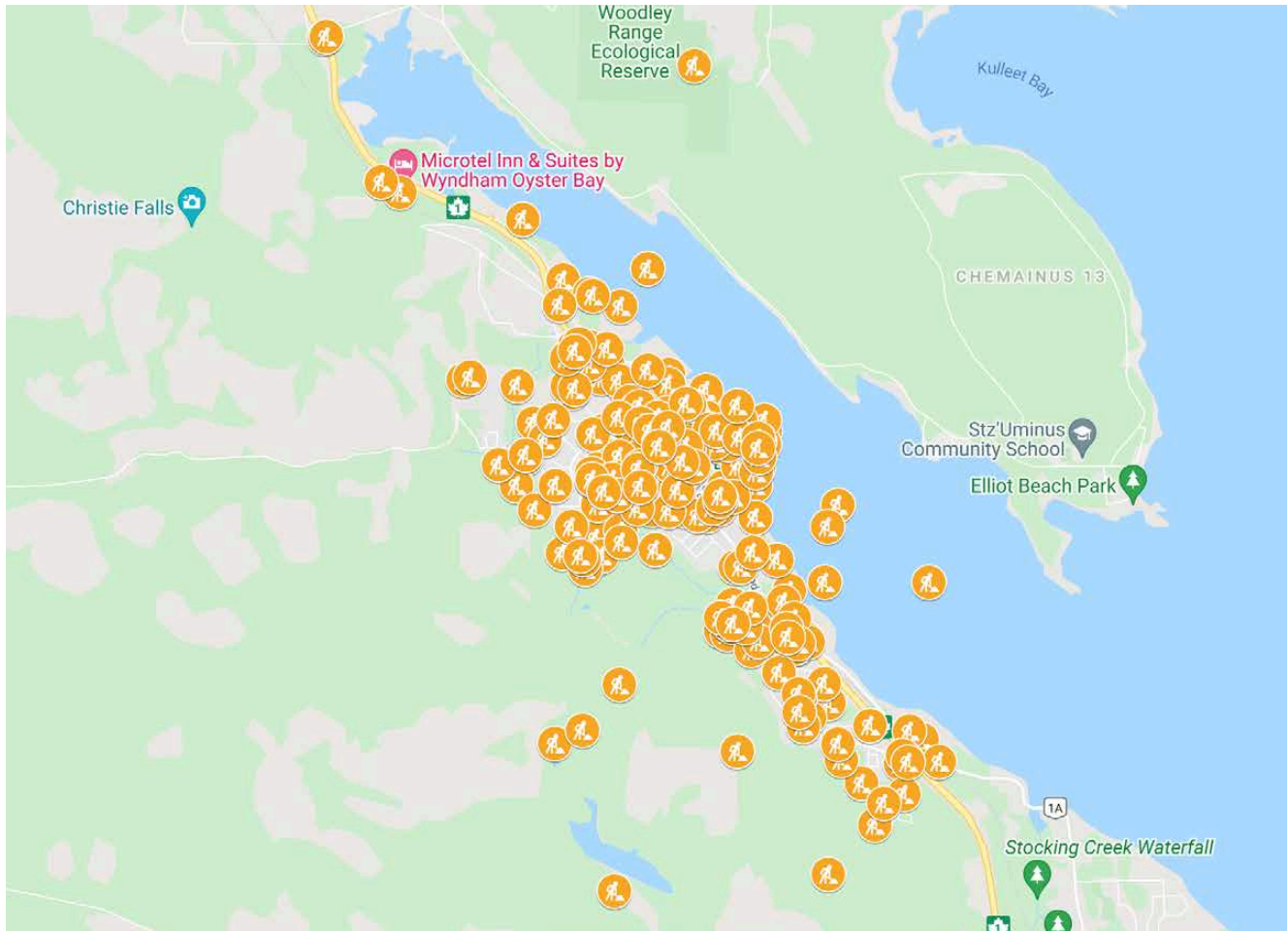
"Lss feels like my home. It's my go to place. It's filled with friendly people and on weekends it's a perfect place to be."

"because its my school and my community"

"my school makes me feel included"

"the school is welcoming"

"Community center is crucial for connection and health."



CHALLENGED AREAS

A total of 306 location markers were identified as challenged areas with 523 associated comments. These contributions were spread out throughout town.

Recurring themes and challenged areas included:

- **Ongoing maintenance** of outdoor areas and natural spaces, as well remediation of the waterfront
- **Civic assets**, including infrastructure, community amenities, and road networks
- **Pedestrian safety**, including lack of sidewalks and safe street crossings.
- Need for **improved connectivity and access** both within and outside of Ladysmith, across a diversity of modes of travel (walking, cycling, bus transit).
- The **impact of development** on natural areas.

Please refer to the [link](#) provided to explore all verbatim comments related to this topic.

Representative Comments [Challenges]

"Highway divides the community from its cherished place. Noisy and polluting. Makes access to waterfront parks and trails difficult for pedestrians and cyclists especially in South Ladysmith."

"Lack of sidewalks make me feel unsafe to walk with children"

"Downtown needs to be densified and advertised."

"Oyster Bay is not connected to Ladysmith in anyway. Visitors staying in the hotel cannot get to town without driving."

"Beautiful waterfront that is not very accessible, visible or used"

"Lack of outdoor covered space"

"Need improved community centre as town grows."

"We need more things to do."

"Industrial waterfronts are a reflection of a prior lifestyle in the previous century. Progressive communities recognize the need for a clean waterfront"

"Keeping a balance between new development and heritage restoration."

"The Waterfront is easily the most significant investment zone in the community. It's our biggest challenge but also our biggest opportunity."

"Clearance of forest and addition of roads causing increased aquifer and groundwater run off, encroachment of invasive species and loss of bio diversity"

"Growth area away from schools, downtown and access to the water. No choice but to drive everywhere"

"There is no reliable public transportation out to the diamond and surrounding areas."

Representative Comments [Solutions]

"Instead of approving zoning for new residential subdivisions, it's time to incorporate commercial/ residential subdivisions to support the growth. Downtown should be preserved and updated to promote tourism"

"Potential for multi story community living to expand on the downtown core and walkability of the area."

"If there were sidewalks here I would feel more protected while walking. A lot of families walk to kinsmen park with their children and it would be safer with a sidewalk."

"I would love to see improvements be made through making this space more "human-centric", pedestrian oriented, and bike-friendly. It would be nice if there was a small public patio area for people to linger and engage with one another. Making some of the shop frontages more affordable for local shops would also help reinvigorate the area."

"Connecting it through walkways/bike paths to other parks or important areas. (Downtown) and providing something to draw you here (playground, frisbegolf, ??)"

"The Brew pub is a good start. We could use more places like that. Place where people can go to socialize and support local business through food and beverage."

"Music, cafes, open spaces, food trucks, artist studios, parks, trees, gardens"

"Save more land for parks, better connectivity of parks"

"Clean up and make a long walkable seawall please! Using Crofton and Nanaimo as examples."

"Shuttle bus with more frequent stops, extended hours so working patrons can actually access it and operating 7 days a week. I am forced to seek employment in town with low paying wages and less than minimal ways of transportation especially in the fall and winter season."

PRIORITIES

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Your Priorities

Please rank 5 of the 10 choices by dragging them above the line in your preferred order.

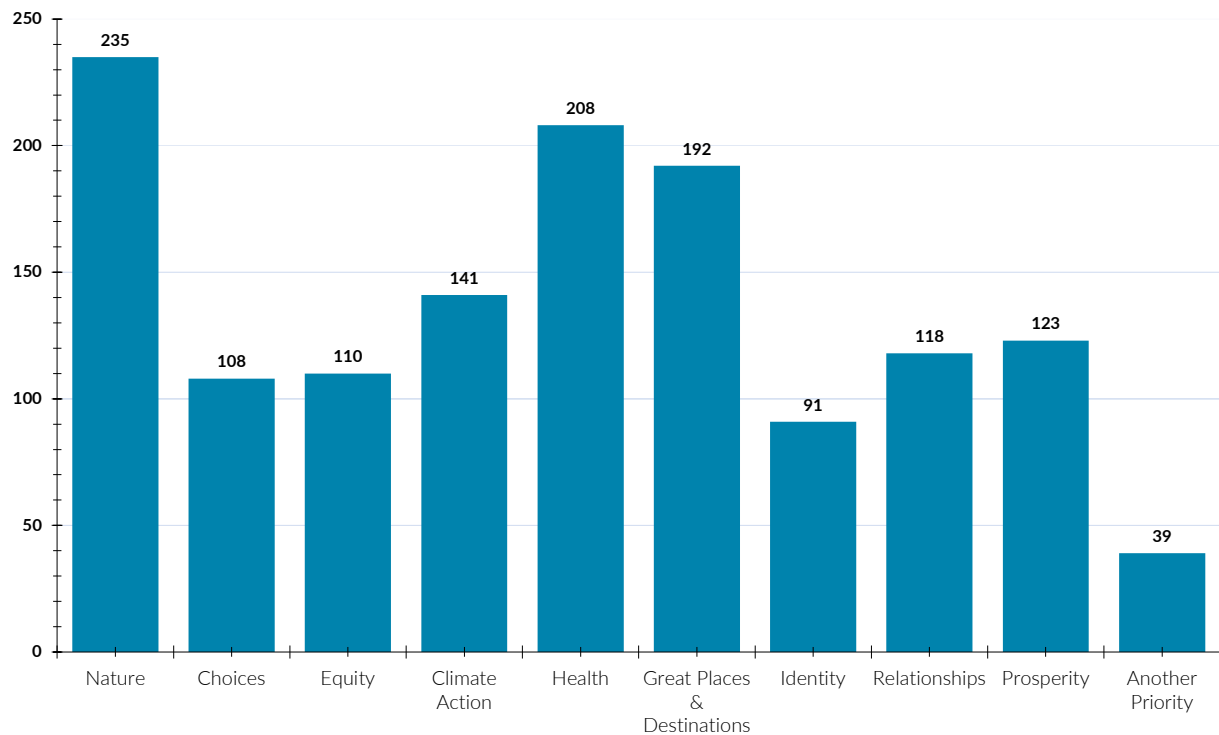
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Great Places & Destinations
Another Priority
Climate Action
Equity
Prosperity
Relationships
Choices
Nature
Health
Identity

Climate Action



Responding to the climate crisis head-on by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for the impacts of climate change.



PRIORITY RANKING

Participants were asked to order their top five priorities across 10 categories, with the option to comment on each priority. Please refer to the image on the opposing page to view all categories.

A total of 1365 rankings and 87 comments were provided for this screen.

Top priorities for participants were Nature, Health, and Great Places & Destinations, rated 235, 208, and 192 times, respectfully.

These priorities are consistent with the input received in other parts of the survey, such as those related to cherished community assets.

Representative comments included:

Nature

"That is the beauty of this city - hiking, walking, being in nature."

"We can't get it back once we've lost it. Protection and conservation of nature are paramount for future sustainability ambitions."

Health

"As the town population increases, so will the need for health services. The Town should be engaging with the Health Authority and Provincial Health to lobby for increased public health services and family doctors"

Great Places and Destinations

"Support businesses and restaurants etc that provide an upbeat atmosphere where people can spend time...a nice patio or view etc"

Climate Action

"I want Ladysmith to be here for generations to come. I love that we have electric vehicle charging stations right on 1st Ave - and have had for many years already."

Prosperity

"For all of us, to ensure we have a vibrant community."

Relationships

"Ladysmith is a place to relax, meet your neighbours and feel a member of the community. A place to volunteer and be involved."

Equity

"I identify LGBTQ2S and don't feel out of place here. It's wonderful."

Choices

"Create services to foster a mix of families. In particular, enhance services and activities for youth... particularly the 15-19 year old cohort."

Identity

"Our identity is quaint and friendly and a place people want to visit and relax and enjoy. It will be wonderful when we can return to events such as Light Up, Ladysmith Days, Music in the Park. All events that make our community so very special."

Another Priority

"Infrastructure - Ensure infrastructure (transportation, water, health care) is developed to handle increasing population growth - before it is needed, not after."

Please refer to the appendix for more verbatim comments related to community priorities.

VISIONING

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Your Vision for Ladysmith

Imagine your ideal "Future Ladysmith"


Cast your mind forward 10-20 years into the future. Imagine a future Ladysmith that is ideal in all ways. How would you describe it?

TYPE HERE. This is a big question, so feel free to speak broadly or to focus on a specific aspect of Ladysmith.

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Submit

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YOUR VISION

Participants were asked to imagine and describe an ideal Ladysmith in 10-20 years.

A total of 137 vision statements were provided. A representative selection of example vision statements are offered to the right and on the following page.

Examples of Vision Statements

"A community connected to, and respectful of, the beautiful land we live on. Our most treasured nature spots kept as natural as possible. Our downtown core thriving with local businesses. Transfer Beach expanded and upgraded with more shoreline walking. Our schools expanded to fit our growing numbers. A town known for its beauty and focus on the health and happiness of its citizens. Small town. Strong Community."

"I would love to see as much pride in promoting diversity and equity as ladysmithians have in the cinnamon buns!"

"Retains small town atmosphere while offering a variety of amenities for people of all ages. Safe, community minded and forward thinking."

"Natural ecosystems and recreational spaces/hiking trails have been preserved and enhanced. Mix of housing types allows people at a variety of income levels and life stages to make Ladysmith home. Thriving local businesses still allow residents to "shop local" for produce and at the bakery, butchers, etc."

"We are a community that has many outdoor spaces for citizens to gather and use. Holland Creek trail is protected and extended, a waterfront walkway extends from the marina all the way to the Holland Creek estuary. Slag point is cleaned up and there are buildings/restaurants/ and areas to play along it. There are more parks and playgrounds as well as a pump track and things for teens to do. Our downtown core is thriving and storefronts are full."

"Arts and culture. A tourist destination. A unique, funky vibe with great shops with more variety, more places to eat with outdoor dining, pedestrian walkways through alleyways adorned with murals and art from local artists. Music, a place where there is live music acts and a place to go out a night. A retro movie theatre, either drive in or something like the Roxy in Victoria used to be like. An outdoor apparel and gear store. Better transit around and through town to reduce vehicle usage."

"Ladysmith had a congruous walkable downtown core with densified old town and waterfront, connected with pedestrian overpaths. The waterfront plan is completed as planned. Development has reduced in area but increased in density. Multi use trails connect the entire community in nature rich passageways. The town is a tourist destination and outdoor concerts are regular events. There is an improved community center at Frank Jameson. Affordable housing is plentiful. Mini parks everywhere."

"I see a place where artist and nature lovers prosper. I see a place where people come to visit to enjoy the art and culture. I see a trendy downtown with great food and wine/beer with outdoor dining. I see affordable housing for everyone to enjoy our community. I see our heritage being preserved and incorporated in everything we do. I see ongoing partnerships with the Stz'uminus First Nation."

"More of what we have. Expand natural areas and parks. Extend downtown along the corridor from BelAire to Symonds and from Esplanade to 2nd Ave. Protect what we have and invite investment to expand with complementary design and businesses and activities. Create walkable neighbourhoods by bringing back neighbourhood commercial. Use design to connect neighbours and reinforce community. Hold up our values of environmental and cultural stewardship with Stz'uminus. We are doing well, can do better."

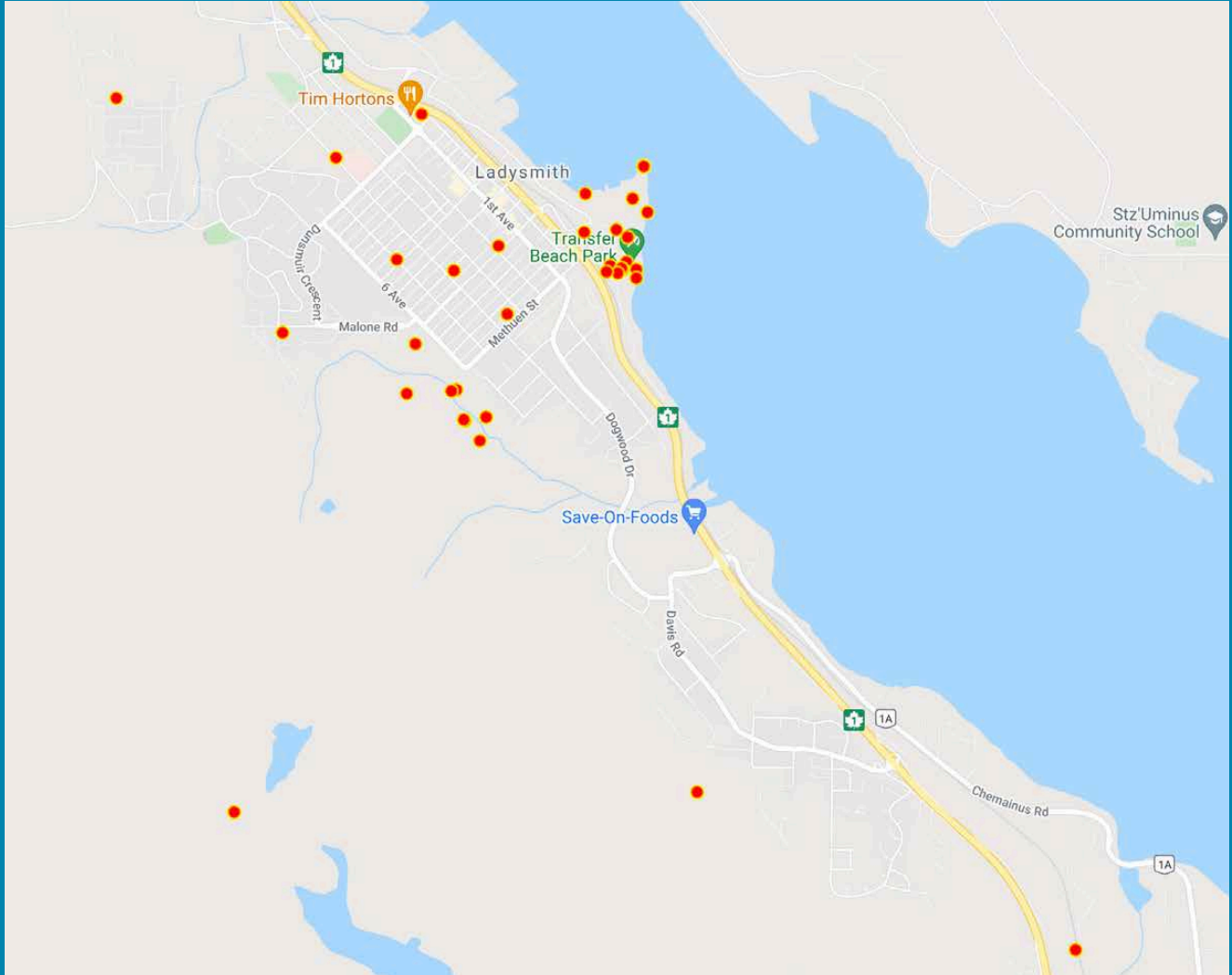
"A community where young and old can come together and enjoy the parks, waterfront, walking trails, bicycle paths and still have the amenities they require in a vibrant town center - affordable housing, good grocery stores, small restaurants, bakeries, coffee shops, clothing stores, bookstores."

"A beautiful small town with unique local shopping and protected forests and trails to feel like you are away from everything. The town offers parks, playgrounds and a beautiful track (at the high school) to promote outdoor activities. There is a strong recycling, composting and yard waste program to help encourage recycling."

"I would love to see Ladysmith continue to have the small town feel but also grow in population and resources. Ladysmith would thrive with more shops, different varieties of food, and more activities for teens. I would like to see Ladysmith become a enjoyable place for all ages."

Please refer to the appendix for more verbatim vision statements.

SHOW 'N TELL WHILE OOT AND ABOUT IN LADYSMITH



OVERVIEW

This is a geospatial crowdsourcing survey in which residents participated “on the ground” by offering their input on their favourite places in Ladysmith.

Participants were prompted to provide a location marker, submit photos and answer a series of questions, including:

- What do you appreciate and value about this location?
- How do you usually get here?
- If you typically get there by car, what would it take to get there by your own steam (e.g. by walking or cycling)?
- How safe do you feel?
- What would make this place even better?

Responses can be viewed online here:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1R7-L3bQGExTcCVP_eg_HCiBX0mbg1_HL&usp=sharing

A total of 35 participants provided geolocations and input for each of the following general locations:

- **Waterfront Area** – 15 participants
- **Trails and green spaces** situated south and west of Ladysmith’s urban area – 12 participants
- **Residences in Town** – 4 participants
- **Businesses in Town** – 2 participants
- **Unknown and/or Out of Town** – 2 participants

The following themes emerged related to the values or appreciated elements of the identified places:

- **“Nature and biodiversity”** was listed 24 times. It was listed for every geolocation in trails and green spaces south and west of Ladysmith’s urban areas, and for most at the waterfront.
- **“Accessibility”** was listed 17 times, and include all general locations.
- **“Lifestyle”** and **“Recreation”** were each listed 16 times, focused in trails and green spaces, and the waterfront.
- **“Community”** was listed 8 times, with over half in locations on the waterfront.
- **“Safety”** was listed 8 times, **“Sustainability”** 7 times, **“Sense of welcome”** 6 times, and **“Local business”** 3 times, each without a particular focus in terms of location.
- **“History”** was listed 6 times, **“Culture and diversity”** 5 times, and **“People watching”** 4 times, all situated on the waterfront.

The following are themes related to recommended improvements:

- **Waterfront Area** – New infrastructure and amenities such as a boardwalk and public art, improved facilities for dogs, protection from development, maintenance of environment.
- **Trails and green spaces** – Improved connections to/from these places, improved signage and facilities, protection of habitat.
- Other comments ranged from **improved infrastructure** in residential areas and **adding outdoor seating** at a local restaurant, to **limitations of development**/expansion in/ adjacent to neighbourhoods.

The **majority of geolocations were identified as safe or very safe during the day**, and **safe or neutral during the night**. **Some indicated that the waterfront area was unsafe at night**.

The responses were very **diverse in terms of how people arrived** at each of the identified locations, and included driving, mobility scooting, cycling, and walking. In response to the question “if you typically take a car, what would it take to get there by your own steam?”, the most common response related to improved **active transportation facilities and experiences** (e.g. bike lanes, sidewalks, connections, traffic calming) and **mobility assistance** (e.g. mobility scooters, e-bike).



BIG IDEAS FAIR



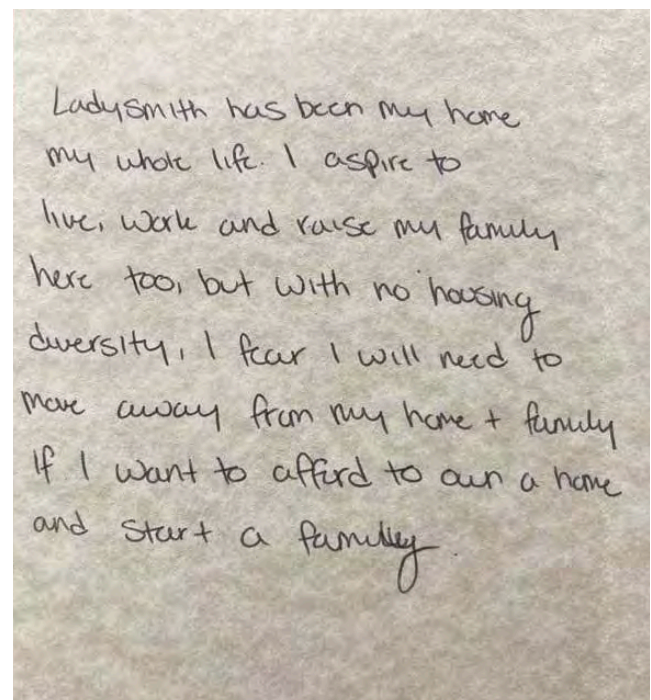
OVERVIEW

To promote visibility of the OCP update process and celebrate the ability to gather input in-person, we hosted an all day Big Ideas Fair on October 2nd, 2021. With the goal of engaging citizens on the future of their community, a series of interactive stations were set up along 1st Avenue to encourage residents to share their input and ideas.

The following pages summarize what we heard from the various activity stations throughout the day.

WHO PARTICIPATED

Participants had the option to provide demographic information by filling out an 'About You' card. Although hundreds participated in the activities throughout the day, only 30 participants filled out these cards and several provided additional comments. Please see below for an example:



Other verbatim comments are available in the appendix.

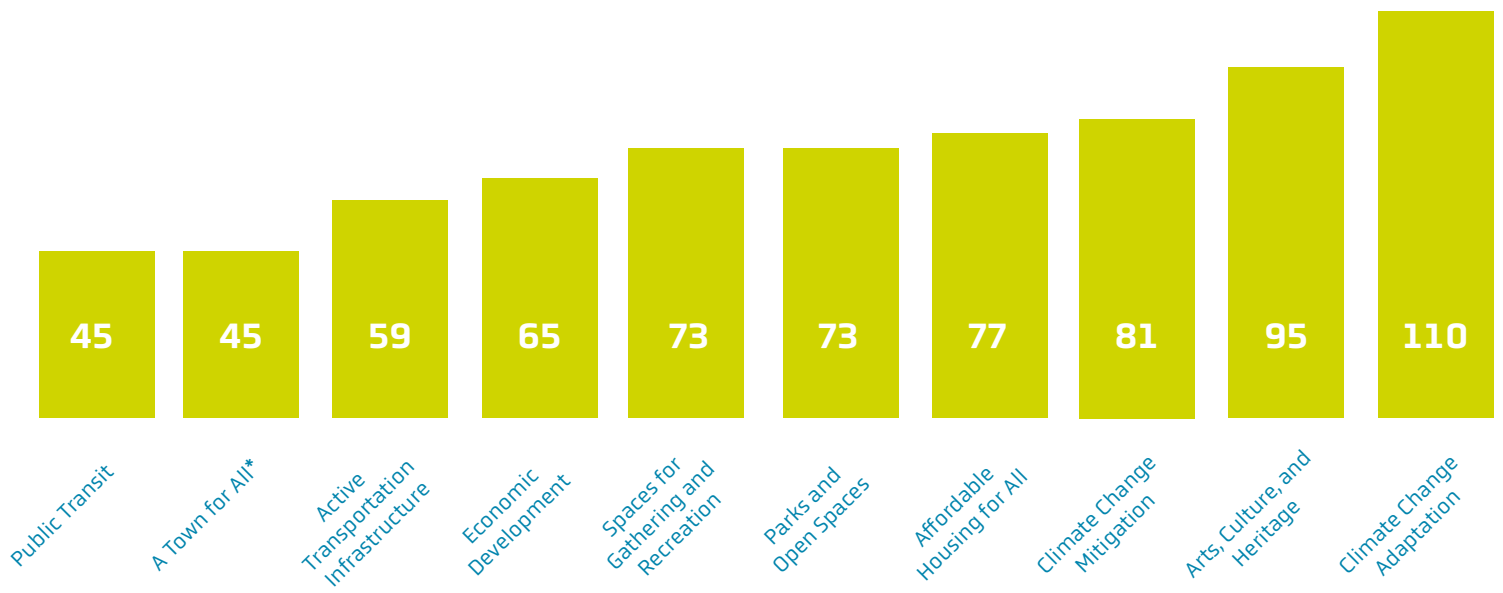
MAYOR FOR THE DAY



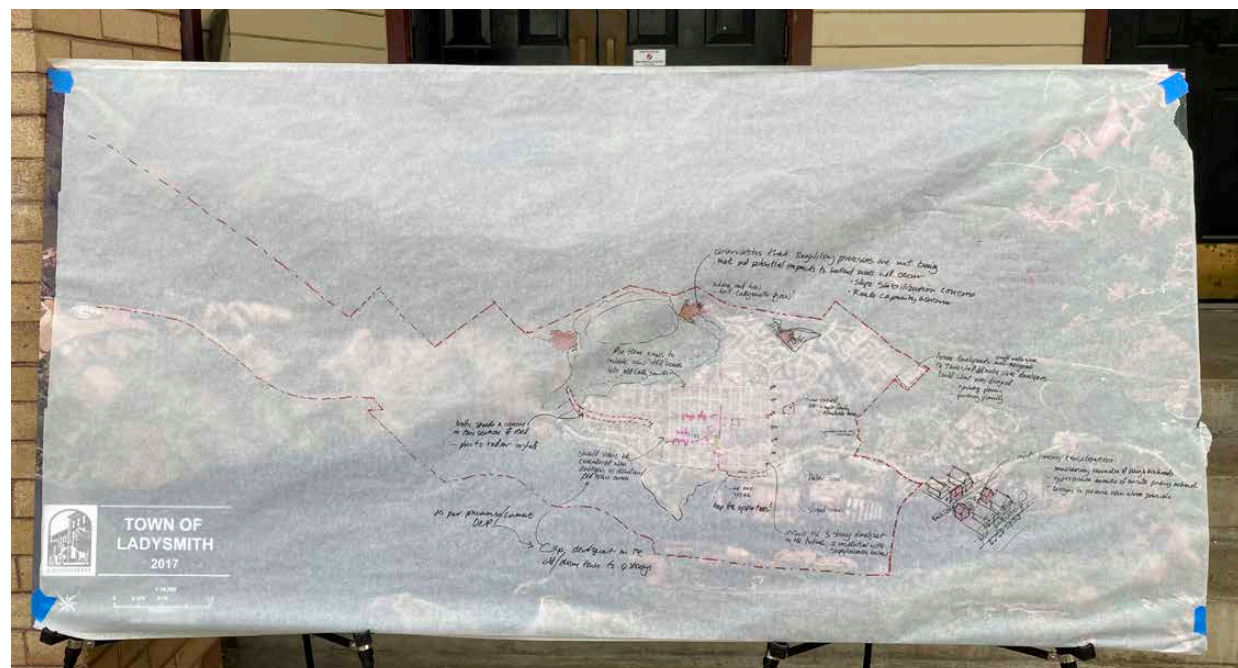
This station involved a series of buckets, each labelled with different community priorities (e.g. transit, parks, sidewalks, community facilities, etc). Participants were given a limited “budget” – represented by tokens – and asked to invest in their priority areas by dropping their “dollars” in their respective buckets.

On the opposing page is a summary of how participants prioritized their limited resources.

*Please note that we received feedback that many participants were unclear on what the “Town for All” priority meant and did not vote for it accordingly. This does not indicate a lack of support, but rather a need to provide more contextual information moving forward.



DESIGN LADYSMITH



This station involved a table with large maps covered in trace, in which participants of all ages worked with a graphic facilitator to sketch their design ideas for the future of Ladysmith. This included ideas for destinations, housing, parks and open spaces, transportation, and more.

The following offers some insight into what participants had to share:

1. **Maintain character of Ladysmith**, allow low density with max height of future developments in downtown/old town area. (varied accounts, but 4 storeys+-)

2. **Incentivize developments that increase residents (mixed incomes) in downtown/1st Ave. zone**. This would support businesses in the area and increase 'life on the street' beyond 6pm. (Number of comments that downtown is quiet and feels desolate, even unsafe, in the evenings)

3. **Strategic infill was welcome** (lane or coach homes), **maintaining multi-generational families to stay on lots, affordability** toward mortgage helpers, and increased rental stock etc., as well as maintaining the character of neighbourhoods. Note: recognition that sloped old town might warrant additional discretionary reviews of designs that attempt to preserve adjacent views, whereas the upper neighbourhoods with little or no view sheds could follow more prescribed processes.

4. **Parking is beginning to take over/dominate streets**. Parking bylaw that restricts all parking to land on/with in lots is required and needs to be enforced.

5. **Youth representation** within the OCP was asked about. Other than skate park there are not many amenities that cater to that age group.

6. **Comprehensive transportation plan** across the entire town and neighbouring areas towards improving transit. No bus service to Nanaimo, (or not regular enough)

7. **Traffic calming measures needed** on a few particular streets, including Dogwood Drive as an example.

8. **Observations and concerns about the development and creek crossing work** taking place in the upper areas (West Ladysmith). Slope stabilization and conveyance capacity were a particular concern. Don't believe regulations are being respected.

9. Town staff should **ensure developers build what was agreed to**. Questions about staffing capacities.

MAP IT!



This station offered a large size aerial map that participants could view and post notes on to identify: current and future community hearts; cherished assets; issues and problem areas; ideas and aspirations; and opportunities for climate action.

Responses with specific locations can be viewed online here:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1MvUybs-0-VtY1s3t8xiBKbe6df4hywC&usp=sharing>

The following page summarizes some of the emerging themes from this activity, along with representative comments. All verbatim comments can be found in the appendix.

Current and Future Community Hearts

Cherished Assets

Given the interrelated nature of these two categories, the following themes are a combination of both cherished assets and current and future community hearts:

Downtown area and small town character.

- *Nightlife :) Good food and drink past 9pm*
- *Temperance Hotel Historic/Heritage*
- *Please keep the existing rail tracks! They are treasures!*
- *Holland Creek Trail, Heritage homes, Old town feel, Established gardens and trees*

Ladysmith's natural assets.

- *Holland Creek Trails a favourite place to walk the dog*
- *Heart Lake Trail and Stocking Lake Trail*
- *Transfer Beach <3 (Thank-you!)*
- *Waterfront*
- *Maintain parks and trails*
- *Christie Falls improve access and promote*

Ideas and Aspirations

Improve transit access and trail connectivity.

- *BC Transit stops Ladysmith <-> Nanaimo, Ladysmith <-> Duncan Min. twice a day*
- *Expand bike walk path Saltair to Cedar and on*
- *Connect transfer beach to biking/walking trail parallel to train tracks through Saltair and Chemainus*

- *Preserving Promoting existing biking hiking trail from Kinsmen Park to Heart Lake*
- *Forrest Field Trail connected to Brown Drive Park and to Trans Canada Trail to Christie Falls*
- *Holland Creek connection under #1 to Cowichan Trail and Transfer Beach*

Investment in, and activation of, Ladysmith.

- *Promotion of local products and businesses e.g. Oysters*
- *Develop made in Ladysmith memorabilia i.e.. Light up decorations*
- *Town incentives for historic buildings for upgrades and improvements*
- *Please actively support restoration of the buildings, trains, and other equipment (east of highway heritage buildings)*
- *Incorporate Provincial Heritage Register in to the community planning / permit process like Nanaimo*
- *A local creatives inspirations hub and café for tech supporters offering courses and tech tutoring*
- *Low Cost - More evening activities! Including non-alcoholic events for community evening connections*
- *Down Town summer or fall community dance along 1st*
- *Recognize and support and encourage all things L.S.S and the Ladysmith Community Marina. I was born here in the 1940s and the work at this marina has been AMAZING! It is a JEWEL.*

Commitment to Truth and Reconciliation.

- *Create a First Nations Centre in town*
- *Change street names from colonial aggressors to First Nations and community heroes*

Increased diversity of residential development.

- *General: Less single family homes and higher density builds for families*
- *Increase density up the hill away from town centre and waterfront. Keep buildings on main 4 storey*
- *Increase housing density/options*
- *Without housing opportunities our businesses will continue to struggle to find staff and ultimately shut down our businesses help make our town wonderful! :)*

Opportunities for Climate Action

Electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

- *Fast EV charge*
- *I'd be happy to pay a fee for charging my car*

Watershed and ecological health.

- *Rain water collection. Create incentives for local collection of rain water for plantings*
- *Restoration of Holland Creek and Estuary*
- *Responsible industrial cleanup / use*
- *Clean up Slack Point. Environmental remediation*
- *Preservation of greenspace/wildlife/ecosystem corridors*

Trail network improvements.

- *Use of rail trails for mixed use hiking and bicycling. Expansion of bicycle trail from Ladysmith to Saltair*

- *Old railways converted to mixed bike and pedestrian use*

Sustainable development initiatives.

- *Advice to new home builders for environmentally friendly builds*
- *Support people creating sustainable greenspace properties so they can pass them on at decent prices for other young gardeners.*

Issues and Problem Areas

Green infrastructure.

- *Sediment and run off into Holland Creek affecting fish habitat.*
- *Considerate development in green spaces in riparian areas.*

Community health and wellbeing.

- *Not enough doctors and clinics.*
- *Need a centre for protection of women against violence and harassment... which includes a centre for training men to respect the health and needs of women.*

Connectivity, access, and safety for all residents.

- *Lack of safe highway access for growing communities. Nothing done since 1996*
- *Drivers go too fast around corner. This is our house. Slow signs and barriers.*
- *Continuity of hiking biking trails. Connect CVRD Trail to Ladysmith*
- *Traffic calming measure do NOT consider safe bicycle lane access.*
- *Dogwood Drive is far too busy and traffic goes too fast. Needs a few traffic calming areas from 4th Ave Exit to Bel-Aire.*

DREAMING TREE



This station encouraged participants to draw a picture of and/or describe a dream for the future of Ladysmith. This activity was geared to children, however adults of all ages also participated. Some dreams included:

- Increased vegetation in urban areas, including more trees and plantings along boulevards and sidewalks, grey water collection, and urban agriculture such as backyard chickens and food forests in public spaces
- Advancement of Ladysmith's Waterfront Plan
- Affordable housing and community co-operative housing options
- Active transportation infrastructure, including bike lanes
- Access to green space and parks within 10 minutes from home
- Street names updated to reflect Indigenous cultures and modern community leaders
- Intergenerational opportunities such as child care at seniors spaces

To see all of the dreams that were shared, please see the appendix.

BIG IDEA



This was an all-ages station, in which participants wrote or drew their big idea for the climate action on a paper dialogue bubble and held it up to have their photo taken. The dialogue bubbles were then posted on a neighbouring wall to allow passersby to read and reflect on what others contributed.

A few example big ideas are highlighted on the opposing page. To see all of the ideas that were shared, please see the appendix.

My BIG idea for tackling the climate crisis head-on is...

EMPOWER PEOPLE TO FEEL LIKE THEY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY PROVIDING SUSTAINABLE OPTIONS- BIG AND SMALL! 😊

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My BIG idea for tackling the climate crisis head-on is...

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#Wind energy

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My BIG idea for tackling the climate crisis head-on is...

Minimize sub-urban sprawl by developing the "missing middle," increasing medium-density housing in areas predominantly single-detached houses, especially near commercial centres (i.e. 1st Ave, Convention Mall). ~~Student income~~

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My BIG idea for tackling the climate crisis head-on is...

Stop using gas machines and gas cars

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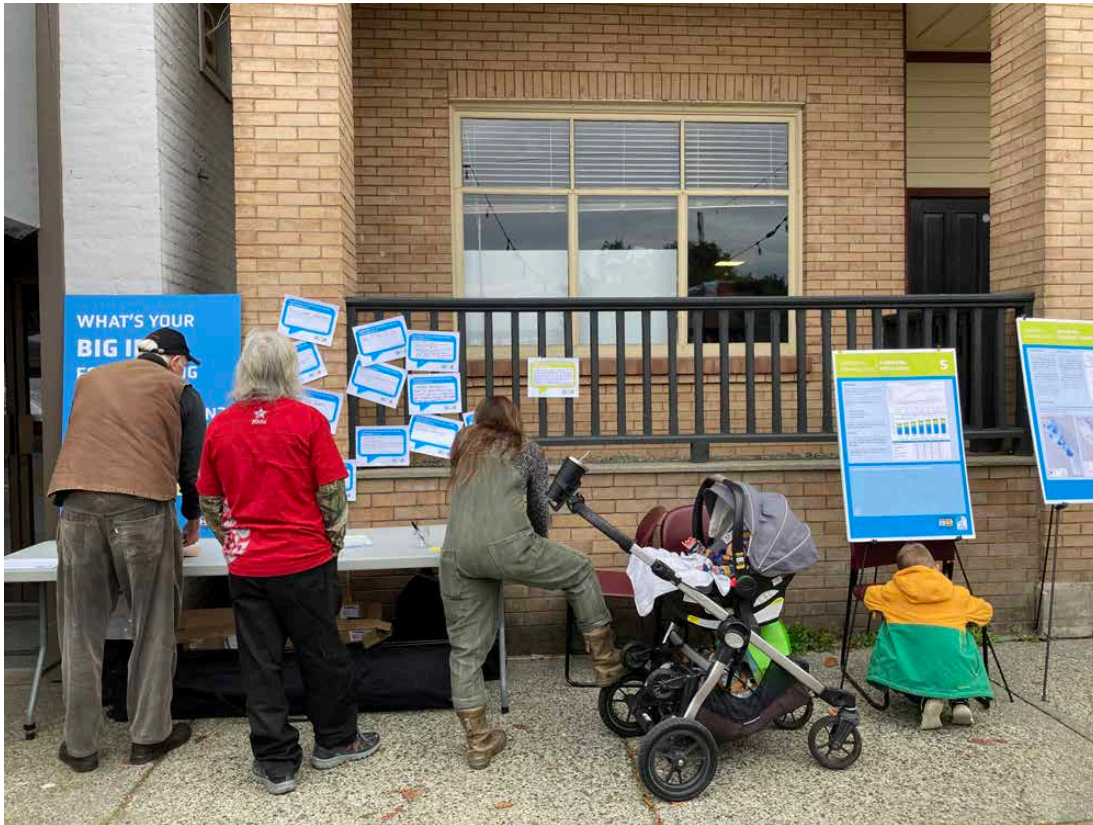
Grassroots:

- walk or bike a little more, use the car a little less
- ~~choose~~ choose electric heat + stoves instead of Natural gas
- plant pollinator-friendly (Native if possible) plants instead of decorative

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ACTIVITY PANELS



These were a series of interactive panels that provided brief and engaging snapshots of the background research. Participants were invited to offer their input related to their hopes and fears, perspectives on change, and insights relating to climate action and adaptation. The emergent themes are outlined on the opposing page, including all verbatim comments that were shared.

HOW WILL WE FACE CLIMATE CHANGE HEAD-ON TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE OUR GHG EMISSIONS AND TAKE CARE OF OUR COMMUNITY?

Improve ways of getting around Ladysmith.

- *Bicycle lanes*
- *More transit and electric cars*
- *Better bus services so people can get around easier without driving everywhere*

Prioritize and improve watershed health.

- *Protect our watershed*
- *Support those of us making sacrifices to do grey water projects, gardens, not lawns, cisterns, electric scooters / bikes.*
- *Collect the water in cisterns that is currently running into the ocean.*
- *More rain and gray water harvesting and storage! Increased reservoir size!*
- *Promote water saving - no lawns allowed*

Respect natural areas.

- *Clean the harbour*
- *Take better care of the Holland Creek Trail!! And more green spaces.*

Offer amenities that support climate action.

- *Create a compost co-op with manures*
- ** Stop slash burning entirely - create a slash-pickup program or teach slash composting and offer support for that - all to enrich soil bulk to retain water in soils*
- *Create appropriate housing to support garden/ farm workers and Woofers*

HOW SHOULD WE MANAGE THIS POPULATION AND HOUSING GROWTH?

Encourage diverse and creative housing solutions.

- *Float Home community*
- *Tiny House developments (high density)*
- *More lane housing. Town should allow unused alleys for affordable housing.*
- *Approve zoning for tiny houses on wheels in small communities*
- *“Medium Density” increase throughout most of the single-detached sprawl. -Laneway Houses - Walkup - Row Housing, et al.*
- *More affordable housing for low income*

WHAT ARE YOUR GREATEST FEARS ABOUT HOW LADYSMITH COULD CHANGE OVER TIME?

- *Pushing out workers, lower income seniors, artists... Economic inequality. Rich gentrification.*
- *Afraid of gentrification, unaffordable housing for everyone - young families, seniors, singles*
- *Pushing out children. No new parks see Nan (?) child park ours is rubbish*
- *Young adults/families being pushed out due to high housing costs and businesses shutting down due to lack of employees due to housing*
- *Concern: Ladysmith could lose connection to its unique and diverse history!*
- *Infrastructure may not be able to accommodate growth. E.g. roads and traffic, water supply*
- *Deforestation, urban sprawl, homelessness*
- *Schools closing - should all be community schools*
- *Uncontrolled population growth re: huge developments that destroy forest.*
- *Urban sprawl and unsustainable development*
- *No ocean clean up!!!*
- *- Lose small town feel and experience. - Encroachment of too tall building in downtown. Too tall building near waterfront.*
- *Holland Creek not being peaceful and quiet*
- *No real development of the waterfront*
- *Poor urban planning addressing the housing crisis*

WHAT ARE YOUR GREATEST HOPES ABOUT HOW LADYSMITH COULD CHANGE OVER TIME?

- No more unaffordable large developments. Keep Ladysmith small.
- Limits to growth with large, protected natural and green areas.
- The government using Ladysmith as a destination for mass immigration when the boomers start dieing.
- Slow, thoughtful growth think of 7 generations down the line
- Better, more, maintained, trails
- Is there commitment to the community marina?
- Remain a small town stop thinking everything has to grow
- Create an inclusive, multicultural, ecologically mindful centre at the harbourfront.
- Boulevards with fruit trees and garden beds!
- Diverse, accessible community that is meaningfully committed to reconciliation and addressing climate change.
- Harbour clean up. Pollution mitigation.
- Sustainable waterfront development.

ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS?

- Make First Ave. smoke-free. Provincial bylaws already mandate 6m from business doors and windows but lacks enforcement. Take it on with a "health-initiative" focus with buy-in from Chamber, Cancer Society, Heart and Stroke Etc..
- 1) Allow higher buildings. 2) H2O Dam Higher. 3) 2nd Ave for bike route
- Mindful development.
- More tree lined boulevards.
- The curve at the top of Christie needs barriers and slow signs to protect residence below.
- Create a mental health centre in town.
- 4th Ave should be refurbished as a "complete (bike lanes and trees) street"

IN THEIR SHOES

In their shoes...



Use this form to write your suggestions about how the Ladysmith Official Community Plan update can help meet the person's needs that are described on your card.

Name of person on card: CHANS

Your suggestions...

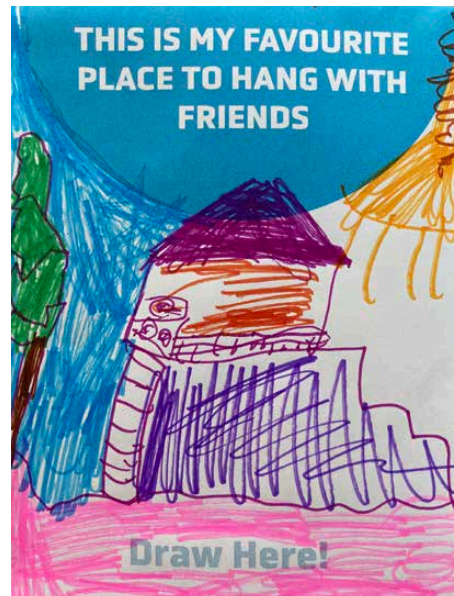
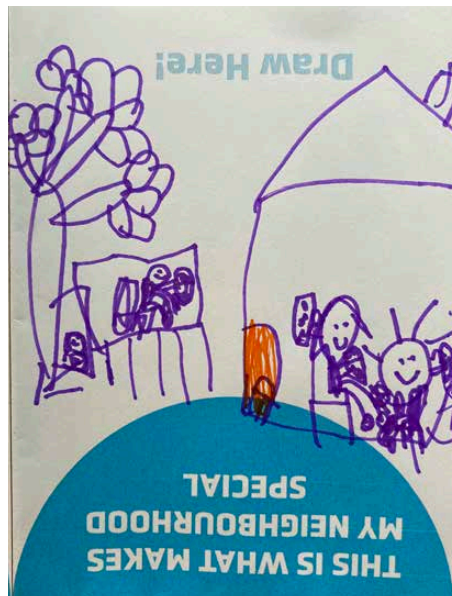
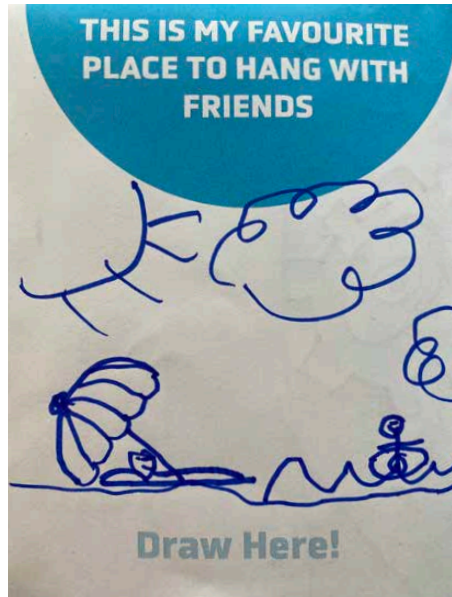
Allow suites & carriage
homes. This allows the
neighborhood to keep its
character and allows families
to have yards, pets
neighborhoods.



This was an all-ages activity in which participants read about an experience of a fictional character in Ladysmith, and were asked to step in her/his/their shoes to create ideas for how Ladysmith could be a better place for that individual to thrive and meet their housing, transportation, and other needs.

Suggestions from this activity were too rich and diverse to effectively summarize, so they've been provided in their entirety in the appendix.

KIDS' DRAWING STATION



Children also shared their input by drawing images of their community.

WALKSHOPS



Tour #1: Downtown / Historic Ladysmith

Downtown Ladysmith is the heart of the town, providing a pedestrian-oriented venue for people to gather, bump into each other, enjoy a boutique shopping experience surrounded by historic character. This tour will explore the unique aspects of the downtown's streetscape, including how some of Ladysmith's streets accommodate multiple modes of transportation while others are more auto-centric in their design. The tour also looked at the downtown's residential and commercial form and the type of land use mix that is needed in the future to create an environment that supports businesses and offers housing and transportation choices to residents.

Tour #2: North Ladysmith / Holland Creek

North Ladysmith is characterized as predominantly residential with most residents living within a 5-minute walk to parks, nature, and green space. Yet, due to the area's geography, most amenities and services are farther away and harder to access by foot or bicycle resulting in more trips by car. This tour explored the housing and transportation characteristics of North Ladysmith with a focus on the development patterns near Kinsmen Park. Sixth Avenue will also be explored as an important corridor that provides access to schools and recreational destinations. The tour concluded at the trail head for Holland Creek at 6th Avenue and Methuen Street.

Tour #3: Waterfront Area

The Town's waterfront plays an important role in the quality of life of the community today and is central to the identity and success of Ladysmith in the future. The 2018 award-winning Waterfront Area Plan provides a bold vision to develop the waterfront area in a way that creates opportunity for community prosperity, ecological regeneration, and brownfield restoration while honouring past, present, and future generations. The future development of the waterfront area is a critical part of the Town's future but there remain several unaddressed challenges including overall access to the area and the impacts of climate change. This tour explored the larger waterfront area including Transfer Beach Park, the harbour, and the industrial lands.

Concurrent to the Big Ideas Fair on October 2nd, 2021, the Town of Ladysmith hosted three workshops with community members, encouraging observations and insights on specific areas of town. Below is a brief summary of key takeaways from these various discussions.

Tour #1 – Downtown / Old Town (8 participants)

- Overall, people love 1st Avenue and it shouldn't change much
- Consideration for pedestrian-only 1st Avenue at certain times of the year
- Very clear desire to see max of 4 storeys but density should be located away from 1st Avenue (people don't want tall imposing buildings on 1st to take away from the current experience). E.g. Denman in Vancouver (Towers off of the main commercial street - not impacting visually)
- Lack of public bike parking, which needs to be addressed given all of the commercial and retail uses along 1st Avenue
- Desire to see parking behind buildings and/or underground for future buildings on 1st Avenue. Example of Vancouver Island Regional Library building with a parking lot along frontage separating the building from the sidewalk
- People like the boulevard or "furnishing zone" on 1st Avenue but would like to see it for a longer stretch along the road. This would also increase tree canopy along 1st Avenue
- High Street has underutilized parking; consideration should be given to converting vehicle parking on these side streets into bicycle parking

- Also, High Street and other downtown streets should be candidates for sidewalks on both sides to make it even easier for people to walk to/from downtown
- Overall recognition from group that Town needs to provide more supportive and rental housing and downtown is best location
- Where all the services are - access without a vehicle
- Recognition that it is needed in the Cowichan Valley

Tour #2 – North Ladysmith (2 participants)

- Group supportive of more commercial uses in the area
- Idea of 'town squares' so residents can walk for most of their commercial / shopping needs
- Interest in transit but something more like on-demand transit might be more appropriate in this part of town

Tour #3 – Waterfront (10 participants)

- Desire to see a better / safer crossing of Trans-Canada Highway
- Need to think about how to feature the Waterfront Area Plan (and its key recommendations) into the OCP

VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

Six virtual workshops were held, with two being open to the general public and four targeting specific community groups and partners that fall under the four thematic categories of: arts, culture, and heritage; social infrastructure; environment and natural assets; and business and economic development. The following themes emerged from those discussions, along with some representative comments from participants.

WHAT DO YOU MOST CHERISH ABOUT LADYSMITH TODAY?

WHAT MUST BE PROTECTED AS THE COMMUNITY CHANGES?

Sense of community, volunteerism, and friendly people

"The volunteers we have in our community – the community always steps up. Service clubs. Non profit organizations. Our business community. We can be really responsive to needs."

"We are such a friendly community. Tourists can be here for six hours and they notice it. It's palpable. It's an authenticity that's really important."

Small town atmosphere

"I was born and raised in Ladysmith. I cherish the small town vibe, knowing your neighbour, the ability of children to walk to school safely, and the things that bring us together like Light Up."

Family-friendly community

"As a father of five, this is a beautiful community to raise a family."

Heritage character, such as the historic and quaint downtown

"There is a sort of magic in this community that we've never experienced anywhere else we've lived. The heritage zone – it's very precious."

Parks and access to nature, including hiking and biking trails

The waterfront

"We already have a jewel... We are in awe of with what the Town has done with Transfer Beach."

Natural environment and resources

Walkability

"I don't own a car so it's nice to walk around. I converse more."

Partnerships with the Stz'uminus First Nation (e.g. Elders participating in Town programs, land-based learning in schools, Indigenous Days at Transfer Beach)

"It's just beautiful the way there is openness between two communities to work together and be as one. Lots of opportunity and desire to strengthen that even more."

Arts and creativity, including the emerging arts hub and artists

"John Marston is a Ladysmith treasure. He was also a good teacher for our Art Council."

Community facilities such the community centre, the pool, and schools

Community celebrations and festivals

"Ladysmith is really good at throwing a party... the Festival of Lights... Marine Festival... Sunday evening concerts... the Waterfront Gallery events."

WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE?

WHAT ISSUES – LOCAL AND GLOBAL – MUST WE TACKLE HEAD ON TO ENSURE THE WELLBEING OF THE NEXT SEVEN GENERATIONS?

Need for housing affordability

“As a young person, it seems inaccessible to ever afford a house.”

“If we lose our rental situation we are out of this town. We can’t afford in this market.”

“I work at the shelter, and we are seeing more employed people and others who you would not expect to be at our doorstep.”

Need to better protect habitat, trees, water resources, and the waterfront

Need for actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Need for more infill and different types of housing (e.g. coach houses / granny suites, townhouses, condos, co-housing, small suites, etc). This also involves the need to improve the ease of doing development/business with the Town.

“My kids just bought a house together to get into the market. We need more townhouses and condos to help first time home buyers. We need better facilities for the gaining population... a wider variety of homes is just not there.”

Need for improved choices for non-vehicular transportation, including transit and active transportation choices

“For people who live in new areas, you have to have a car. You have to drive to get to where you want to go.”

Need for destinations close to home

“With regard to commercial, I see the town growing north and south, [but it is] only houses, houses, houses. I don’t see anything in the plan for a coffee shop or somewhere you can walk to.”

Need for improved transit between communities as well as active transportation options

“[Employers] can’t find staff because staff can’t find homes. And there is no transit to get here from the vicinity. You need a car to get into entry level jobs here.”

“A university if only 15 minutes away, but for kids to get there, they need a car.”

Need to embrace the idea of people moving here

“[We should not] just pull up the draw bridge after we’ve moved here. I worry that is a mentality that a lot of people have.”

Need to maintain the feel of the town as it grows

"It seems like Ladysmith is experiencing quite a lot of growth. How can we ensure this growth doesn't ruin the feeling of the town."

Need for improved access to medical care and community health

Need for improved support and funding for non-profit work and community supports, such as those addressing mental health, food security, early childhood development, programs for youth (e.g. LGBTQ2S+) and poverty overall

"There is a lot on non-profit shoulders... and it's getting to be more and more. Funding is being redirected. If we look at how children are doing in kindergarten, the mental health issues were staggeringly high even before COVID. We are supporting over 500 families with clothing, mental health – and also supporting close to 200 seniors."

Need to upgrade heritage assets to today's standards, considering that depreciation is happening

Need to renew efforts to implement the Waterfront Area Plan, including its associated arts hub/facilities

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF LADYSMITH?

To indigenize Ladysmith and make it more welcoming to Stz'uminus First Nation

"I live on a single detached house on a half acre lot. This is where Stz'uminus used to pick medicinal plants. We settlers have colonized this town. I don't know how to reverse the damage but I would like to incorporate Stz'uminus iconography, street names, ways to make them feel integrated into this space that was their space for millennia."

To protect habitat, resources, and natural features (e.g. slopes) in both terrestrial and aquatic areas

"Protect natural shorelines from overdevelopment, riparian areas, landscapes that are semi-natural, beautiful settings."

"We have a mutual interest with CVRD to protect assets like water reservoirs, and to collaborate with regional partners."

To improve affordability so Ladysmith is a place for young people and people of all walks of life.

To retain the character of Ladysmith – including the downtown and waterfront – while managing change

To be supportive and equitable to all people

"I would love everyone to feel like there is a blanket of support around them, whether it's access to food, mental health, or someone to talk to. Just trying to make sure that everyone from children to seniors knows that someone has their back and cares."

"You can combine green with equity in a brilliant way, where there are equitable contributions from all segments of the community. This is part of what makes us friendly."

To be welcoming to all

"It would be really nice to see a Ladysmith that is accessible to everyone and welcoming to anyone who wants to live here."

To support food production in Town (e.g. to be able to make a salad by visiting different spots throughout town that grows food)

"Talkable, walkable, and growable. Tools and resources to share the food. Sustainable and equitable lifestyles."

To see a really vibrant arts community

"My vision is to be able to walk up the stairs to the art gallery at the waterfront, and to hear people say that there is something really good about this place. I see... a gathering place with people who enjoy art, love art, or who can be convinced to love art."

To support industry – ranging from sustainable forestry to eco-tourism – for jobs and a more expansive tax base.

To protect and invest in the waterfront

"[The waterfront] could be the jewel of Vancouver Island. Lots of dog walking trails. Kids all over the deck – and families coming over. A really vibrant place, not just for tourists but also residents. Places for people to live Waterfront views. Some are affordable up the hill. A connection between the waterfront and downtown."

To support expansion of outdoor activities and their associated infrastructure

"I think that outdoor activity is the way of the future. People want to kayak, canoe, ride their mountain bikes, and bring their horses on their holidays. That stuff is there, we just need to resurrect it. Tunnel connections. Connections to the south. Great trails. We have the weather to do this year round."

To increase connections between communities, focusing on transit and active transportation

"To embrace the Island Corridor as an opportunity to get people out of their cars, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and create recreational and tourism opportunities."

STUDENT WORKSHOPS

1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years. What do you hope to see?

- community growth
- shopping options
- having places downtown open later
- develop marina / boardwalk
- more nature throughout town
- ✓ - bring the trolley back! ✓
- upgrade school (interior & exterior)
- women's clinic

2 Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith. Where were you and what made it special?

- Light Up: people in the Christmas spirit coming together to celebrate the holidays
- Ladysmith Days: the fireworks were so exciting

3 If you could improve one thing about your community, what would it be and why?

- More development in regards to downtown (e.g. shops, cafes)

Five virtual workshops were held with classes from Ladysmith Secondary School, with classes ranging from grades nine to 12. Each workshop was centred around three questions to better understand the ideas, perspectives, and experiences of youth in Ladysmith. The following pages summarize some of the themes that emerged from these discussions, along with some representative comments from participants. To view all of the student worksheets, please refer to the appendix.

IMAGINE LADYSMITH IN 30 YEARS. WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO SEE?

Greater community activation, with teen-focused placemaking.

I hope to see more town activities.

More teen attractions.

Some cool stores, more modern activities.

A bowling alley in Ladysmith / a place for teens to hang out.

I also hope to see stores open later. It would be nice to have night life available.

More tourist/town attraction, instead of just transfer bay to hang around.

Another main street.

Hockey arena, indoor basketball court, bike park.

A public and free to use rec room.

Preservation and enhancement of Ladysmith's character.

The beach still looking nice, newer houses. It still being a small town where it's safe for kids to walk around.

A still nice town with lots of forest.

Open town square - pedestrian area

I don't want Ladysmith to turn into a city.

Upkeep of historical buildings and expansion of the museum.

Prioritization of health, wellbeing, and equity.

More inclusivity for LGBT, POC, etc. people (i.e. gender neutral bathrooms)

More accessibility for wheelchairs.

More qualified doctors.

Women's clinic.

Bigger hospital.

A community centre that is well advertised and provides basic human health products and medicines to the public.

Homeless shelter.

Affordable living (apartments)

Support for local economic development.

More businesses / job opportunities.

More commercial areas within Ladysmith. More small businesses.

Climate action and adaptation.

Solar panels on houses. Geothermal heating so there is no burning fossil fuels.

More walking trails

Better transportation systems.

Bikes instead of cars.

If there have to be cars, have them be electrics with decomposable or recyclable batteries.

Less carbon emissions / more ecofriendly options.

Wildlife, biodiversity, and natural areas.

Animal bridges.

More nature throughout town.

More expansion = more forests planted.

More trees or no more trees cut down.

Protected area around Heart Lake.

REMEMBER A FAVOURITE TIME IN LADYSMITH. WHERE WERE YOU AND WHAT MADE IT SPECIAL?

Community events and seasonal activities as central to collective memory.

A special memory for me in Ladysmith was at Transfer Beach, my family / Stz'uminus First Nations and the Ladysmith community celebrating Indigenous Day.

Light up with my family and friend, when we sat on the corner of Barncale Barney's with blankest and hot chocolate.

My favourite times in downtown Ladysmith is always when we have "light up", love being with my friends and family and its so pretty.

Community volunteering / activities (air cadets, volunteer/summer job at museum or other town facilities)

Ladysmith Days: the fireworks were so exciting

My first time at LSS for an aboriginal language event.

Access to natural areas.

My favourite time would be when me and my friends sat at far side of the beach (Transfer Beach) and we sat there singing to our favourite songs during summer, late at night.

My favourite time in Ladysmith is almost always on the trail and or at the beach.

Transfer beach at the old playground.

Holland Creek Trail

Going to Heart Lake with my class.

Recreational and social activities.

Dogwood baseball park playing with my team and winning. It was special because I was with my friends.

The school gym, hanging out with friends.

Joining the improv team at the school (the feeling of being in a group)

Pre-teen group in the rec room at the FJCC.

Old Brown Drive bike jumps.

Downtown community spaces.

Old Town Bakery, 49th Cafe, Thrift Store, Tim Hortons

Going to the bakery for the first time (the feeling of small town togetherness... and cinammon buns)

IF YOU COULD IMPROVE ONE THING ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY, WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY?

Greater support for youth oriented spaces and activities.

More activities for us teens to do. We can't sit in Tims because we get kicked out for being too loud and the only other place is the beach. It gets boring after a while, we need more.

More places for teens to hangout so we don't have to be bored @ home or go to Duncan or Nanaimo.

I think just more activities for fun.

Music events.

More community sports rinks / fields / courts.

After four, almost everything closes. More after dark activities, more restaurants, more activities with the community.

More interaction, meeting places, calm corners, gardens, fountains, playgrounds, light show, architecture, art, painting

More business, commerce, and affordable housing.

Get some more new stores downtown Ladysmith. Not sure why just would be fun.

More development in regards to downtown (e.g. shops, cafes)

Stores closing later would be an improvement.

Improved mobility and access.

Safe highway crossing (?).

A bus to Nanaimo for access to the community.

Accessibility for people with disabilities.

Planning policies centred on equity.

Taking action as a community against racism, homophobia, and ableism.

More mental health help open for everyone

Nature within town and accessed from Ladysmith.

More green walls and roofs on large and/or commercial buildings.

Stop cutting down trees cause we need to breathe.

Make sure the wildlife and forests are PROTECTED. It would be a shame for it to all get replaced by houses.

Appreciation for existing and historic buildings.

Planning taking already existing structures into account

Preserve the historical buildings and trails.

NEXT STEPS

The input received so far will be used to develop a vision and series of goals for the OCP.

The vision and goals will then inform the creation of growth scenarios. The vision, goals and growth scenarios will be available for review and broad community engagement in the spring of 2022.

APPENDIX A – VIRTUAL SURVEY

PRIORITY RANKINGS

Choices

"More pub options, family restaurants that is not Chinese or pizza. An outdoor waterfront pub, a community pub in upper Ladysmith new developed areas. Revamp coronation Square Mall into an attractive shopping experience. That parking lot is a nightmare with frequent traffic issues"

When i can no longer get around i don't want to have to leave Ladysmith. Ideally i don't want to have to leave my home here.

Create services to foster a mix of families. In particular, enhance services and actives for youth... particularly the 15-19 year old cohort.

Choices of shopping in Ladysmith is terrible.

Climate Action

I want Ladysmith to be here for generations to come. I love that we have electric vehicle charging stations right on 1st Ave - and have had for many years already.

Nature ranks top as it can address Climate Action and well as trails, beauty, identity, and so many other priorities. It's the center of the web.

Rampant population growth along with all of the subdivisions, forcing people to drive downtown, coronation, Duncan, Nanaimo, and elsewhere for everything including healthcare, shopping, employment kind of makes a climate action plan redundant and comes across as virtue signaling. There's no real plan to create better walking neighborhoods with all residential instead of commercial/residential mix.

#3. Go more electric. Find every way you can to make our community use electricity as our primary source of power. Want solar panels? Here's a tax incentive. Want to use an electric bike to town? Great. Here is a place you can park it and keep it safe. Want to go to the park with your dog but can't walk that far? Here is a scooter rental you can use, right from downtown for the next few hours. Oh and by the way, you live in Ladysmith, so this is free (or next to nothing).

Equity

I identify LGBTQ2S and don't feel out of place here. It's wonderful.

We need to remember that the former OCP focused on "Walkability" within new developments. The idea of small village commercial centers with small shops and services seems to have been abandoned. It is important to encourage diversity of housing and mixed use to encourage all levels of socioeconomic populations to enjoy Ladysmith.

In a similar way that relationships are important. Equity is a critical piece to keeping a harmonious community where there is opportunity for participation from all segments of the community.

#2. I love the rainbow crosswalk. Protect that symbol if you can. :) Make sure people understand we are an inclusive community and that we don't stand for racism, or even intrusive questions on mask wearing (allowing businesses to set increased Covid safety is awesome). If I get a whiff of hate/prejudice, or disapproval of my mask wearing (racism/LGBTQ2S+ prejudice) from a store, I don't use it. Choice is fine but not when it emotionally bullies and kills people. Pride events too! post pandemic

Great Places and Destinations

Provide more walk about plans that highlight businesses downtown. The planitude has created some beautiful outdoor space. Create something behind the businesses with walkways, arches, lights etc. The old horse shoe pit down at transfer is an eye sore. Build a pub with outdoor seating where it is

Support businesses and restaurants etc that provide an upbeat atmosphere where people can spend time...a nice patio or view etc

I don't feel off road bike trails are a priority

Build on facilitating and enhancing our waterfront and forests

We have the ocean, Parks, golf, Recreation Centres, shopping. Everything we need day to day within minutes from our home....Let's ensure that all this continues and that the quaintness of our community does not get lost.

#5. Man I hate this app for the numbering. I can't fix it. This one is last for me. I don't need a lot of super places to be around people with the Delta variant. But people bring in money, so for those who need it, do it. Just make it easier for those of us in town to enjoy our town as well, and get to where we need to go without tourists making it unsafe. Find places for them to go and then limit their ability to intrude on the movement of us who pay taxes to keep it available for them to visit.

Health

Support healthy lifestyle

As the town population increases, so will the need for health services. The Town should be engaging with the Health Authority and Provincial Health to lobby for increased public health services and family doctors

promote the many outdoor areas in the Town in all the tourist information, road signage to direct travelers to the areas

limited addiction and mental health services

Keep our urgent care centre funded and operating. I provides much needed health care for all residents of the community

Mental health- over crowding in this town is affecting overall mental health

We need better health care services. Hospital, walk-in clinic, s and more doctors to support the growing population of this "town".

The numbers on this app are all wrong. Health is first. Covid needs to be addressed (masking and 6ft is still IMPORTANT!), as well as providing doctors in our community instead of making us go out of town. Get them in, keep them, and have all of our families visiting doctors in Ladysmith, not Nanaimo or Duncan.

Identity

Our special history

Maintain a unique identity and don't just fillup with all the same franchise chains that are in every city

Protect and conserve the Town's unique maritime history

We need; with Stz'uminus participation; a feature area at Transfer Beach and with any tourist information by the Town, a featured First Nations focus area at Transfer Beach and should be part of the priority for the Waterfront development

Our identity is quaint and friendly and a place people want to visit and relax and enjoy. It will be wonderful when we can return to events such as Light Up, Ladysmith Days, Music in the Park. All events that make our community so very special

As an Indigenous woman, I find the acknowledging of territory to be lip and virtue signaling when our own Indigenous peoples can't afford to live or work in their "territory".

Nature

That is the beauty of this city - hiking, walking, being in nature.

Protection of wetlands and aquatic habitat

Parks, large and small, walkways, trails for cycling and pedestrians, rethink the Waterfront Area Residential Plan.

We can't get it back once we've lost it. Protection and conservation of nature are paramount for future sustainability ambitions.

Being on the water front and close to Holland Creek and all the trails.....It is amazing to have all this natural beauty around us. And it is vital that the town ensure this beauty is protected.

The trails up behind on malone rd are very pretty and nice it helps me a lot

quit selling off our park land like like Wickham Park and Holland creek to greedy developers or using them to build roads!!!

*#4 I want a dog park that is fully fenced, like the one that is at the SPCA in Nanaimo. They have two size spaces, and even charge to use it and keep it up. I would pay to go to something better than what we have at Transfer Beach. Dusty and dirty, dogs running amuck off leash because tourists don't listen to the leash requirement. Something nice. Something inviting for Ladysmith dog lovers to use to connect, stay Covid safe, and to allow their dogs to roam safely. Fully fenced.
:) Create outdoor markets*

Prosperity

Supporting businesses and reducing some of the ridiculous stipulations on things that add stress to a new business startup. The sign permit process for example is ridiculous especially when a business submits a very professional sign and it gets scrutinized and needless demands are made forcing changes.... starting a business is a huge risk and very stressful so stop making the process worse

It's the uniqueness of nature and the identity that provides a sense of place - these will be drivers for prosperity.

Attract new business, grow the commercial area on Rocky Creek rd. This town needs a 'Ricky's' replacement, a proper hotel and convention centre

These are all important priorities and it is hard to choose 5

For all of us, to ensure we have a vibrant community

Can't have prosperity with few opportunities. With rampant population growth and the services do not keep up with that growth, people need to work in Duncan or Nanaimo.

Relationships

If we don't understand we are all one race (human) we have no chance of understanding our place here. This is to me the starting point to a future any of us would want to experience.

Build on one of our strengths of community collaboration and spirit.

Relationships is what keeps this community feeling like a small town when it really isn't that small. It makes it an amazing place to live, work and play (and raise a family). It also gives us authenticity as

a tourist destination. Managing growth to maintain these special relationships and that small town vibe is important (and probably difficult). The relationship that has been cultivated with our Stz'uminus neighbours is special and hopefully it will continue to strengthen and grow.

Ladysmith is a place to relax, meet your neighbours and feel a member of the community. A place to volunteer and be involved.

I have listed my top five. I did not include prosperity or the others because I feel when you have good relationships the others are taken care of. If we do not take action for Health, Nature and Climate change we are not going to have a community in the future.

Another Priority

Thinking now that we are getting older would love to downsize but not wanting trailer park living as lad rental is out of sight, would be nice to be able to have a little senior community that we could put a modular home on a little piece of property

The increasing crime and drug use must be effectively nipped in the bud to ensure community safety and security is not jeopardized

A focus towards to more business to ease the taxes on residents and to improve public services.

Keep property taxes low and just provide basic municipal services i.e sewer, water, protective services and urgent medical care center .

Fix the town, tear down the old decreperd buildings, fix the roads. The entire town is starting to look like Nicole Street.

Affordable housing

Art and Music venues and spaces... which will contribute to the sense of community and make Ladysmith an art destination.

Reduce dogwood drive traffic by providing a new merge lane onto the highway at the end of bay view like there used to be. Just don't allow lefthand turns from hwy up. Close off south Davis access to left hand turns on the hwy

The roads around town are horrible, in a car is fine but I choose to use my scooter to help the environment and save money when shopping. there are so many bumps and breaks i have to swerve like a madman to avoid them

Infrastructure - Ensure infrastructure (transportation, water, health care) is developed to handle increasing population growth - before it is needed, not after.

Promote the beauty of Ladysmith harbour and it's waterfront.

Walkability

Keep it small - development is out of control...slow development down

Food security

Active Seniors Services. We have ball fields, soccer fields, dog parks, water sports and trails. I would love to see the private sector, in conjunction with Parks and Rec, encouraged to introduce more activities for active seniors (and everyone else!) such as a curling rink, bowling, possibly lawn bowls or bocce courts.

Touched on by the 'Destinations' and 'Choices' tabs but I'd really love to see Ladysmith branch out even more walking/biking connected planning. Trails connecting to major corridors, new development with walkways between cul-de-sacs, better access to Transfer Beach South of Roberts etc

affordable housing. gentrification has already started

Ladysmith Fire Department Needs a new or upgraded Fire Hall.

Affordable and accessible housing

Protecting the wealth of outdoor recreation we have on our doorstep from development and unauthorized motor vehicle access.

Dealing with graffiti in town

My neighbour sublets his garage to a person that buys, refurbishes, and sells cars. All this work happens on evenings and weekends. It has become a social gathering place and there are no toilet facilities. Extra traffic parks on the road and generally it creates extra load on the Town's infrastructure. I was told by bylaw enforcement that the town couldn't do anything about it. If true that means that there is inadequate regulation in the OCP to tackle the problem. This needs fixing.

Reduction of carbon footprint.

I would include identity, great places arts and culture

To stop racially profiling (Also under equity) but everyone chooses to ignore it.

more selection re commercial stores ex clothing stores etc and a nice restaurant like a white spot movie theatre

Small town feel!

Equality

Infrastructure- more parking, less traffic in one area of town

Maintaining old town infrastructure

Bring the maximum footprint of carriage houses back to 900sq/ft! The current maximum of 627 makes it not worth it for anyone to build one.

Transit!

"improving and maintaining roads.

ladysmith needs to have more and better places to eat. i heard about the oyster bay cafe and drove down to it, i couldn't believe how bad the road is."

As stated in previous comments, we need a better vision for this town instead of promoting growth without the services to support the growth. Health will not matter when we are lacking a real hospital, walk-in clinic, and have a shortage of doctors. Shopping is terrible and people leave town to spend their money instead of spending it in the community. Tourism is a half-day event, walk downtown, eat a cinnamon bun, and then leave to better places like Chemainus

VISION STATEMENTS

A small, bustling city (or large, vibrant town) that is the perfect balance of young families, middle aged people, and retirees.

More community parks that are dog friendly. More housing but without getting rid of the forest. Ladysmith will expand more, taking the diamond. Bigger community hall (fjcc). Welcome to ladysmith signs. Updated important buildings (police, city hall, Aggie)

Holiday destination with awesome boardwalk on the water. Still feels old timey

"Controlled growth...controlled being the operative word. At this point it appears that council seems more interested in expansion of the tax base with no thought toward preserving the qualities that draw folks to town in the first place. Rampant expansion without addressing the increased traffic will only worsen the situation.

Without proper foresight and vision we are doomed to become the type of urban suburb that so many of our newer citizens were fleeing when they decided to move here."

I hope it is still the friendly and caring town that I grew up in.

I feel that Ladysmith needs to expand commercial and light industrial opportunities in order to provide a more diverse economy and locally based career options. I would love to see a post-secondary education or training instruction in Ladysmith

Strong community feel, a growing town with lots to do for families. There are a wider variety of stores, more activity options such as bowling, movie theater, etc. Have more parking and a better walkway at transfer beach over to the marina. Ideally Ladysmith will become even more of a family town.

"Fully developed public waterfront. Accessible. Boardwalk. Make it a destination for day trippers on the island. Child/family friendly. Thriving downtown. At least one family style restaurant like Rickys or Whitespot"

"I would love to see our trails not disturbed from all the building, I am so sad what is happening with a Bridge across Holland creek and so are many other people. Would love to a boardwalk at the Transfer beach maybe with a little eatery as well, maybe not at beach but if slack beach gets cleaned up it could be there."

Ladysmith could be the premier bijou waterside destination in BC if not Canada if some of the present detractors were dealt with especially the beautification of the harbour entrance and removal of the illegal and polluting derelict boats.

keep the old town look.stop the growth

"I will be dead in 20 years or less. The Town is fine as is. I do not want change. Just provide basic services and leave me with more money in my pocket to spend as I see fit."

A community where future generations can all reside and live with educational, health and small town vibe remaining

I imagine a world where the town doesn't buy brand new trucks for the workers so they can plant flowers more efficiently but instead fixes the problems instead of ignoring them. And where you don't buy a new firetruck and have nowhere to store it because you refused to extend the firehall for years and you try to make the firefighters pay for the firetrucks gas out of their own pockets if they wanted to be part of Light-Up. [removed].

"Less car focused, better transit options in town and out (and airport access)

Mixed density without postage stamp lots with no parking

Lower taxes

Modern internet infrastructure, it's odd that there's no fibre available here

Rail access to Courtenay, Victoria and to a lesser extent Nanaimo and Duncan would be handy.

Proper use of zoning to allow for housing affordability for young families so Ladysmith doesn't become no a fun qualicum beach style senior enclave."

We are a community that has many outdoor spaces for citizens to gather and use. Holland Creek trail is protected and extended, a waterfront walkway extends from the marina all the way to the Holland Creek estuary. Slag point is cleaned up and there are buildings/restaurants/and areas to play along it. There are more parks and playgrounds as well as a pump track and things for teens to do. Our downtown core is thriving and storefronts are full.

"Preservation of Holland Creek Green Space.

Keeping as much of Transfer Beach Green Space as possible."

An active community that has helped get more cars off the road and people healthier. People, food and community healthy and prosperous!

Housing for Families., perhaps through Habitat for Humanity

Family functions. Better parking for when functions are on people can access better.

Welcoming, diversity in retail, stores and restaurants open after 5pm to draw summer evening strolls! A paint or potters studio open to the public, a showcase art gallery with cafe, a brewery or winery or Cidery open to the public.

more patios on 1st.

Don't allow the big box stores in. Keep Ladysmith a small community.

A community that welcomes all. In reality we are a suburb for people who commute to work. I see Ladysmith a lot like Langford. They have done an amazing job at creating growth while keeping their shopping and downtown area a place where people want to go to. We also have some of the highest property taxes with the least amount of amenities. In order to reduce those taxes we need to grow.

I see a town that is connected by a series of trails and bike paths. These trails are the arteries of the town and are beautiful, treed and secure (not a sidewalk pretending to be a trail.)

Retains small town atmosphere while offering a variety of amenities for people of all ages. Safe, community minded and forward thinking.

Farmer's market walking distance from downtown, a bus that goes from downtown area into Nanaimo to the mall, expanded classes at Frank Jameson Center/ expanded pool like in Duncan! More affordable shopping options for people who actually live here! A real dog park for small dogs & separate for large dogs, both w/proper enclosures so dogs can't run out (or in), a Venice Boardwalk type situation at Transfer Beach/ expanded access to the beach. Slowed speed limit at Trans Can Hwy thru Lady!

Constant events in the summer, highway side of downtown refurbished and cleaned up, more businesses on Davis Road side of town, updated schools, something being done in the Travellers Hotel

More recreational activities, biking trails, bike park, more events, farmers market, laff being more inclusive to families with children over the age 5, being somewhere everyone and join and belong!

A boardwalk along the whole waterfront from North to South Ladysmith. And also an RV park.

Would ideally love Ladysmith to never leave the small town feel that gives it its charm. Where you walk down the street downtown and know everyone, shop keepers are Mom and Pop and take pride in their wares and services. Real estate doesn't continue to be unaffordable to its own residents like the current situation. Green space, trails and parks are preserved and not destroyed for profit and over development (Holland Creek trails' current destruction). [Removed]

Conserve the ecosystem around Ladysmith.

"Ladysmith had a congruous walkable downtown core with densified old town and waterfront, connected with pedestrian overpaths. The waterfront plan is completed as planned. Development has reduced in area but increased in density. Multi use trails connect the entire community in nature rich passageways. The town is a tourist destination and outdoor concerts are regular events. There is a Carly improved community center at frank Jameson. affordable housing is plentiful. Mini parks everywhere."

I know some are opposed to it but I would like to see Ladysmith grow. More young families, more businesses with things to do and places to eat. I'd like to see our Primary School get upgraded. unfortunately that building is very outdated. I would hope that as the city grows and we move past covid, we see more festivals and more opportunity for people to gather and be social as a community.

I would like to see nature happy with less construction and less disruption of the land and waters. I would like better communication within the town and its citizens. I would like to see more affordable housing for families and a better outreach program for individuals who are to scared to ask for help. I would love to see people being kind and less judgemental. I would love to

see people not afraid to speak the truth. less greed and more giving, less hatred and more loving.

"Seeds

Important

Marine

Plant

Life

Environment

I would love to see less taking of the land and more giving back. Mother Earth needs a rest once and awhile just like us humans do.

I would also like to see people being more honest and less judgemental of the less fortunate. More kindness all around. I would like there to be a safe place for our young adults to go hang out at and be comfortable."

More of what we have. Expand natural areas and parks. Extend downtown along the corridor from BelAire to Symonds and from Esplanade to 2nd Ave. Protect what we have and invite investment to expand with complementary design and businesses and activities. Create walkable neighbourhoods by bringing back neighbourhood commercial. Use design to connect neighbours and reinforce community. Hold up our values of environmental and cultural stewardship with Stz'uminus. We are doing well, can do better.

A community where young and old can come together and enjoy the parks, waterfront, walking trails, bicycle paths and still have the amenities they require in a vibrant town center - affordable housing, good grocery stores, small restaurants, bakeries, coffee shops, clothing stores, bookstores.

I see a place where artist and nature lovers prosper. I see a place where people come to visit to enjoy the art and culture. I see a trendy downtown with great food and wine/beer with outdoor dining. I see affordable housing for everyone to enjoy our community. I see our heritage being preserved and incorporated in

everything we do. I see ongoing partnerships with the Stz'uminus First Nation.

Keep the small town atmosphere intact, have some other good small businesses in the hub and encourage tourism

Expand on the artisan feel to downtown. Encourage tourism with beach campground and sunday street market. Youth programs/facilities that teenagers will participate in.

"I think a water front like Parksville has, would be great. Free outside exercise equipment for all to use, mainly designed for seniors.

Ladysmith really needs to stop the growth, it is becoming an un-desirable community for those who were born and raised here. There are becoming more and more pushy people in our community. I would like to see a community like we've had in the past, everyone from all walks of life, age, gender, chipping in to help make this community a great one again."

This town needs affordable housing for single seniors or single people with average jobs. Rent now is almost the same as Cpp and oas combined Ladysmith should not just be for the wealthy.

Needs better selection of family and adult restaurants. A new strip mall would be ideal for ease of shopping.

People gravitate to patios and places where there is a nice atmosphere to hang out. Ladysmith has a huge potential to develop a walking path along the harbor where businesses could be built and attract more people to come enjoy the city. In doing so maintain the small town feel. Also don't fill the downtown with homeless shelters it doesn't help and no need for that in downtown setting. People don't go downtown nanaimo anymore for that reason and the businesses suffer.

Flying cars

No buildings taller than 4 stories. No condominiums where the RV park was. We need more green spaces, not less.

Even though there is growth happening I feel like we should be maintaining the green spaces and access to nature for all. I feel like there are community spaces to gather with friends in all neighbourhoods and not just along 1st Ave or the mall. Transfer Beach has a farmer's market and a connection to the shops on 1st Ave to encourage people to stop and visit the Town. Monthly festivals/events to give people a reason to celebrate and get together.

Lower the hills

Inclusive and welcoming, full of support to its citizens, and visitors. Perhaps no more traffic on first Ave. foot traffic only. Public use electric bikes to get around. An outdoor market in behind first Avenue, similar to the Duncan farm market. Assistance to all who needs it. Lifting each other up for success. A beautiful waterfront for everyone to enjoy. More trails and accessible paths. Mountain biking trails. A harborfront with housing, a marina, and maybe some commercial and retail vendors.

Population has grown by 5%. There are enough family medical practitioners in town for everyone. The roads (eg 2nd ave, 4th ave) are no longer an embarrassment. We have an adequate fire hall. Transfer beach & waterfront have been thoughtfully improved. Petty crime is no longer prolific. Coronation mall parking lot and access from Davis Rd have been improved for traffic safety. A new city hall has been built on the property adjacent to the museum. Backyard chickens are allowed.

I absolutely love our town and I am so proud to be a homeowner here. One of the things I love most is the small town feel with access to all amenities. I would like to see a new community center with a larger pool and better suited to the size and needs of our community.

getting to the point where the town needs more land for future housing and businesses.,lots of services we cannot get in town thus we have to travel elsewhere

its coming to the point where ladysmith may need to expand its boundaries for future housing and businesses. we need right now more businesses in town as we have to travel to nanaimo or duncan for many items we cannot get here

Lots of housing including RENTALS, no high rises, movie theatre, redevelopment of coronation square, a fully developed beach, revamped downtown to modernize everything. Getting rid of the travellers building before it crumbles and kills people. Honestly it's an eye sore.

"The main thing I want to see is a thriving community focusing on food security, community connection, and affordable housing.

To achieve this I want to see an increase in backyard gardens, more edible landscaping in public spaces (downtown garden beds and other public places), more available community garden plots, and the allowance for backyard chickens!

Affordable housing is a huge issue right now. We need homes single, young, or other low income individuals and families can afford."

A beautiful small town with unique local shopping and protected forests and trails to feel like you are away from everything. The town offers parks, playgrounds and a beautiful track (at the high school) to promote

outdoor activities. There is a strong recycling, composting and yard waste program to help encourage recycling.

More resources/shops to keep purchases within Ladysmith. More entertainment, family restaurants that are open for longer hours, more dog friendly areas. More shops then just at Cornation or along First, let's create another area for shopping.

I would like to see a total hold on Residential Development at the Waterfront. I would like to see small, appropriate commercial opportunities at the Waterfront such as walkways, a small boutique pub/restaurant, shops and a lot more spring/summer/fall events. I would like to see every effort made to preserve Heritage Old Town include the downtown area, it is a jewel deserving of preservation.

"We should turn the train track into a bike/walking trail that connect from North Watts Rd to Transfer Beach Also, add a light at south davies intersection"

Arts and culture. A tourist destination. A unique, funky vibe with great shops with more variety, more places to eat with outdoor dining, pedestrian walkways through alleyways adorned with murals and art from local artists. Music, a place where there is live music acts and a place to go out a night. A retro movie theatre, either drive in or something like the Roxy in Victoria used to be like. An outdoor apparel and gear store. Better transit around and through town to reduce vehicle usage.

Keeping the population below 10K is critical to maintaining the lifestyle that residents want. The sprawl in single family dwellings outside the urban core is driving a car based culture that is not environmentally friendly, nor helpful in creating a strong urban core. We also need more employment generating opportunities - many residents have to

travel to Nanaimo or Duncan for work, which cuts down on the time they actually can spend in town, for recreation or shopping.

I would like to see more unused town owned spaces growing edibles instead of annuals, fruit trees instead of decorative trees. I would also like to see backyard chickens be accepted in town as they are in large urban areas.

I hope that Ladysmith continues to develop as a unique historic town in a natural treed setting. I hope that we don't end up with barren hillsides that we see in the newer areas of Nanaimo. I see the waterfront and a downtown connection as our key to financial prosperity for the town and its businesses. Although I know it will attract many visitors and will change the community feel, it will also attract Granville scale investors and amenities in our own back yard.

Waterfront development! I know funding is a main concern and grants carry the main load, but the Waterfront needs to be developed and the First Nations focus at the Arts buildings area should contribute to the sense of inclusion of the Stz'uminus people and will be a feature tourist attraction as part of the Waterfront development. The mining history and the remaining mining era homes could be added to part of the unique identity of the Town

"I would like to be able to get a family doctor here. An ideal Ladysmith for me would be one where we protected and expanded the wonderful access we have to parks and trails.

I love the community events we had before COVID and as a middle aged person with no children, I would love to see more fun, creative events aimed at adults."

I've always thought of Ladysmith as great place to raise kids. Our children are our future (thanks [removed]) attract young families, we keep them in town with

Businesses that support families. Its a self feeding system. We have people, the people spend money in town, the town getz taxes, the taxes better our town to attract more people and soon!

I would like to see a Town largely as it is today. I would like to see a thriving downtown with full store fronts offering a wider range of retail, eg: shoe shop, more clothing, jewelry etc. The range of annual festivals enjoyed by Ladysmith would continue as would Light up. The waterfront plan would be fully implemented and the area to the south of town would be a thriving light industry hub. All new residential areas would be of a high design standard.

I am hoping for a vibrant community with a strong mix of young families, young people and seniors. More diverse and inclusive. A community that has affordable housing and a mix of housing. A community known for accessible and extensive walking and bike trails and an open and accessible waterfront. A community that has good public transportation to Duncan and Nanaimo to facilitate access to needed services. More doctors and medical services. Increased beautification of the downtown.

It is beautiful but we need to do something with transfer Beach Park. Utilize the space for other opportunities.

To me, a Ladysmith that is ideal in all ways would be a Ladysmith where we focus on creating a welcoming space. Where we acknowledge our differences and strengthen our similarities. On the reserve, they don't have any compost because no one will go up there. That's something to fix. I think that in order to live peacefully we need to create bridges and find ways to help. If we can reach out to everyone of all backgrounds, orientations, races, opinions, etc. we can build everything from there.

Having lots of green space and trails. Having a positive community with no discrimination. Spaces for adolescents separate from spaces meant for children.

Our green spaces, trails, and beaches must remain protected as the natural treasure they are. We cannot grow beyond our means...Ladysmith is a very small town and it needs to stay that way or lose its charm. We do not want to become a suburb of Nanaimo.

More restaurants would be nice. A taxi service would also help. A great sea wall walk

Ensure the growth respects the environment and can provide necessary amenities for the growth, for example, water supply and sanitation.

I wish to see a vibrant downtown area. So more businesses need to be attracted to Ladysmith. NOT more cannabis shops. Natural settings maintained (Transfer Beach, Holland Creek area) plus other natural trails, parks, and areas developed. Residential developments should have oversight to ensure quality construction standards and design are undertaken. Don't need areas where all the houses are of the same design and exterior finishes. More doctors are needed as the town population increases.

More public transportation to Nanaimo and Duncan.

Everyone that lives in Ladysmith loves the small town atmosphere. It's going to be a difficult task to manage the growth without losing that atmosphere.

Keep the small town feel. Development is fine but quality well thought out new housing for look and feel of new housing needs to be a top priority. Some developments are just slapping up houses that I question the test of time in terms of how these homes will look in 10-20 years. Cramming single car homes in small lots creates more congestion for street parking and leaves the impression developers just want to reap

housing profits now without consideration for long term community feel.

a big mall

"a big mall better than wood grove kangaroo farm escalator from the school to tim hortons"

more places for fun like swimming pools or stuff like that or malls

Bigger pool, clothing mall, kangaroo farm,

i wish they would stop gatekeeping of areas and i understand they do that for reasons like vandalising but maybe put cameras

"Ladysmith should continue to be a small town.

-Ladysmith should endeavor to live in harmony with the local environment.

-Industry should be encouraged but it must be clean and sustainable.

-Local infrastructure needs to be upgraded in older parts of town. This includes streets and sidewalks."

small town feel, green spaces throughout the community interconnected with trails, waterfront area plan fully implemented, including the overhead walkway connecting the downtown with the waterfront.

"Revitalize downtown, with more local small business's geared towards an active lifestyle, families. Bringing in business's so people don't have to go to nanaimo/ Duncan for more grocery options.

Restaurants, bike lanes, dog friendly shops and areas. Lots of bike parking, etc!"

A place with better transportation within the town and between it and other areas on Vancouver Island. Better connections between the different groups of people

who live in Ladysmith, allowing us all to appreciate each other. A place where everyone has access to health care, work, healthy homes and resources for all to live without poverty or discrimination.

In the 25 years I have lived here the waterfront has been a promise. We need to get it done! I see people gathering along the waterfront. Small industry, festivals that will bring in tourism providing jobs and economic development for both downtown and the waterfront. Let's get it done!

Stop growth. Ladysmith is no longer a small town and that's what it's called.

I would love to see Ladysmith continue to have the small town feel but also grow in population and resources. Ladysmith would thrive with more shops, different varieties of food, and more activities for teens. I would like to see Ladysmith become a enjoyable place for all ages.

More trees, they shouldn't cut down more trees. No one wants a trail without trees.

a exciting place to live with family and friends. having that old heritage feel with new things o do

"I'd like to see Ladysmith remain a smallish community that recognizes and celebrates its connection to and community with the Stz'uminus - celebrate and enhance our future together.

Our youth is thriving - feeling like they have a place here, and that they can come back with their families to be part of our community.

I want service organizations and businesses to work together to build community together."

Rental properties are rare as hen's teeth in this community; build more affordable rental units. Make it easier for new businesses to open, particularly by removing restrictive parking requirements. Utilize

vacant lots for free parking. Reduce redtape for developers. Offer incentives for small businesses to spring up.

Most of all I want Ladysmith to ensure that Transfer Beach, Holland Creek Trail are saved for all future generations. For a small community we offer so many family orientated facilities. The Ladysmith Resources Centre, The Frank Jamieson Centre. Amazing facilities for a community of our size and we need to do everything to ensure this facilities continue to flourish and that as our community grows that we continue to ensure these facilities are expanded for the growing population.

A vibrant community that is economically strong. A waterfront that is open to the community. A continued strong Marina influence. Affordable housing and a town that takes care of those in need, ie homeless.

a small town, hopefully the school systems will have changed by a lot,

a better pool and an ice rink

Things to do that isn't artisan, that is boring as hell

Maybe a movie theatre or more fun activity things for the teens/kids like a skating rink or bowling alley. I hope it's not too populated because it's good that ladysmith is small and a pretty quiet town

Local business's are doing well and the downtown area is flourishing. Lots of affordable housing. The transfer beach area and harbour are beautiful

Small and peaceful but still more things to do

It would have lots of places to have fun at and hangout with your friends. The schools all are amazing and have good teachers

Less dead animals

Keeping the trails up behind malone rd,

The streets are alined in small businesses and the whole community is supporting it all the chain places are in coronation mall except Tim hot tanswhich stays where it is the old hotel is redone but still keeping the old historical view and people are living in it there's beautiful walks you can go on and there's so many trees and plants around the schools cut there time down and noticed it made the kids focus so much more because they only have to focus for a short amount of time.

If it has places for kids and teens to hangout I would describe it as perfect

I believe that ladysmith is a really great town we have town spirit but I really think we could work on the accessibility on parks for people bound to wheelchairs. In 7th grade I took part in a project that we were in wheelchairs for a full week, we went down to parks and we noticed that they weren't really accessible

I want ladysmith to kinda stay the same keep it small not to overwhelming don't add big stores keep its look

I see a town that is less car centric, has perhaps less of a downtown core and more neighbourhood hubs. Corners of commercial development where anyone could walk to a coffee shop.

Small town, people knowing and helping each other, quiet and peaceful, great trees and gardens

I would love for ladysmith to stay the same community wise but, i would love to watch our down town grow more modern and young

Safety. This town will strive on its security and ability to provide all residents and visitors a safe and nurturing environment. We will continueto showcase local art, talents and passions. See more focus on students talents around the town, and have a better sense of

community. Our schools will guarantee a space for all to feel welcome and worthy of achieving anything they put their minds too. Overall I want to see a town that comes together to provide everyone security.

Small town feel, no more big clear cut developments, focus on nature and outdoor spaces. Lively nightlife downtown, suitable for families. Protection of wild spaces, no big box stores, care for our waterways, bigger First Nations input and influence. Protection and minimal development of transfer beach. No condos for the wealthy that take up our natural wild spaces. With population increase the save on foods mall needs to be updated to accommodate more traffic, it's too congested as it is.

"No more yuppies coming here driving prices up. Old roads getting fixed up in the old town and no more dandelions on the highway meridian. Very thankful for Ladysmith Water.

Please stop shutting down first avenue for arts on the avenue or stuff like that. People live here."

High occupancy housing no more than 3 or 4 stories tall, to decrease the need for deforestation. Fully fenced dogpark at transfer beach. Board walk and shops at slack point. Maintaining natural beauty - currently being ruined by housing developement along popular trails. Green energy like those awesome sidewalks that are collect the kinetic energy from people walking and solar panels/solar fabric. Festivals for adults, as there are so many child and family centered festivals.

Moving to Nanaimo from Toronto, I've made the deliberate decision to move to a smaller town. With that, I hope for character, storytelling, history and culture. One of the first blog posts I saw online was really discouraging and mentioned that Ladysmith feels "dead" and is void of culture. I would like to describe this town as alive, peaceful, full of culture and art, and progressive. Incorporating bus transit to Nanaimo may help to provide valuable connection points.

A community connected to, and respectful of, the beautifully land we live on. Our most treasured nature spots kept as natural as possible. Our downtown core thriving with local businesses. Transfer Beach expanded and upgraded with more shoreline walking. Our schools expanded to fit our growing numbers. A town known for its beauty and focus on the health and happiness of its citizens. Small town. Strong Community.

A town that feels like a community, all ages, activities, walkable and great for cyclists Beautiful homes and gardens. People care for each other

The development of the waterfront is a great idea, but not at the cost of the land in Transfer Beach park. Every 10 years or so the idea pops up to build condos down there and people somehow forget that it's; 1) contaminated and 2) a well loved park that should stay that way.

I imagine the waterfront plan well along bits way, with a strong connection across the highway to downtown, such that it is not seen as a dividing line. Our identity and prosperity is becoming solidified through that connection and the ongoing improvements in both areas, including transfer beach and Holland creek trail.

We are 15 minutes away from a university yet there is not transit system to get students there.

Natural ecosystems and recreational spaces/hiking trails have been preserved and enhanced. Mix of housing types allows people at a variety of income levels and life stages to make Ladysmith home. Thriving local businesses still allow residents to "shop local" for produce and at the bakery, butchers, etc.

Something like the Parksville community park, with expanded playground, gardens and activities. The horseshoe pitch at transfer is vastly underused and that space could be so much more than an extension of the unleashed dog area

"Honour historical beginnings, be charming visually, a vibrant downtown centered on First Ave & branching cross streets, attract and offer services to visitors in all seasons as well as provide basics to residents downtown and in other commercial areas like Coronation Mall and along some other streets. Transfer Beach should be a top spot for activities, events, relaxation and enjoying our waterfront. Holland Creek trail should remain available and Holland Creek itself should be nurtured"

A town that retains the small town feel with independent stores and a thriving town core. A town that doesn't fall victim to the sprawl and just become a continuation of Nanaimo. A town that has a mix of all generations and activities for them all. A town that has a better education system and improved scores and rankings of its schools.

I've covered this whole thing with previous comments. The residential growth for this town is ridiculous. The population has already outgrown Ladysmith. We do not have the services to support a bigger population. Does no one from Council ever go downtown or to Coronation mall? I pay far too many taxes on my property to not be able to access a doctor, employment and reasonable shopping. If I'm going to spend \$6 on a pair of socks, I'll drive to Duncan and buy a six pack from Walmart.

I would love to see as much pride in promoting diversity and equity as ladysmithians have in the cinnamon buns!

You can enjoy a family picnic with the whole family including your dog. You dont have to be worried about being t boned because someone cant use a 4 way stop

A place with affordable homes so that families working people retirees can all live here together. Lots of walking trails good outdoor spaces good shopping

I would like to see a continued connection to Ladysmith's history while also looking to modernize its infrastructure and reduce its carbon footprint. Ladysmith is a climate and equity leader for small municipalities in BC and Canada. We establish resources and services that support people from every background and experience and we find balance as people who live in harmony with nature, working with it and not against it.

Walkable, public transit, fewer cars, bike lanes, greenways north south, infill housing, granny cabins, bungalow courts, aging in place options (with subsidized services), affordable housing, NO drive throughs, public art, intergenerational connections, true partnerships at Spirit Square project, community policing, bike cops & school liaisons, Ladysmith staff manage and maintain school fields and facilities, lawns replaced with food gardens and native plants, all houses are fire smart.

I would like to see bylaws changed so we can have small numbers of urban backyard chickens/poultry like other towns/cities have effectively adopted (Lower Mainland communities/ Nanaimo). This is a missing puzzle piece to having our town become food secure and self-sustainable. I would like to encourage "unused"/grassy spaces to be used for community gardens, especially in light of a possible economic downturn post-Covid.

See Ladysmith grow in terms of tourist industry to bring money into town. The current explosion of building that DOES NOT include affordable housing is going to put a great deal of strain on the town in terms of water and resources and raising taxes isn't going to sit well with many residents. Town needs other forms of revenue that don't include one day events but bring tourists into town for more than one day and on the town side of the hwy. We need more garbage cans in areas other than downtown

One positive thing that I saw during this pandemic was the implementation of outdoor space such as patios to help businesses keep their doors open. I feel these spaces should continue to stay, with more business being able to add. Outdoor activities like daily/ weekly markets, more food trucks etc, to get people out and about to enjoy the outdoors. dog friendly establishments where you can grab a bite and drink with your fur and human friends at the same time.

"I would prefer to see Ladysmith stay smaller in size although it has already seen significant growth that far exceeds it's capacity to function as a small heartwarming town.

With growth there has followed increased population which directly effects our water supply, housing and deforestation. The traffic and parking has become challenging at times.

As a healthcare worker at the LCHC the team has a hard time keeping up with the workload.

Simply put, the population exceeds the resources avail."

APPENDIX B – IDEAS FAIR

BIG IDEAS

Make 1st Ave Car Free

Grassroots: walk or bike a little more, use the car a little less; choose electric heat + stoves instead of natural gas; plant pollinator friendly (native if possible) plants instead of decorative

Connected green spaces; support for green shores (no more sea walls); Plant trees in neighbourhoods; Water conservation education; Slow development; Plant native species; No more lawns

Surface water/ groundwater connectivity! Permeable surfaces, rain gardens, wetlands, riparian restoration

Energy efficient homes

During subdivision development, leave more natural vegetation / trees - don't remove all the topsoil; Work on recycling electric batteries/solar panels - research; Rain water collection - maybe incentives for households; Retain wildness of local trails; Tidal power?; Compostable garbage bag mandate?; Ocean clean-up days/shoreline/parks/invasive species.

Ocean clean up

Require tree planting on new properties - don't allow fully gravelled front and/or backyards on land where forest was completely clear-cut.

Urban food foresting & 'soft' density increases.

Support electric cars

Ditto Tree Protection !!

Save as many large trees as possible and build trails along creeks + riparian areas. 500m to large forest bathing park, +trails + trail system through town. Movie theater and more places for teens to go. Bike + walkability is key for teens + as we age.

Create a living centre for young farm/garden workers to stay through the garden season to help keep up gardens that produce a lot of food but are not full farms. "Food security"

Preserve trees (bylaw?)

Stop clearing treed forested areas for development

*Urban farming. *allow chickens**

**Wind energy*

Grow hemp

Increased capacity for rain and other grey water collection, more native and low maintenance drought tolerant planting in place of annuals to be replanted year after year. Further greening of urban areas through native and hardy trees & shrubs. Reduction of mowing & seeding by replacing grassy boulevards with native hard plantings.

Stop using gas machines and gas cars.

Tree Protection Bylaw

Minimize urban sprawl by developing the "missing middle," increasing medium-density housing in areas predominantly single-detached houses, especially near commercial centres (i.e. 1st Ave, Coronation Mall).

Empower people to feel like they can make a difference by providing sustainable options - big and small! =)

Transit + Park n' Ride

Go Nuclear

More bike lanes

More ebike infrastructure

Rain water collection

A way to re-use gray water for households; Desalination of ocean water to have water for fire trucks; More electric charging stations; All new homes should be required to have solar panel.

Affordable housing!!!

MAP IT!

Current and Future Community Hearts

1. Nightlife :) Good food and drink past 9pm
2. Holland Creek Trails a favourite place to walk the dog
3. Heart Lake Trail and Stocking Lake Trail

Cherished Assets

1. Maintain parks and trails
2. Christie Falls improve access and promote
3. Maintenance of trails in Holland Creek and also surrounding forested areas
4. Make Ladysmith Community Marina THE destination for marina tourism in area
5. Temperance Hotel Historic/Heritage
8. Please keep the existing rail tracks! They are treasures!
9. The ocean free of ocean liners
10. Holland Creek Trail, Heritage homes, Old town feel, Established gardens and trees
11. -Small, Low town -No Big Box Stores! - No Towers - Swimming Ocean

General

- Waterfront
- Trails
- Downtown
- Maintain view corridor to ocean. No tall buildings to block out views
- Transfer Beach <3 (Thank-you!)

Issues and Problem Areas

1. Lack of safe highway access for growing communities. Nothing done since 1996! // Invasive species
2. Continuity of hiking biking trails. Connect CVRD Trail to Ladysmith
3. Not enough doctors and clinics.
4. Lack of highway access (left turn light) for David Road onto highway.
5. Cap the height of buildings to maximum of 3 stories.
6. Considerate development in green spaces in riparian areas // Drivers go too fast around corner. This is our house. Slow signs and barriers.
7. Keep shelters away from downtown core
8. Oceanview Community Church, Coronation Mall, the woods by the creek all 'homes' for people
9. More patrols / security downtown after 4:00 // Illegal parking at Transfer Beach - have to back onto opposite lane which then gives people on Main St. to flip over to opposite parking spot
11. Need a centre for protection of women against violence and harassment... which includes a centre for training men to respect the health and needs of women.
14. Poor planning can't accommodate considering Federal and Provincial guidelines. Look @ T.C., DFO...
15. Traffic calming measure do NOT consider safe bicycle lane access.
16. Sediment and run off into Holland Creek affecting fish habitat

General

No playground in new developments!

Root St. Park - Dogwalkers feel free to put dog poop into garbage bin inside park. This is a children's park!

High density area Forward Rd / Bayview Ave / Dogwood Ave. More parking issues. The apartments on Bayview do not use their own parking lot.

Dogwood Drive is far too busy and traffic goes too fast. Needs a few traffic calming areas from 4th Ave Exit to Bel-Aire.

Without housing opportunities our businesses will continue to struggle to find staff and ultimately shut down our businesses help make our town wonderful! :)

Ideas and Aspirations

- 1. Promotion of local products and businesses e.g. Oysters*
- 2. Develop made in Ladysmith memorabilia i.e.. Light up decorations*
- 3. BC Transit stops Ladysmith <-> Nanaimo, Ladysmith <-> Duncan Min. twice a day*
- 4. Town incentives for historic buildings for upgrades and improvements*
- 5. Develop mini golf course at Davis Road School Park. Crazy idea! :)*
- 6. Please actively support restoration of the buildings, trains, and other equipment (east of highway heritage buildings)*
- 10. Rain water collection. Create incentives for local collection of rain water for plantings*
- 12. Preserving Promoting existing biking hiking trail from Kinsmen Park to Heart Lake*

14. Basketball / Tennis net / some small cement @ Kinsmen Park

15. Cemetery Rocky Creek Trail loop

General

Create a First Nations Centre in town

Change street names from colonial aggressors to First Nations and community heroes

Incorporate Provincial Heritage Register in to the community planning / permit process like Nanaimo

Forrest Field Trail connected to Brown Drive Park and to Trans Canada Trail to Christie Falls

Have a cat bylaw!! Then maybe I wouldn't be picking up the neighbor's poop constantly from my garden

Expand bike walk path Saltair to Cedar and on

Connect transfer beach to biking/walking trail parallel to train tracks through Saltair and Chemainus

Holland Creek connection under #1 to Cowichan Trail and Transfer Beach

A local creatives inspirations hub and café for tech supporters offering courses and tech tutoring

General: Good planning for future development: parking, garbage, density

General: Less single family homes and higher density builds for families

Increase density up the hill away from town centre and waterfront. Keep buildings on main 4 storey

Increase housing density/options

No more logging within 10km of Ladysmith

Garbage cans change to foot lever to open bin

Low Cost - More evening activities! Including non-alcoholic events for community evening connections

More evening activities. The downtown closes @ 4:00pm

Down Town summer or fall community dance along 1st

*Utilize acres of land between Beach and Esplanade.
+Parks + Trails +Leisure*

Opportunities for Climate Action

1. *Eliminate industrial emissions*
2. *Use of rail trails for mixed use hiking and bicycling.
Expansion of bicycle trail from Ladysmith to Saltair*
3. *Clean up Slack Point. Environmental remediation //
Old railways converted to mixed bike and pedestrian use*
4. *Responsible industrial cleanup / use*
5. *Fire break Plans for NW town*
6. *Restoration of Holland Creek and Estuary*
7. *Preservation of greenspace/wildlife/ecosystem corridors*

General

Advice to new home builders for environmentally friendly builds

Tree-lined boulevards!

Support people creating sustainable greenspace properties so they can pass them on at decent prices for other young gardeners.

Other

Fast EV charge

I'd be happy to pay a fee for charging my car

Recognize and support and encourage all things L.S.S and the Ladysmith Community Marina. I was born here in the 1940s and the work at this marina has been AMAZING! It is a JEWEL.

DREAMING TREE



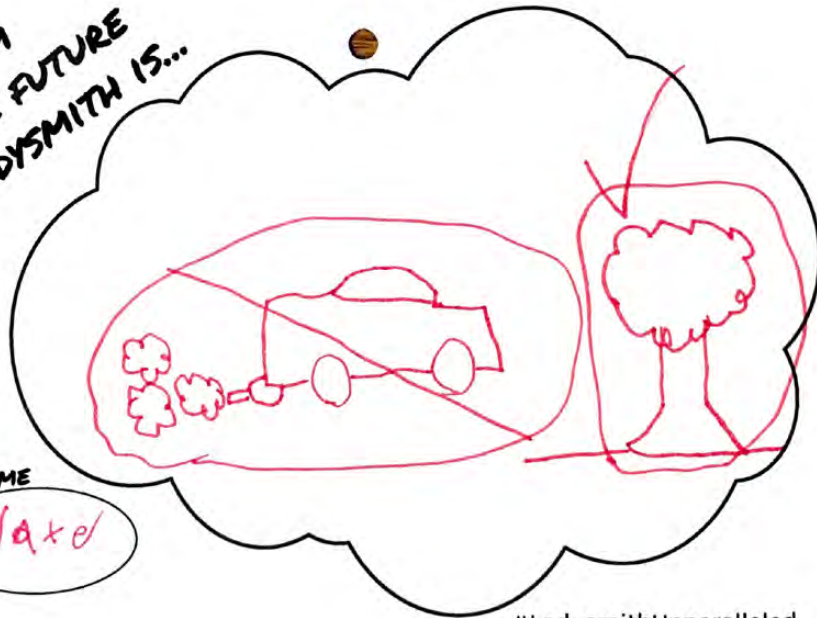
MY DREAM
FOR THE FUTURE
OF LADYSMITH IS...

AGE

9

NAME

Nate



#LadysmithUnparalleled

MY DREAM
FOR THE FUTURE
OF LADYSMITH IS...

AGE

54

NAME

Jodie



#LadysmithUnparalleled

MY DREAM
FOR THE FUTURE
OF LADYSMITH IS...

Integrating generations
CHILD CARE AT SENIORS
SPACES. OR Programs that
integrate the generations
wisdom meets new age!!

AGE

56

NAME

Jodie

#LadysmithUnparalleled

MY DREAM
FOR THE FUTURE
OF LADYSMITH IS...

Change street
names from colonial
soldiers to First Nations'
heroes and other up to
date and modern
community leaders!

AGE

72

NAME

Marguerite

#LadysmithUnparalleled

MY DREAM
FOR THE FUTURE
OF LADYSMITH IS...

more sport teams/
options!

AGE

14

NAME

Ellie

#LadysmithUnparalleled

MY DREAM
FOR THE FUTURE
OF LADYSMITH IS...



AGE

NAME

#LadysmithUnparalleled

MY DREAM
FOR THE FUTURE
OF LADYSMITH IS...

Urban agriculture

- backyard chickens
- food forest in public spaces



Trees on easements along sidewalks
Increased grey water collection

AGE



NAME

Naami

#LadysmithUnparalleled

MY DREAM
FOR THE FUTURE
OF LADYSMITH IS...

More green space

+ TREES

AGE



NAME



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MY DREAM
FOR THE FUTURE
OF LADYSMITH IS...

AGE

NAME



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MY DREAM
FOR THE FUTURE
OF LADYSMITH IS...

AGE

NAME

JA.

- Affordable Housing
- Safe green space
- hiking area
- Rec facility south end

#LadysmithUnparalleled

MY DREAM
FOR THE FUTURE
OF LADYSMITH IS...

More trees

AGE

11

NAME

Giles

#LadysmithUnparalleled

MY DREAM
FOR THE FUTURE
OF LADYSMITH IS...

For the Community
to elect council men's
that understand lost
opportunities from
years past !!!

AGE

80+

NAME

VERA

#LadysmithUnparalleled

MY DREAM
FOR THE FUTURE
OF LADYSMITH IS...

AGE

D

NAME

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#LadysmithUnparalleled

MY DREAM
FOR THE FUTURE
OF LADYSMITH IS...

AGE

6

NAME

Kierah



#LadysmithUnparalleled

MY DREAM
FOR THE FUTURE
OF LADYSMITH IS...

To see a
killer whale

AGE
6

NAME

Levi

#LadysmithUnparalleled

MY DREAM
FOR THE FUTURE
OF LADYSMITH IS...

MORE BIKE
LANES

AGE
9

NAME

CRAYSON

#LadysmithUnparalleled

MY DREAM
FOR THE FUTURE
OF LADYSMITH IS...

Bike Lanes
Walkability
Everyone 10 min
from Green Space
and Parks

AGE
39

NAME

Goff

#LadysmithUnparalleled

MY DREAM
FOR THE FUTURE
OF LADYSMITH IS...

Advancing the
Waterfront Plan. (Moving
far too slow now)

AGE
64

NAME

Gord

#LadysmithUnparalleled

MY DREAM
FOR THE FUTURE
OF LADYSMITH IS...

More neighborhood
boulevards with flowers and
trees in the middle.

(neighbours can adopt
chunks to care for)

AGE

29

NAME

Rebecca

#LadysmithUnparalleled

MY DREAM
FOR THE FUTURE
OF LADYSMITH IS...

100 ^{acres} ~~acres~~ of perfect
Forest that is accessible

AGE

1-1

NAME

#LadysmithUnparalleled

IN THEIR SHOES

In their shoes...



Use this form to write your suggestions about how the Ladysmith Official Community Plan update can help meet the person's needs that are described on your card.

Name of person on card: Tessa Harry

Your suggestions... Have a number of local businesses eager to invest in young emerging adults by offering job experience and coaching.



In their shoes...



Use this form to write your suggestions about how the Ladysmith Official Community Plan update can help meet the person's needs that are described on your card.

Name of person on card: Jim Byskal

Your suggestions...
 provide incentives for installation of home quick charge stations. Install stations at key hubs in town.
 create ride share hubs w/ charging stations.
 Collaborate w/ other municipalities to
 get a commuter train going.



In their shoes...



Use this form to write your suggestions about how the Ladysmith Official Community Plan update can help meet the person's needs that are described on your card.

Name of person on card: Azra + Ahmet Khan

Your suggestions...

Provide smaller dwelling housing close to the downtown core so that these ~~two~~ can downsize and be within a ~~can~~ denser community so they feel less lonely. Promote recreation (indoor + outdoor) opportunities so that they can connect to new hobbies.



In their shoes...



Use this form to write your suggestions about how the Ladysmith Official Community Plan update can help meet the person's needs that are described on your card.

Name of person on card: The Chans

Your suggestions...

Create zones near the downtown core i.e. White Street where new multi-tenancy construction is encouraged.



In their shoes...



Use this form to write your suggestions about how the Ladysmith Official Community Plan update can help meet the person's needs that are described on your card.

Name of person on card: Pamela Elison

Your suggestions...

Establish and "stick to it" commercial development zones.
Too much waffling and disregarding zoning plans that are already in existence.
Be consistent!



In their shoes...



Use this form to write your suggestions about how the Ladysmith Official Community Plan update can help meet the person's needs that are described on your card.

Name of person on card: Jim Byskal

Your suggestions...

Create electrified transportation corridor for E-Bike and E-courier route from Ladysmith to Naramo.



In their shoes...



Use this form to write your suggestions about how the Ladysmith Official Community Plan update can help meet the person's needs that are described on your card.

Name of person on card: Jim Byskal

Your suggestions...

Convert the railway to mixed use trail so that Jim can cycle to work in Nanaimo.
Implement transit service between Nanaimo & Ladysmith.



In their shoes...



Use this form to write your suggestions about how the Ladysmith Official Community Plan update can help meet the person's needs that are described on your card.

Name of person on card: _____

Your suggestions...

- ① Low Taxes
- ② ↑ Building Heights
- ③ TOD - Transit orientated develop
- ④ H₂O - built Dam higher



In their shoes...



Use this form to write your suggestions about how the Ladysmith Official Community Plan update can help meet the person's needs that are described on your card.

Name of person on card: Ben Valencia

Your suggestions... Creating some side streets or alley access to be used strictly for walking/cycling or limiting the vehicle access to those who live on that street. Create thoroughfare plan without adding a lot of extra cost for bike lane which could maybe be added in future plans.



In their shoes...



Use this form to write your suggestions about how the Ladysmith Official Community Plan update can help meet the person's needs that are described on your card.

Name of person on card: The Chen's

Your suggestions... If they need to get a larger apartment which would leave them less income for other luxuries. (or essentials) making some of those things cost less. Like free pool access, community lunches, community movie nights, or child minding services more available.
Keep a walking/biking access so would limit the expense of 2 vehicles. which ↓ \$ for buy 2 cars, 2 auto insurances etc.



In their shoes...



Use this form to write your suggestions about how the Ladysmith Official Community Plan update can help meet the person's needs that are described on your card.

Name of person on card: Ben Valencia

Your suggestions...

Reduce Non major routes
to 30 ~~mph~~ kph.
Put in photo radar to
stop speeders. Mark Routes
(W) photo radar!



In their shoes...



Use this form to write your suggestions about how the Ladysmith Official Community Plan update can help meet the person's needs that are described on your card.

Name of person on card: CHANS

Your suggestions...

Allow suites & carriage
homes. This allows the
neighborhood to keep its
character and allows families
to have yards, pets
neighborhoods.



In their shoes...



Use this form to write your suggestions about how the Ladysmith Official Community Plan update can help meet the person's needs that are described on your card.

Name of person on card: Pamela Elisore

Your suggestions...

Ensure that not only is housing development increasing, but also opportunity for retail + industry!
Work with the local Chamber of Commerce + Economic Dev.



In their shoes...



Use this form to write your suggestions about how the Ladysmith Official Community Plan update can help meet the person's needs that are described on your card.

Name of person on card: Jim Byskal

Your suggestions...

expand connectivity with BC transit or the railway system across from Victoria - Nanaimo.



In their shoes...

Use this form to write your suggestions about how the Ladysmith Official Community Plan update can help meet the person's needs that are described on your card.

Name of person on card: Marica Erickson

Your suggestions...

There needs to be more options for living in the downtown core. More condo/apartment opportunities.

**In their shoes...**

Use this form to write your suggestions about how the Ladysmith Official Community Plan update can help meet the person's needs that are described on your card.

Name of person on card: JESSA HARRY

Your suggestions...

More diverse housing options! Rancher, tiny home, apartment, town home, condo, single detached homes, rental suites, student/youth co-op housing.



In their shoes...



Use this form to write your suggestions about how the Ladysmith Official Community Plan update can help meet the person's needs that are described on your card.

Name of person on card: Azra + Ahmet Khan

Your suggestions...

We need to start diversifying neighborhoods with options for single detached homes, ranchers, homes with suites instead of building just large family homes.



In their shoes...



Use this form to write your suggestions about how the Ladysmith Official Community Plan update can help meet the person's needs that are described on your card.

Name of person on card: Azra + Ahmet Khan

Your suggestions... *More low density elder apartments.*

Change by-laws to allow for tiny homes or other structures for living on the property they already have.

Create intentional living communities - co-ops / stratas.



ABOUT YOU COMMENTS

① Please keep the existing rail tracks and support ~~rest~~ restoration of #11 Locomotive, The Hurdinger, and other equipment + buildings at the Corro logging + Railway site.

They are treasures!

Please preserve Ladysmith's uniqueness

② please minimize pavement where possible!

③ please encourage residents to grow drought tolerant plants, and maximise ~~them~~ them in public areas eg. ~~to parks~~ parks, schools, ~~road~~ roadside gardens.

I would love to see more hiking trails + perhaps a swimming pool/Rec centre for the South end.
Thanks!

- Would love to see more development and attractions around transfer beach / slack point
- More in-fill w carriage houses in "Old town" neighbourhood
- Improvements to skate park
- "pump track" for kids w bikes... maybe @ brown Drive

Ladysmith has been my home my whole life. I aspire to live, work and raise my family here too, but with no housing diversity, I fear I will need to move away from my home + family if I want to afford to own a home and start a family.

APPENDIX C – STUDENT WORKSHOPS

**1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years.
What do you hope to see?**

I hope to see more town activities

**2 Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith.
Where were you and what made it special?**

Light up, downtown Ladysmith

**3 If you could improve one thing
about your community,
what would it be and why?**

I would improve more team activities
because that is important.

1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years.
What do you hope to see?

I hope to see more town activities

2 Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith.
Where were you and what made it special?

light up because I was
in the parade

3 If you could improve one thing
about your community,
what would it be and why?

more teen activities

**1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years.
What do you hope to see?**

I hope to see better traffic ways etc.
Like making it less busy at certain places

2

**Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith.
Where were you and what made it special?**

I was down town ~~at~~ with my friends and
we had a birthday party at times

**3 If you could improve one thing
about your community,
what would it be and why?**

more parking at Coronation mall to ~~make it~~
make it less busy.

**1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years.
What do you hope to see?**

The Beach still looking nice, newer houses,
It still being a small town where it's safe
for kids to walk around.

**2 Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith.
Where were you and what made it special?**

My favourite time would be when me and my friends
sat at the far side of the Beach (Transfer
Beach) and we sat there singing to our favourite
songs during summer, late at night.

**3 If you could improve one thing
about your community,
what would it be and why?**

More activities for us teens to do. We can't
sit in times because we get kicked out for
being too loud and the only other place is
the beach. It gets boring after a while. We need
more.

**1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years.
What do you hope to see?**

I hope to see A ~~ice~~ hockey rink in 30 years.
A ~~hockey~~

**2 Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith.
Where were you and what made it special?**

light up. I was downtown and hanging out with friends
made it special.

**3 If you could improve one thing
about your community,
what would it be and why?**

I would improve the sports teams. It would be better
with more sports teams.

1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years.
What do you hope to see?

~~My Mom again~~

Snow!!

A still nice
Small town
with lots of forest

2

**Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith.
Where were you and what made it special?**

transfer beach at the old Playground

3 If you could improve one thing
about your community,
what would it be and why?

More affordable housing with property

**1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years.
What do you hope to see?**

more accesibility for wheelchairs
more teen attraction

2

**Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith.
Where were you and what made it special?**

Christmas time

**3 If you could improve one thing
about your community,
what would it be and why?**

more places for teens to hangout
so we don't have to be bored @ home
or go to durrum or Nan.

1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years.
What do you hope to see?

some cool stores more modern
activities

2 Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith.
Where were you and what made it special?

Dogwood baseball park playing
with my team and winning
it was special because
I was with my freinds

3 If you could improve one thing
about your community,
what would it be and why?

I think just more
activities for fun

1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years.
What do you hope to see?

More businesses/job opportunities

2 Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith.
Where were you and what made it special?

The school gym, hanging out with friends

3 If you could improve one thing
about your community,
what would it be and why?

More business, commerce, and affordable housing

**1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years.
What do you hope to see?**

- A New park at transfer beach, like the old wooden park that used to be there.
- A bowling alley in ladysmith / a place for teens to hang out.

**2 Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith.
Where were you and what made it special?**

My favourite times in ladysmith is always when we have "light up"^{downtown ladysmith}, love being with my friends and family and it's so pretty.

**3 If you could improve one thing
about your community,
what would it be and why?**

Get some more new stores downtown ladysmith.
Not sure why just would be fun.

**1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years.
What do you hope to see?**

Better transportation systems

Zoo

2

**Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith.
Where were you and what made it special?**

Light up

Hanging out with buddies
When Carloses was here and open

**3 If you could improve one thing
about your community,
what would it be and why?**

~~More help for the~~ ~~unfortunates~~

~~More help for the~~ ~~unfortunates~~

More mental health help
Open for everyone

**1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years.
What do you hope to see?**

- + club
- + bowling alley
- + nice coffee shop (comfortable / more offers)
- + movie theater
- + clothing stores
- + bus system
- + bike renting / car sharing
- + open office / workspace
- + decriminalize
- + restaurants

2

**Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith.
Where were you and what made it special?**

- + Transfer beach
- + fairy lights (night time)
- + Oldtown bakery
- + 49th cafe
- + holland creek trail

**3 If you could improve one thing
about your community,
what would it be and why?**

- + painting on skatepark
- + realness in the community
- + music events
- + events

1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years. What do you hope to see?

- interactive museum LIBRARY
 - openly available playgrounds
 - open town square (pedestrian area)
 - infrastructure (green energy / hydro?): train, public bus system
 - science centre (phenomena (example Flensburg))
 - ocean incorporation (research) <=> leisure activities: diving, sailing etc.
 - rock climbing (indoors?)
- rooftop housing, school surroundings
 - climbing park → trees
 - housing, communication
 - fountains / art / architecture → water redirection, light pollution / use,
 - tech display
 - history, library, trail system
 - glass walk → height difference
 - picknick area, gondola
 - more qualified doctors

2

Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith. Where were you and what made it special?

- we spend a lot of time on Tranter Beach (beautiful view)
- Holland Creek trail
- Tim Hortons
- cafés → good eating possibilities
- volleyball net → beach
- harbour
- thrift store
- old town bakery

3 If you could improve one thing about your community, what would it be and why?

- reading, discussion of media and literature to connect generations
 - school: fire drills with department
 - tech displays
 - more interaction, meeting places, calm corners, gardens, fountains, play grounds, light show etc, architecture → art, painting,
 - public transport, housing and living to healthy merge
 - planning taking already existing structures into account
- cooking → open restaurants; animal farms → produce, origin + waste

**1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years.
What do you hope to see?**

I hope to see less construction. The last few years, the trails have constantly had construction and now some areas look too interfered with. I also hope to see stores open later. It would be nice to have a night life available.

**2 Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith.
Where were you and what made it special?**

My favourite time in Ladysmith is almost always on the trail and/or at the beach. Since the town is pretty quiet, it's nice to take the heads out of the suburbs and be surrounded by nature.

**3 If you could improve one thing
about your community,
what would it be and why?**

Stores closing later would be an improvement.

1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years. What do you hope to see?

The town size increased? More shops and houses
 Well more downtown shops and restaurants. maybe even a
 entertain center like a Cinema? (they had one in the late 1800s - early 1900s
 but they probably shut that down after a while).
 More tourist/town attraction, instead of just transfer bay to
 hang around.
 Old houses/run down houses rebuilt? A lot of the 1950s ~70s houses
 have issues (?).

2 Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith. Where were you and what made it special?

- Community volunteering/activities
 City cadets, volunteer/summer job at museum or other town facilities
- light up parade/festive/ or where they decorated the town.

3 If you could improve one thing about your community, what would it be and why?

- Housing in Ladysmith
 (very expensive/old houses
 from the 50/60s)
- safe highway crossing (?)
- to shorten the time they use the
 coloured decorating lights during winter
 to save power. (electricity)

1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years.
What do you hope to see?

2 Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith.
Where were you and what made it special?

- Strong Man Competition (Transfer Beach)
- Light up
- Ladysmith Days
-

3 If you could improve one thing
about your community,
what would it be and why?

1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years. What do you hope to see?

- Clothes stores
- More restaurants
- More activities
- Arena
- Whole foods
- Womens clinic
- Bigger hospital
- Another main street



2

Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith. Where were you and what made it special?

- Ladysmith light-up, being w/ community and friends.
- Transfer Beach, hanging out w/ friends enjoying nature.

3 If you could improve one thing about your community, what would it be and why?

- A Bus to Nanaimo for access to their community.
- More affordable housing / homes for the homeless so they don't have to go to Nanaimo.

1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years. What do you hope to see?

- community growth
- shopping options
- having places downtown open later
- develop marina / boardwalk
- more nature throughout town
- ♥ - bring the trolley back! ♥
- upgrade school (interior & exterior)
- women's clinic

2 Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith. Where were you and what made it special?

- Light Up: people in the Christmas spirit coming together to celebrate the holiday
- Ladysmith Days: the fireworks were so exciting

3 If you could improve one thing about your community, what would it be and why?

- More development in regards to downtown (e.g. shops, cafes)

1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years. What do you hope to see?

More expansion = more forests planted
More commercial areas within Ladysmith
More small businesses
Less carbon emissions / more ecofriendly options
~~More~~ cheaper options are ecofriendly

2 Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith. Where were you and what made it special?

- Going to the bakery for the first time (The ~~very~~ feeling of small town togetherness... and cinnamon buns)
- Joining the Improv team at the school (The feeling of being in a group)

3 If you could improve one thing about your community, what would it be and why?

- More green walls and roofs on large and/or commercial buildings

1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years. What do you hope to see?

- more parking
- hotel - like when they have a best western.
- affordable living (apartments)
- restaurants
- ~~more walking trails~~
- more walking trails
- hockey arena
- more events during holidays
- more activities on the beach

2 Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith. Where were you and what made it special?

Lydia:

- i went to a camp during the summer at transfer beach, im not sure if that takes place anymore.

Jorie

- a few years back, every thursday (i think) my papa would take me to the a&w to the car show in the summer time.

Lydia: Setting up lights with my class downtown. helping the people who have to do it.

Moving somewhere with cheaper houses and more affordable living.

Kennedy

3 If you could improve one thing about your community, what would it be and why?

- how much litter there is in the trails, water and on the roads properly making fines for that.
- I know some roads don't get snow plowed I'd like to change that as everyone needs to get to work and school.

CHLOE & CIANNA

**1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years.
What do you hope to see?**

More Trees or no more Trees cut down.
I don't want Ladysmith to turn into a city.

A clean Town/no garbage.

- equality
- a mall
- a board walk
- an spca
- healthy environment
- more access to the public for everyone (ex. wheel chair ramps & elevators).
- clean streets (no garbage & pollution)
- newer school
- more affordable housing
- a community center that is well advertised & provides basic human health products

**2 Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith.
Where were you and what made it special?**

A special memory for me in Ladysmith was at Transfer Beach my family/stz/uminus First nations and the Ladysmith Community celebrating Indigenous Day.

going to heart lake with my class.

3 If you could improve one thing about your community, what would it be and why?

Improve on cutting down trees/stop cutting down trees
To build houses or buildings
Stop cutting down trees cause we need to breathe.

Stop cutting down trees, taking action as a community against racism, homophobia and abelism. Snow plow all roads.

**1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years.
What do you hope to see?**

Protected area around heart lake
An Actual mall where coronation mall is
A better Museum
more houses in a less populated area
Bigger hotel
Better Transit

**2 Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith.
Where were you and what made it special?**

Pre-teen group in the Pec Room at the FJCC

light up under the tree

**3 If you could improve one thing
about your community,
what would it be and why?**

Police station
Town today Put more trash can
around the town

**1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years.
What do you hope to see?**

trains!
 up keep of historical buildings
 expand museum
 keep theme of town
 more activities like a theater
 animal bridges
 animal shelter

**2 Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith.
Where were you and what made it special?**

- light up night downtown, it was magical.
- my first time at the old town bakery, yummy!
- every time i went to the old wooden park at the beach, it was so fun and much better than the new one.
- light up night downtown at the tree light up the lights reminded me of the past & futures memories me/my family will/had have.

**3 If you could improve one thing
about your community,
what would it be and why?**

- preserve the historical buildings and trails
- adding more trails

**1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years.
What do you hope to see?**

SPCA

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Animal bridges If there has to be cars have them be electric
with decomposable or recyclable batteries

Wildlife

Trash ocean robot

Spring fossil fuels so we
don't run out

Marine^{life} hospital / center

Protected area - no

not bonfires in wild, no

hunting in Ladysmith

Bikes instead of cars

Geothermal heating so there is
no burning fossil fuels
solar panels on houses

2

**Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith.
Where were you and what made it special?**

Hiking with my mom I was special because I really love nature.

Playing in the snow in the forest it was special because I love nature and
it was really beautiful and I was able to be with my friends I was in the
hills my friends found off holland creek trail where an old dirt bike trail was.

Light up with my family and friends, when we sat
on the corner of bumble bunnys. With blankets and hot
chocolate

**3 If you could improve one thing
about your community,
what would it be and why?**

Solar panels on houses

~~we~~ we use less electricity and burning fossil fuels.

So we

stop using fossil fuels

Emm + Clara

1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years. What do you hope to see?

Mostly the same, more aesthetic shops, less litter on the ground, electric bikes/scooters to rent, doubled in size. all buildings part to use

2 Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith. Where were you and what made it special?

Emm
transfer beach

Clara
when i was little and would go to the
old transfer beach park

3 If you could improve one thing about your community, what would it be and why?

after four ^{almost} everything closes, more after dark activities, more restaurants
more activities with the community,

1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years. What do you hope to see?

More inclusivity for LGBT, POC, etc people
(i.e. gender neutral bathrooms)

Some where to receive tutoring/education

less crack heads / druggies.

less people

not modern

Modern = stinky



more art / modes

2

Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith. Where were you and what made it special?

My first time at LSS for
an aboriginal language event.

when was at not lady smith

- yoda

- Sun Tzu: the art of war



mogles

the arcade



3 If you could improve one thing about your community, what would it be and why?

Hills Accessibility for people
w/ disabilities, because they
deserve it.

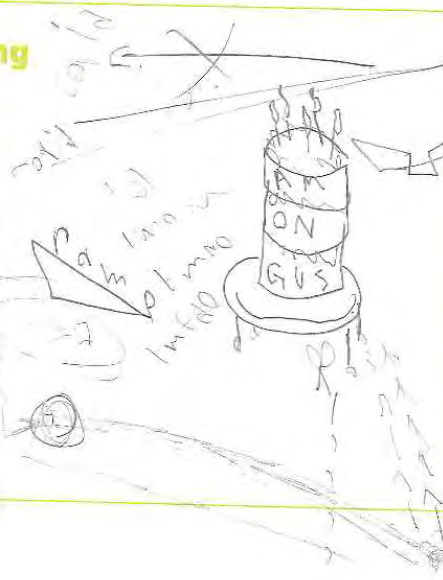
that (with)

(make flame throwers legal)

Affordable transportation

housing

affordable
mobility



- 1** Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years.
What do you hope to see?

- 2** Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith.
Where were you and what made it special?

Ladysmith light up all the lights made it special

- 3** If you could improve one thing
about your community,
what would it be and why?

**1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years.
What do you hope to see?**

- 1, I hope there is a road to the beach
- 2, I want Carlos
- 3, Carlos (cause in fat and don't wanna walk up the hill)
4. the beach has sandy not rocky

**2 Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith.
Where were you and what made it special?**

winning the dogwood cup
on the steelers

**3 If you could improve one thing
about your community,
what would it be and why?**

- Sandy beaches = so I don't get cut every time
I go swimming
- no more drugs at skate and every
where
- Carlos

1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years. What do you hope to see?

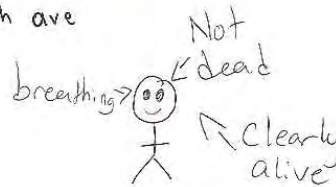
- less garbage on the streets
- More trees being planted
- Promote small businesses



2

Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith. Where were you and what made it special?

- When I moved to Ladysmith 4th ave
- The fact we're alive
- When I saw a whale on my boat
- Light up



3 If you could improve one thing about your community, what would it be and why?

- More people cleaning the streets / oceans
- bringing the trolley??



DANCE CLUB



1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years.
What do you hope to see?

I want it to look like vancouver.
pasta shop

2

Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith.
Where were you and what made it special?

when i got my dog
Playing baseball against my friends.
when I was younger.
the time I football when i wasn't
supposed to.
when i ate pasta

3 If you could improve one thing
about your community,
what would it be and why?

make more pasta shops
More diversity in food, more restaurants.
more genders for people to identify with
make supras legal

- 1** Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years.
What do you hope to see?

Bike Park

- 2** Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith.
Where were you and what made it special?

The old bike jumps at brown
drift

- 3** If you could improve one thing
about your community,
what would it be and why?

build a good bike park

1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years. What do you hope to see?

- A Town that is clean and lots of activities for people to have fun
- Updated sports complexes eg. new basketball court, Rubber track, better football field, etc.
- Improve small business such as Carlos place

2 Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith. Where were you and what made it special?

- Downtown during night up
- It was special because I could hangout with friends

3 If you could improve one thing about your community, what would it be and why?

- Less smoke shops so our healthier

**1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years.
What do you hope to see?**

- Hockey Arena
- Indoor basketball court
- bike park

**2 Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith.
Where were you and what made it special?**

- Old Brown drive Bike Jumps
- Trolly, bring it back
- playing school basketball

**3 If you could improve one thing
about your community,
what would it be and why?**

- More community sports o rinks/fields/courts
- chair lift bike park x2

1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years.
What do you hope to see?

Trees

2 Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith.
Where were you and what made it special?

up in the forest

3 If you could improve one thing
about your community,
what would it be and why?

keep the forest

**1 Imagine Ladysmith in 30 years.
What do you hope to see?**

fun community events

a PUBLIC and Free to use rec room

public bathrooms

homeless shelter

working trails (for the whole island really)



2

**Remember a favourite time in Ladysmith.
Where were you and what made it special?**

Old town/time Ladysmith (elf on the shelf event) ~~just~~ walking around after
walking through heland creek trail with two friends
dark looking at all the
lights is really
nice

**3 If you could improve one thing
about your community,
what would it be and why?**

make sure the wildlife and forests are PROTECTED!
it would be a shame for it to ~~be~~ get replaced by houses.

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