

Who am I

- Registered Social Worker
- Executive Director Nanaimo Youth Services Association
- 57 years of age
- Resident of Ladysmith for 15 years
- Married for 30 years with two sons, Matthew 23 and Christopher 18 who have been raised in the community
- A proud parent of both who are local athletes and graduates of the Primary, Intermediate and Secondary schools of Ladysmith

What I believe

“It Takes a Town to Raise a Child”

What I want to contribute

- Caring
- Common Sense
- Competence
- Commitment
- Collaboration

Volunteer Experience

- Executive member of Mid Isle Soccer 1994-2004
- Chair of Ladysmith Youth Advisory 2001-2002
- President, V-P Employment Navigators 1995-1997
- Member Ladysmith Maritime Society
- North American Indigenous Games volunteer 2008

In order to create and maintain a bright future, Ladysmith must plan for

Positive economic and social development that is ecologically sustainable over the long term.

A municipal government that encourages and supports a business climate of economic diversity.

Strategic negotiations that result in ownership and control of our local watershed.

Well planned recreational green space and sports playing fields for the current and next generation.

Healthy social diversity that provides for a broad range of affordable housing.

Overall development that achieves an appropriate balance between our natural surroundings and the increasing pressures for residential expansion.

Steve Arnett



Your Town of Ladysmith Council Candidate 2008

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A TOWN CALLED LADYSMITH

Letter to the Editor, Ladysmith Chemainus Chronicle

They say it takes a village to raise a child but we know it's a town

A town called Ladysmith

A town where your grade four teacher is also known as Mayor, Robin once your school librarian lives a door over and Renton sells you unlimited golf balls all summer at his garage sale for a buck a dozen

A town where your fondest High School days will always include the incomparable Cram (Girl's soccer coach extraordinaire and Grade 12 Chemistry god among men), O'Toole ever encouraging, Street an inspiration and athletic role models the Mcrory's, Steels and Hees

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A town where the Battie clan is not only first amongst neighbors but there's also a street and the four brothers Battie, John, Pat, Joe and Mike are renowned far and wide (We'll leave that one to the imagination)

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A town where you were always welcome to sleep over at buddy Cam's house and then go soak in his aunt's hot tub and stay up late Only to get up next day trooping over to the Clark's for more laughs jumping on Ryan's backyard tramp and then to Dark pool for a dip

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A town where members of the local RCMP police detachment are better known as Charlie rather than Sergeant Schall, Bob and Chris are dads to your buddies Dave Bigalow and Brett Faulkner. Where Sheddon the ever popular, coached your little brother's first baseball team. And each November 11th you witnessed the Red serge uniform standing in honor of our veterans at the Cenotaph

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A town where baseball genius Ted Pushka taught you and so many others the essence of his game and Britton-Foster might first bandage a player's skinned knee and then tell him to get back up there and bunt on his signal Afterwards you eat a Little League park hot dog and then suck on a foot long freezie

And the Chronicle sports page captured it all

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A town where Light Up and Ladysmith Days parades easily outshine anything the Mardi gras or Stampede put on Because you got to proudly march in them and give out candies to the other kids lining the avenue

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A town where your passion for The Beautiful Game was born and nurtured

A town where many of the very best people of Mid Isle volunteer for our soccer club The Merriman's, Jim Brown, the Geary's, Nelda Bonsor, Judy Baker, Gord Horth, Kip Armstrong and so many more

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A town where Mr. and Mrs. Forty Ninth hired you to your first job and treated you so right

Where they and all the other good merchants invest so much in everyone here but especially the young

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A town where lots of lazy summer days were spent at beautiful Transfer Beach And fireworks over the bay are forever burnt into childhood memory

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A town of unbounded generosity, caring and fun

A town where those who contributed so much but were not named will easily forgive

A town that has helped us to raise our first son to become a fine young man we all can be proud of

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Matthew turns 21 on November 15

Thank You Ladysmith

Steve and Cathy Arnett
Ladysmith