



LADYSMITH LINKS

JAN 2026

2026 DOG LICENCES

All dogs over the age of six months must be licensed in the Town of Ladysmith. Annual dog licences are available at City Hall (410 Esplanade) during regular office hours, the Frank Jameson Community Centre (810 6th Avenue) and For Pet's Sake pet store (416 1st Avenue).

The fees for dog licences are as follows: For neutered or spayed dogs, the fee is \$31 if purchased by January 31, and \$41 if purchased between February 1 and December 31. For dogs that are not neutered or spayed, the fee is \$49 until January 31, and \$59 between February 1 and December 31.

Coastal Animal Control Services provides animal control services and pound facilities for the Town of Ladysmith. Coastal Animal Control is located at 2202 Herd Road, Duncan, BC, and can be reached on a 24-hour basis at 1.250.732.7720.

BUSINESS LICENCE RENEWALS DUE BY FEBRUARY 28

The Town of Ladysmith inter-municipal business licences with Duncan, North Cowichan and Lake Cowichan are now available.

The cost of an annual business licence is \$100. Renew by February 28, 2026 to avoid a \$25 late payment fee.

Ladysmith business owners who carry out work in Central Vancouver Island municipalities can purchase an Inter-Community Business Licence for an additional \$170.00, making it \$270.00 for the pair. Following are the participating municipalities and districts: Campbell River, Parksville, Qualicum Beach, Courtenay, Port Alberni, Cumberland, Duncan, Lake Cowichan, Comox, Lantzville, Sooke, North Cowichan and Nanaimo.

CIVIC RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Ladysmith is home to residents whose outstanding efforts—whether personal, public, or professional—have brought recognition, achievement, or meaningful contributions to our community. Through the Town's Civic Recognition Program, individuals and organizations can be honoured with awards that celebrate their impact. Do you know someone, a team, or an organization in Ladysmith that deserves to be recognized? To nominate them for an award, complete a nomination form and send it by email to cs@ladysmith.ca.

SIGN UP FOR E-BILLING

We encourage residents to sign up for an email copy of your quarterly utility bill.

Please email your name and account number to finance@ladysmith.ca. Once registered, you will begin receiving your quarterly utility bill directly in your inbox.

NEW GARBAGE COLLECTION VENDOR

The town has a new garbage collection contractor - GFL Environmental, and 2026 collection schedules are now available. In 2026, each household can place one garbage container at the curb. The container must be no larger than 120 litres and weigh no more than 20 kilograms (44 pounds) when full.

Rules for recycling and organic containers remain the same:

Residents can place unlimited blue recycling bins or yellow recycling bags at the curb, that contain accepted items.

Each household may place one organic container at the curb, no larger than 45 litres (10 gallons). Compostable or biodegradable plastics bags are not permitted in your tote/bin. Paper bags or newspaper can be used as an alternative.

The list of acceptable items remains unchanged. To find out what is acceptable and what route you're on, please visit www.ladysmith.ca/our-services/garbage-recycling.

In case of inclement weather, GFL plans to deploy a second truck the following day to pick up any missed collections. If severe weather causes delays beyond one day, residents will need to hold their materials until their next scheduled collection day.

For future service issues, please call 250.245.6400 and select option 8 to connect directly with GFL.

SIGN UP FOR OUR ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Call City Hall 250.245.6400, sign up on our website www.ladysmith.ca, or send us an email to 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.



DATES TO REMEMBER

New Utility Rates in Effect	Utility Due Dates	Dog Licences	Business Licence	Property Tax Due Dates	Provincial Home Owner Grant	Election Date
Starting Jan 1, 2026	Feb 26, 2026 May 28, 2026 Aug 27, 2026 Nov 26, 2026	Jan 31, 2026	Feb 28, 2026	July 2, 2026	July 2, 2026	Oct 17, 2026

TOWN NEWS YOU CAN USE

Community Banner Program - The Town is inviting artists of all ages from Ladysmith, Stz'uminus and the surrounding area to submit designs for the 2026 Community Banner Program.

Designs must represent Ladysmith's small-town charm, community life and diverse cultural heritage, while highlighting the Community Banner Program's theme. Entry Forms and Guidelines can be found here: <https://www.ladysmith.ca/parks-recreation-culture/culture/community-banner-program>.

Artists must submit a completed entry form that includes their designs to bid@ladysmith.ca before 4:00 pm on Friday, January 30, 2026.

Pet Responsibility - We encourage community members to be responsible pet owners and please pick up after your animal(s) when out walking on sidewalks, trails and visiting parks. Properly disposing of your waste bags by using the nearest available trash container is helping to keep our public spaces enjoyable for everyone. We appreciate your cooperation.

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.






UTILITY BILLS DUE FEBRUARY 26, 2026

Utility Bills for October to December are due February 26, 2026. 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.

WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK

If you have comments, questions or suggestions, or you just want to know what's going on, there are many ways to get in touch.

-  Send an email to info@ladysmith.ca
-  Mail a Note to Town of Ladysmith City Hall, 410 Esplanade, Box 220, Ladysmith, B.C. V9G 1A2
-  Follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/LadysmithBC
-  Follow us on Instagram [ladysmithbc](https://www.instagram.com/ladysmithbc)
-  Call City Hall 250.245.6400

