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Spirit of Ladysmith Business Awards

Voting Closes August 9, 2026



Thank you to our Presenting Sponsors



The Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the return of the **2026 Spirit of Ladysmith Business Awards**, a celebration held every other year to recognize the outstanding businesses, organizations, and individuals who help make our community thrive.

Help us spread the word! Businesses are encouraged to download & display the official Spirit Awards poster featuring a QR code that links directly to the voting page. If you would prefer a printed copy, the Chamber would be happy to drop one off at your business.

For sponsorship opportunities or more information, please contact the Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce at 250-245-2112 or roberta@ladysmithcofc.com.

Join us in celebrating the incredible people and businesses that make Ladysmith such a special place to live, work, and do business!

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CHECK OUT THESE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

Welcome to the Team: Lisa Ellis

The Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce is pleased to welcome Lisa Ellis as our new Visitor Centre Manager & Chamber Administrator.



Lisa brings a wealth of experience in customer service, leadership, administration, and hospitality management. Having managed large teams and built a career centered on creating exceptional customer experiences, she is passionate about serving people and supporting strong, connected communities.

As a Ladysmith resident, Lisa is excited to contribute to the community she calls home. In her new role, she will oversee the day-to-day operations of the Visitor Centre while supporting Chamber members, coordinating events and programs, and helping visitors discover everything that makes Ladysmith such a special place to live, work, and visit.

Please join us in giving Lisa a warm welcome! We encourage you to stop by the Visitor Centre, introduce yourself, and say hello the next time you're in the neighbourhood.

We're excited to have Lisa on board and look forward to the knowledge, enthusiasm, and dedication she will bring to our team.

Building Your Social Purpose Business: Uncovering Your Social Purpose

"Purpose and performance aren't competing ideas, they reinforce each other."

Missed the first webinar in the Vancouver Island Purpose & Business Collaborative series? **Watch the recording [here](#).**

Join us for the next conversation, focused on uncovering your organization's unique social purpose.

 **September 17, 2026**
 **9:30 –10:30 AM**

Hear from:

- Tony Scott, CEO, Pro-Claim Group
- Jessy Savage, Owner, Victoria Digital Marketing

- Tessa Vanderkop, Co-founder, Canadian Purpose Economy Project

Discover how defining a clear social purpose can strengthen strategy, culture, customer trust, and long-term business resilience. Whether you're just starting or building on existing efforts, you'll leave with practical tools, insights, and real-world examples to help move your business forward.

Registration fee applies, with discounts available for Chamber members. Proceeds support United Way on Vancouver Island.

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Member Spotlight

Island Good Find Your Kind of Good

Island Good is a choice you can see. We make it easy to spot and support what's truly grown, made, and manufactured here. When you choose the Island Good badge, you know what you're buying is local guaranteed.



Island Good is pride you can represent. When your business becomes Island Good-certified, you join a growing network that signals origin, quality, and regional pride. We put your business on the map so your products gain visibility, credibility, and a stronger place in the Island economy.

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Welcome New Chamber Members

The Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to welcome our newest members! We remain committed to fostering connections among [our members](#) and within the broader community.

Take a moment to greet them visit their website, send a friendly email, or drop by in person to introduce yourself. Your warm welcome and personal outreach will help our Chamber continue to flourish and strengthen our vibrant network.



Ladysmith Residents Association
Working Together for a Better Ladysmith

The Ladysmith Residents Association is dedicated to fostering community engagement among residents. Our primary focus is to enhance quality of life in the Ladysmith area through connections, resources, and addressing local issues. By promoting active participation, we aim to enrich the community experience for all.



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The Islander

Revitalizing a Ladysmith landmark for modern living

First Avenue Freeholders is transforming Ladysmith's historic first hotel into **The Islander**, a thoughtfully restored mixed-use development in the heart of downtown beside Old Town Bakery.



The Islander will feature 22 residential units, many with stunning harbour and mountain views, along with a ground-floor commercial space. Residents will enjoy the convenience of a vibrant, walkable neighbourhood with easy access to BC Transit, restaurants, cafés, pubs, shops, banks, galleries, gyms, and more.

[Learn More](#)

Tiny Ghost Counselling Therapy

Allison Tarr, offering individual therapy and mental health support.

My approach to counselling is rooted in your own strengths and capacity for growth. I bring empathy and curiosity to our work together, which leads to a collaborative therapeutic style. By working collaboratively, we will explore what is meaningful to you and move toward the direction you're hoping to grow into, at a pace that feels right for you.



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Casa Riva

The bold, generous spirit of Southern Italy, infused with the freshest flavours of Vancouver Island!



Casa Riva is a place where fresh handmade pasta, local seafood, and slow cooked Southern Italian flavours come together around big tables filled with laughter, stories, and connection. Our charming indoor dining room and sunny back patio are perfect for family dinners, date nights, celebrations, or simply a relaxed meal with friends.

At Casa Riva, every guest is family. Whether you're joining us for a quick lunch or a long evening of wine and conversation, you'll leave feeling nourished in both body and spirit.

[Learn More](#)

Chamber Membership Benefits

We are pleased to share the BCCC 2026 Member Benefits & Savings Program

As a member of the Ladysmith Chamber of Commerce, you get access to a suite of benefits through the BC Chamber network. Whether you're looking for exclusive employee benefits, help with merchant processing, online marketing, payroll solutions, or travel/hospitality/fuel savings (and more) - the Chamber has partnered with top brands so you can maximize your productivity and minimize your cost.



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