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## SIGN UP FOR OUR ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Call City Hall 250.245.6400, sign up on our website [www.ladysmith.ca](http://www.ladysmith.ca), or send an email to [info@ladysmith.ca](mailto:info@ladysmith.ca) to be added to our electronic newsletter mailing list. You can choose to receive City Hall News, Parks, Recreation & Culture News and/or Emergency Information right in your email inbox in a safe, secure e-newsletter.

## TOWN NEWS YOU CAN USE

**Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee (PRCAC)** - The Town's Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee (PRCAC) has vacancies for members to fill a two-year term, ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The mandate of the PRCAC is to assist Council by providing advice and recommendations on matters referred by Council and to provide input supporting the Parks, Recreation & Culture Master Plan. The PRCAC meets monthly, September to June, or at the call of the Chair.

Please access more information and an application by visiting: <https://www.ladysmith.ca/volunteer>

**Summer Events in Ladysmith** - Summer is finally here, and with that the Town will see the return of many volunteer-led events, such as Concerts in the Park, Ladysmith Days, Ladysmith Show n Shine, Arts on the Avenue, Light up the Night, and more. For details on these events, go to the Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce webpage: <https://www.ladysmithcofc.com/calendar>.

**Annual Cemetery Clean Up** - Town Parks crews are completing clean up work at the Ladysmith Cemetery as we work to keep the grounds beautiful.

Any floral tributes and trinkets found in an acceptable condition that are removed to allow for maintenance can be picked up by contacting Infrastructure Services at 250.245.6445.

**Emergency and Routine Notifications through the CVRD** - Sign up for the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) Emergency Alert Registration service to receive information on Evacuation Routes, Alerts and Orders and available/open ESS Reception Centres.

To register, visit: [www.cowichanalert.ca](http://www.cowichanalert.ca).



## JULY 2024 LADYSMITH LINKS

### STAGE 1 WATER RESTRICTION

Regular Stage 1 Watering Restrictions are in effect from May 1 to October 31 annually for the Town of Ladysmith, Diamond Improvement District and Stz'uminus First Nation. We encourage you to check our site frequently for updates throughout the season.

These regular annual restrictions are intended to help control water usage as we start watering lawns and gardens with the warmer, drier weather. The restrictions are in place to ensure that the Town can maintain adequate fire-flows in the event of an emergency.

Don't forget that for a limited time, the Town of Ladysmith is offering one 50% rebate up to a maximum of \$75 per household for installing a minimum 189 litre (50 gallon) rain barrel. The rain barrel must be manufactured from a BPA-free Polyethylene material. The rebate is available on a first come, first served basis until funds are exhausted. Learn more at <https://www.ladysmith.ca/our-services/water/water-rebate-rebates>.

Being water-wise throughout the year can also save you money. With a little effort, we can reduce the amount of water we use at home by as much as 40%!

### YOUTH BLOOM IN LADYSMITH

Did you know Ladysmith has a weekly program from June to December that not only empowers teenagers, but provides them with valuable life skills and knowledge?

YOUth Bloom is a comprehensive initiative designed to promote health and wellness among youth aged 13-19 in Ladysmith and Stz'uminus through food literacy and cooking, mentorship and skills training.

A key component of YOUth Bloom is food literacy and cooking skills, which educates youth about the interconnectedness of food and emphasizes nutritious and culturally significant foods, all while promoting a holistic understanding of diet and health. The initiative

also includes farm-to-table gardening, providing hands-on experience in horticulture and urban farming.

Additionally, YOUth Bloom offers Skills Training through certification workshops such as Food Safe and First Aid. The program also provides youth-led mentorship and leadership training, which provides volunteer opportunities that encourage community engagement, connection, and potential future employment.

Funded by Island Health, YOUth Bloom is a partnership program between the Town of Ladysmith, Stz'uminus First Nation, and Ladysmith Secondary School.

To register or for more information, please e-mail [prc@ladysmith.ca](mailto:prc@ladysmith.ca).

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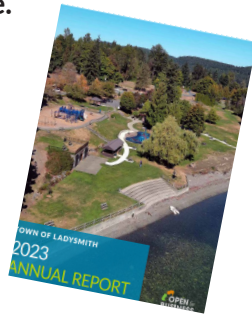




## 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2023 Annual Report is available on the Town's website.

The document provides a summary of Council's achievements over the last year on its five strategic priorities: Infrastructure, Waterfront, Community Plan, Economy and Leadership.



It also includes a copy of the Town's 2023 Financial Statements and Statistical Information.

## ATVS ON TOWN TRAILS

All-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are fun to drive for many and allow riders to access off-road trails they might not easily reach on foot.

During the warmer summer months, please take extreme care with any activity in forested areas that could pose a risk of wildfire.

Please be aware that only authorized ATVs and other motorized vehicles are allowed on all Town of Ladysmith trails.

## ENHANCING THE LADYSMITH SKATEPARK

The Ladysmith Skatepark Collective will transform the skatepark into a more vibrant and inviting community space over the next several weeks.

Working with the Town, the Collective will implement the following key elements of the project:

- **Painting the Skatepark:** By adding colourful and dynamic artwork, the skatepark will become a more visually appealing area, encouraging gathering and outdoor activity.
- **Showcasing Artistic Talent:** The project aims to highlight the creativity of local artists, providing a platform for both skatepark users and community members to appreciate and enjoy the artwork.
- **Engaging Skatepark Users:** Involving those who use the skatepark in the enhancement process ensures that the space reflects the community's spirit and meets the needs of its users.

The Town looks forward to seeing this project come to life and the positive impact it will have on our community.

## UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS DUE AUGUST 29, 2024

Utility Bills for April to June are due August 29, 2024. We encourage you to pay online through your financial institution. However, payments can be made in person at City Hall using debit, cash or cheque, by mail or by using our after-hours drop box.

If you have questions about your bill, please call 250.245.6400 or email: [billing@ladysmith.ca](mailto:billing@ladysmith.ca).



## FIRESMART: CONTROLLING VEGETATION

Did you know that uncontrolled vegetation, such as tall grass, is a fire hazard, particularly when the weather is hot and dry? That's why it is important to maintain landscaping and ensure that vegetation on all property, including vacant land, is controlled. Help reduce the risk of fires this summer by controlling the vegetation on your property.

Communities whose residents take steps to reduce their vulnerability have a greater chance of surviving a wildfire without the intervention of the fire department.

When everyone is practical and proactive, it's possible to reduce the risk of wildfire before it threatens your home and community. Some of these preventative measures cost very little and reduce fire dangers by a great deal.

## WILDLIFE AWARE

Nature is right on our doorstep and this means always being mindful of how human activity impacts wildlife.

At this time of year, wildlife can be spotted more frequently. Don't leave garbage or compost outdoors. Use caution when on the trails. If you see a bear or

cougar, please report it immediately.

Reports of wildlife in an urban setting or reports of wildlife in conflict should always be reported to the BC Conservation Officer Service Conservation reporting line 1-877-952-7277 (RAPP) or #7277 on the TELUS Mobility Network.

## TOWN PET POLICY

To ensure safety and cleanliness, dogs are not permitted on playgrounds or playing fields in Ladysmith, including the new town pitch. This policy is in place to provide a secure and sanitary environment for children and athletes, preserving the quality and usability of our recreational areas.

For dog owners, Ladysmith offers several alternatives where pets can enjoy outdoor activities. Transfer Beach Park features designated off-leash fenced areas, while Holland Creek Trail is an excellent spot for unleashed walks. Please keep your dog under control.

We appreciate your cooperation in following this policy as we work together to keep our community spaces enjoyable and pristine for all residents. Thank you for helping us maintain the beauty and functionality of Ladysmith's recreational facilities.

## DOGS AT PUBLIC EVENTS

Just a friendly reminder that dogs are not permitted on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue during community events. Please do your canine friends a favour and leave them at home.

For more frequently asked questions regarding owning a dog in town, visit: <http://ow.ly/k09y30lx2HG>.