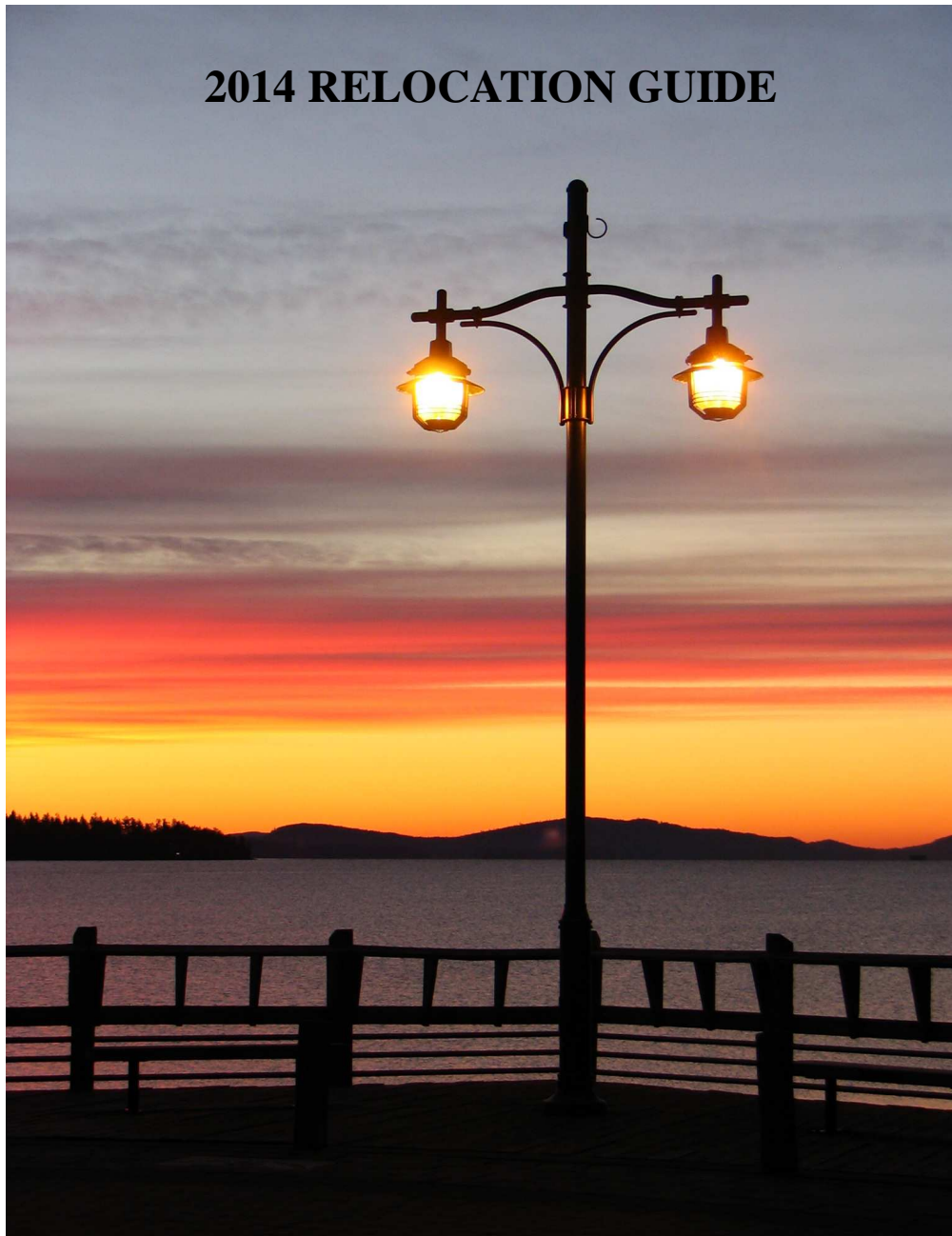


LADYSMITH
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



2014 RELOCATION GUIDE



Find out what Ladysmith has to offer for your Business, Family or Retirement Lifestyle.

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Welcome Statement from the Chamber of Commerce

To our new residents, as well as our long time neighbours, welcome to our beautiful community.

We invite you to take a few minutes to read through the guide. Our community history is steeped in culture and tradition. We are passionate about where we are from and where we are going as a community. As in the name given the Cowichan Valley Regional District by our First Nations People, “The Warm Land”, you will find the citizens of Ladysmith warm and friendly and eager to assist.

Here at the Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Centre, we hope you take full advantage of what our community has to offer. For any further helpful assistance and a friendly welcome drop by our office for brochures, maps, and business information for Ladysmith and surrounding areas!

How to Get Here

Ladysmith to:	Driving Time	Km
Bamfield	3 hrs 15 min	225
Campbell River	2 hrs	176
Chemainus	15 min	12
Cobble Hill	30 min	45
Courtney/Comox	1 hr 30 min	131
Cowichan Bay	30 min	38
Crofton	30 min	23
Duncan	20 min	28
Lake Cowichan	45 min	51
Long Beach	3 hrs	209
Nanaimo	25 min	23
Parksville	45 min	58
Port Alberni	1 hr 30 min	105
Shawnigan Lake	45 min	50
Tofino	3 hrs 45 min	228
Victoria	1 hr	88



Overview of Ladysmith

Ladysmith is situated on Vancouver Island in the Cowichan Valley, adjacent the 49th Parallel. The city is located along Highway 1, approximately 35 minutes from of the Horseshoe Bay Terminal in Nanaimo, and 2 hours north of Schwartz Bay Terminal in Victoria.

The temperate Mediterranean climate is a huge draw for people relocating from other areas of Canada. The hillside community overlooking the harbour boasts 3 marinas and a large outdoor amphitheater. Keeping with the healthy BC lifestyle, Ladysmith residence enjoy several hiking trails as well as numerous outdoor playing fields.

A selection of boutiques and restaurants line the heritage main street along 1st Avenue. Coronation Mall is located along the Trans-Canada Highway at the south end of town.

Ladysmith provides a full spectrum of educational facilities from pre-school to senior secondary. The newly renovated Community Centre has an assortment of interesting classes. With pool, hot tub, sauna, and fitness centre Frank Jameson Community Centre has something for everyone.

For a complete community profile and other town information visit
www.ladysmith.ca

Real Estate

	Address	Number
Coast Realty	410A First Avenue, Ladysmith	250-245-0545
Remax Ocean Point Realty	640 Trans Canada Highway, Ladysmith	250-245-3700
Royal LePage Nanaimo Realty	528 First Avenue, Ladysmith	250-245-2252

Accommodations

www.ladysmith-bc-accommodations.com

Movers

Allied Van Lines	31 Cadillac Place, Nanaimo	250-753-1842
Budget Car & Truck Rental	3343 Trans Canada Highway, Cassidy	250-245-8733
Chilo Transportation Ltd	210 Fry Street, Nanaimo	250-753-2477
UHaul Co.	9385 Trans Canada Hwy, Chemainus	250-246-2882

Health Care

Hillside Medical Centre	541 Third Street, Ladysmith	250-245-2235
Ladysmith Family Practice Clinic	1111 4th Avenue, Ladysmith	250-739-5784
Ladysmith Community Health Centre	1111 4th Avenue, Ladysmith	250-739-5777

Emergency Services

Ladysmith Fire Department	340 6th Avenue, Ladysmith	250-245-6436 or 911
Ladysmith RCMP	320 6th Avenue, Ladysmith	250-245-2215 or 911
Ambulance	1121 4th Avenue, Ladysmith	250-245-3231 or 911

Schools

Davis Road Elementary	444 Parkhill Terrace, Ladysmith	250-245-7187
Ladysmith Intermediate	317 French Street, Ladysmith	250-245-3351
Ladysmith Primary	510 6th Avenue, Ladysmith	250-245-3912
Ladysmith Secondary	710 6th Avenue, Ladysmith	250-245-3043

Churches

Bethel Tabernacle	1149 4th Avenue, Ladysmith	250-245-8221
Fellowship Baptist Church	381 Davis Road, Ladysmith	250-245-5113
First United Church	232 High Street, Ladysmith	250-245-2183
St. John's Anglican	314 Buller, Ladysmith	250-245-7264
St. Mary's Catholic	1135 4th Avenue, Ladysmith	250-245-3414

Utilities

BC Hydro		1-800-224-9376
Shaw Cable		250-760-1999
Telus		250-310-2255
Terasen Gas		1-888-224-2710
Town Services		250-245-6400

Local Contacts

Clubs

Fraternal Order of Eagles	250-245-3183
Kinsmen Club of Ladysmith	250-245-2263
Ladysmith Downtown Business Association	250-245-3700
Ladysmith Health Care Auxiliary	250-245-0786
Ladysmith Maritime Society	250-245-0109
Ladysmith Newcomers Club	250-245-9334
Ladysmith Parks & Rec Commission	250-245-6424
Ladysmith Sportsman Club	250-245-3865
Ladysmith Yacht Club	250-245-2627
Lions Club of Ladysmith	250-245-4049
Red Hat Society	250-245-8923
Resource Center	250-245-3079
Rotary Club	250-245-8780
Royal Canadian Legion	250-245-2273
Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary	250-245-2273
Saltair Garden Club	250-245-0310
Seniors Center	250-245-9247
Toast Masters	250-246-2899

Future Care

La Rosa Gardens	250-245-1016
Four All Seasons Retirement Lodge	250-245-4237

Preschool/Child Care

Boys & Girls Club	250-245-8921
Ladysmith Preschool Society	250-245-4712
Natsmuaat Lelum Daycare & Preschool	250-245-0994
LAFF Family Resource Program	250-210-0870
Sense of Place Youth Project	250-797-2316

Services

Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Unit 29	250-245-5458
Central Island Child & Family Services	250-741-5444
COPS- Citizens on Patrol	250-245-7032
Meals on Wheels	250-245-3844
Ladysmith Senior Housing Society	250-245-7916

Youth

Air Cadets	250-754-7079
Youth Advisory Coalition	250-245-6427
Bethel Youth Group	250-245-8221
Candy Stripers	250-245-4305
Duke of Edinburgh Award	250-245-0029
Junior Lifeguard Club	250-245-6424
Ladysmith Boys and Girls Club	250-245-8921
Scouts Canada	250-245-5333

Ladysmith Services

Post Office	250-245-3722
Vancouver Island Regional Library	250-245-2322
Safeway Grocery Store	250-245-8147
49th Parallel Grocery Store	250-245-3221
Ladysmith Taxi	250-729-6204
Saltair Taxi	250-268-2114
Home Hardware	250-245-3441
The Ladysmith-Chemainus Chronicle	250-245-2277
Take 5	250-245-7015

New Residents Services

Global Vocational Services	250-924-2884
Welcome Wagon	250-245-0799
Ladysmith NewComers Club	250-245-4132

Government Agents

Economic Development	250-245-6415
Services BC	1-800-663-7867

HEALTHCARE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Health Insurance BC Web Site

Use this site to search for information, fill out forms online, download applications and find contact information: <http://www.hibc.gov.bc.ca/>

For specific information on medical and healthcare benefits in BC, visit:
<http://www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/msp/infoben/benefits.html>

For New Residents

If you are a new resident in BC, you will need to apply for:

1. MSP (health care coverage)

The Medical Services Plan (MSP) insures medically required services provided by physicians and supplementary health care practitioners, laboratory services and diagnostic procedures. All residents of BC must enroll with MSP.

When does Coverage Begin?

New residents or persons reestablishing residence in BC are eligible for coverage after completing a waiting period that normally consists of the balance of the month of arrival plus two months. You should apply for MSP coverage immediately after arriving in BC, rather than at the end of the waiting period, to allow time for your application to be processed.

Coverage During the Waiting Period

New residents from other parts of Canada should maintain coverage with their former medical plan during the waiting period. New or returning residents arriving from outside Canada should contact a private insurance company for coverage during this period.

For more details, visit:

<http://www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/msp/infoben/eligible.html#when>

2. Fair PharmaCare

PharmaCare provides financial assistance to British Columbia residents for eligible prescription drugs and designated medical supplies. Further information on this program can be found at <http://www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/pharme/index.html>

MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSING AND INSURANCE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

For New Residents

Driver's License

If you are new to BC and drive a vehicle, you need to obtain a BC driver's licence within 90 days after moving here. This can be done at the Government Agent's office in Ladysmith.

New residents who hold a Canadian, American, Austrian, German, Swiss, Japanese or South Korean licence can usually complete their licence exchange the same day, provided they bring all necessary documents. Visit

http://www.icbc.com/Licensing/lic_renew_replace_new.html

*Note to students: If you normally reside outofprovince but are attending a **recognized BC educational institution**, you can continue using your valid non BC driver's licence.*

Automobile Insurance

All motorists in BC must carry basic automobile insurance. For residents, it is provided through ICBC's Basic Autoplan: <http://www.icbc.com/Insurance/index.html>

Address Change

If your address has changed, your driver's licence and insurance policy will both have to be updated. You must let ICBC know within 10 days of moving.

Note that the procedures for changing the address on your driver's licence and your insurance policy are not the same.

Driver's License

1. Online: <https://www.addresschange.gov.bc.ca/>
2. Phone: 1-866-775-0011.
3. In Person – Government Agents Office in Ladysmith

Automobile Insurance

You will need to visit an Autoplan broker in person to change your address on your policy. For a list of Autoplan brokers, visit:

http://www.icbc.com/Insurance/insura_broker_locator.html

Ladysmith Area

- **Transfer Beach Amphitheatre**
- **Aggie Fields**
- **Kinsmen Park**
- **Gourlay-Jane Park**
- **Holland Creek Ball Park**
- **Bob Stuart Park**
- **Mackie Park**

Yellow Point Area

- **Hemer Provincial Park**
- **Blue Heron Park**
- **Roberts Memorial Park**
- **Elliot's Beach Park**
- **Raven Park**
- **Yellow Point Park**

Transfer Beach

Transfer Beach is a starting point for water sports and outdoor activities in Ladysmith. Adjacent to the spray park is the Kinsmen Playground, basketball court, volleyball, and the covered pavilion. Across the street from the main park area is the off leash dog park. A long-standing fixture of Transfer Beach area is the horseshoe pit.

Holland Creek Trails

The Holland Creek Trail is a 5.8 km trail that runs along both sides of the creek. There are two major access points with parking available. The trail appeals to all levels of outdoor enthusiasts. Other trails that can be accessed from the Holland Creek Trail are Heart Lake Loop, 6.4 km, Stocking Lake loop, 9.3 km, and the Rotary Lookout Trail, 1.2 km. At Transfer Beach, enjoy the Marine Walk, a 1 km trail that starts at Transfer Beach and follows the waterfront ending up at Ladysmith Fisherman Warf. The Estuary Trail, a short 10 minute walk along the edge of Ladysmith Harbour offers views of marine and waterfowl.

Sports and Other Recreation

Not all recreation fun is concentrated at the beach. You can find baseball fields, soccer fields, tennis courts, and a skate board park located throughout the town. Tee up for a round of golf at Ladysmith Golf Club, a 9-hole par 3 course located at the south end of town. The Cottonwood Golf Course is an 18-hole, par 72 course, located just north of Ladysmith. For indoor activities visit the Frank Jameson Community Center on 6th Avenue. Here you can find recreational programs designed to fit anyone's lifestyle. Relax in the warm soothing waters of the oasis and therapy pool, sauna, and whirlpool, or swim a few laps in the pool. There is a fitness and wellness center, an onsite physiotherapy clinic and a multi-purpose room.

January

January 1st. Polar Bear Swim at Transfer Beach.
Come join the chilly fun!

February

Chamber of Commerce "Spirit of Ladysmith" Community-Awards & Dance Everyone Welcome!

March

Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce Home, Garden Business Show. The Best Business has to Offer!

May

Annual Rotary Garden Tour
A unique opportunity to visit private gardens in Ladysmith.

Ladysmith Maritime Festival
The Ladysmith Maritime Society Marina hosts this annual event. Help celebrate our rich maritime heritage. Family oriented activities, artisans, demonstrations and more!

July

The Ladysmith Maritime Society co-operates with the BC Purple Martin Stewardship & Recovery Program. We attach nest boxes to dock pilings, watch for the arrival of Purple Martins each spring and help counting adult birds and banding nestlings. The birds and their nestlings can be conveniently observed using our on-site "nestcam" during the nesting season.

July

Canada Day Celebrations

Celebrate Canada's Birthday with a day of fun, sun, and music at Transfer Beach. Family Oriented activities!

Concerts in the Park (Transfer Beach) put on by the **Resource Center** each Sunday in July and August.

Brits on the Beach—All British Car Event held at Transfer Beach

August

Ladysmith Days Aug 3 & 4

The weekend's excitement begins with a yummy pancake breakfast, followed by the Kinsmen parade through historic downtown Ladysmith!

Street entertainment at Transfer Beach, downtown and at Coronation Mall top off these days of fun! On Sunday there's music, entertainment, family games, swimming, food fair, fireworks and more!

Ladysmith Show and Shine

Car enthusiasts won't want to miss this show! Check out one of a kind autos along First Avenue. Fun, Prizes, and Trophies.

Arts on the Avenue

A one day street Arts Festival. Featuring original juried art works for sale by local artists. First Avenue and Roberts Street in downtown Ladysmith.

October

Chamber of Commerce Dance and Silent Auction! Annual fundraiser for Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce. Everyone Welcome!

November

Cedar & Yellowpoint Artisans Association Country Christmas—self guided tour

Ladysmith Festival of Lights

The last Thursday of November witness a spectacular evening of festivities.

~Spaghetti Dinner
~Light Up Parade
~Family Entertainment
~Fireworks and more!

Cinnamon Bun Fun Run—5K/10K run through Ladysmith supporting the Ladysmith Food Bank.

December

Mount Brenton Power & Sail Squadron

A floating Christmas parade and carols, taking place in the Ladysmith Harbour.

LAFF Breakfast with Santa—join your family & friends for breakfast and Santa!

LDBA Old Tyme Christmas and Candlelight walk. Fun for the whole family. There will be carollers, musicians, arts and crafts for kids.....

Population

Ladysmith's population is currently an estimated 8,328 people according to BC Stats.

Age

Ladysmith's median age is 41.1, according to the 2001 Census

Real Estate

The average sale price of a home in Ladysmith in 2011 was \$348,102 down slightly from 2010 at \$351,102.

Town homes dropped as well in 2011 to \$255,000. The average sale price in 2010 was \$274,000

Local Government

The Town of Ladysmith is governed by a Mayor and 6 Town Council Members . Municipal elections are held every three years.

Cost of Living

Being somewhat of a bedroom community, while still remaining a truly special town in its own right, the cost of living has remained lower than that of some of Ladysmith's neighbors.

Ladysmith is part of the Cowichan Valley Regional District, an area where the cost of living is even more affordable.

Community

Ladysmith was named one of the 10 prettiest towns in Canada by Harrowsmith Country Life Magazine in 2000. The town has also won first place in the 5,000–10,000 population category "Communities in Bloom" contest in 2003. In 2002, the Heritage Society of BC awarded the town 2 special honours.

Ladysmith Quirks

Every Tuesday night at 7 o'clock the Ladysmith Fire Hall has a practice drill including a siren that can be heard from all ends of town!

Dog Licenses:

Due at the beginning of each year. Residents can buy the new tags from January 1st - January 31st from City Hall.

- Prices are \$20.00 for dogs that are spayed/neutered and non-spayed/neutered are \$30.00
- As of February 1st cost goes up \$10 increase to \$30 for dogs that are spayed/neutered and non-spayed/neutered are \$40.

New dogs and puppies pay the January rate.

Limit of 3 dogs per household.

Please consult City Hall for further information

Noise Restrictions:

Bylaw #1478 - Residents can review a copy at City Hall.

- Complaint forms are available at City Hall if someone needs to make a complaint.
- Construction can take place from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday.

Garbage Pick-up/Recycling/Organic Waste:

Information can be reviewed on the Town of Ladysmith Website (schedules are on website) www.ladysmith.ca or phone 245-6400 or visit in person at City Hall 410 Esplanade, Ladysmith, BC.

Business Licenses:

Applications can be accessed on the Town of Ladysmith website www.ladysmith.ca. Due yearly for \$100. This \$100 fee is an inter-municipal license which allows a business to be registered in Ladysmith, Duncan, Lake Cowichan and North Cowichan.

Snow Removal:

In the event of a snowfall, property owners and residents are reminded that a Town Bylaw requires you to clear snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of your premises. Removal should take place no later than 10 a.m. on each day of a snowfall. For more information check out the Town of