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LADYSMITH APPOINTS LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT INTERN

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LADYSMITH –The Town of Ladysmith is pleased to announce the appointment of Erin O’Melinn to a one-year management internship position funded jointly by the Town in partnership with the Local Government Management Association of BC (LGMA), the Municipal Finance Authority of BC (MFA) and the Ministry of Community Services.

Erin comes to Ladysmith from Vancouver, where she recently completed her Masters degree in Urban Studies at Simon Fraser University, with a research focus on sustainable community development. Erin also holds an undergraduate degree from Simon Fraser University with a major in Interdisciplinary Studies and a minor in Sociology.

Her passion for environmental and social sustainability is apparent in her involvement with organizations such as Better Environmentally Sound Transportation, the Vancouver Public Space Network, and the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. Erin’s employment background includes working with BC Hydro, Canada World Youth, and the City of Coquitlam. An avid traveler, Erin has visited India, Africa, Southeast Asia, Eastern Canada, and Europe, both working and volunteering with various organizations involved in education, development, and environmental issues.

Ladysmith is one of five communities selected as a ‘host community’ for the first of a three-year pilot project launched by the LGMA, the MFA and the Ministry of Community Services known as the “Local Government Management Internship Program”.

“The Town enthusiastically welcomes Erin to Ladysmith, and we’re excited to introduce her to a variety of management responsibilities within the municipality,” said Ruth Malli, City Manager. “We are also very grateful to our partner organizations responsible for launching the internship program for their recognition of the challenges associated with recruiting qualified staff. Their assistance in marketing local government as an exciting career option and ongoing support for BC communities is much appreciated.”

Erin will begin her internship with the Town on May 5, 2008.

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