



Connecting your brand with millions of Western Canadians.

The most comprehensive and up-to-the-minute local news in B.C., Yukon and Alberta.

Let us show you how!



Anytime. Any place. Any device.

THURSDAY, OCT. 6, 2022 • \$1 PLUS GST

Black Press Media

# CLADYSMITH - CHEMAINUS THE CHRONICLE

Serving Ladysmith, Chemainus and area since 1908

www.ladysmithchronicle.com

## Truth and reconciliation messages embraced by Ladysmith community

### National Day for Truth and Reconciliation gathering was well-attended

DUCK PATERSON  
FOR THE CHRONICLE

Ladysmith's amphitheatre was awash in the colour orange last week. The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation attracted more than 400 community members to an event put on by the Stz'uminus leadership team and Ladysmith council.

The federal government proclaimed the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day in 2021 as an opportunity for the citizens of Canada to try and reflect on the tragedies of the past and the history of the residential school treatment of Indigenous children. Canadians are urged not to forget the children who were taken and never came home, and also to honour and listen to the survivors.

Stz'uminus First Nation Chief Roxanne Harris opened the ceremony by thanking those who had come down to Transfer Beach Park to be a part of the day. Marlene Sawyer, Stz'uminus elder, offered a prayer and song to the crowd and in memory of the day.

"My thoughts of love and healing go out to all of our survivors," said Harris. "We will never forget the children who never made it home as well ... We stand together today to show that we want to stand together."

Harris also shared her thoughts of her father being a residential school survivor.

"He went to hell and back," she said.

Harris's father, George Harris, was taken to the residential school on Kuper Island, now known as Penelakut.

Ladysmith Mayor Aaron Stone also expressed thanks to the gathered crowd.

Continued on A7



Cowichan Tribes Tzinquaw Dancers perform during the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation event at the amphitheatre in Ladysmith last Friday, Sept. 30. (Duck Paterson photo)

Grab a handful of happiness.

Fresh, fragrant, fabulous!

grab-&-go BOUQUETS



Direct Line  
250-245-3344

### Councillors interested in more information about phasing out single-use plastics

STAFF WRITER  
THE CHRONICLE

Ladysmith councillors, at a meeting last week, asked staff to take another look at options for a bylaw to potentially phase out single-use plastics.

The town's committee of the whole unanimously recommended, at a meeting Sept. 27 at the Ladysmith Seniors Centre, that staff consult with local businesses regarding the impact of regulating single-use plastics and report back on options for a bylaw.

Town council made a handful of motions regarding single-use plastics in 2019-2020, but progress stalled as council waited for higher levels of government to take the lead.

"Unfortunately here we are at the end of our term and we haven't made those steps that are necessary because the federal government sort of punted it at the end of last year when they were lobbied by the plastics industry," said Mayor Aaron Stone.

According to a staff report, the federal government is phasing in various bans on manufacturing and selling plastic checkout bags, cutlery, stir sticks, drinking straws, ring carriers and takeout containers over the next four years and the province is planning to regulate checkout bags and straws next year.

Coun. Duck Paterson said he's in favour of the intent of the single-use plastics ban but felt higher levels of government should be the ones making rules that are the same for everyone.

Continued on A5



## Truth be told.

Our communities are powered by local newspapers. Celebrate how trusted journalism sparks important conversations at [nationalnewspaperweek.ca](http://nationalnewspaperweek.ca).

