

PETITION: REMOVE THE SUNKEN VESSEL FROM LADYSMITH HARBOUR

To: The Government of Canada

We, the undersigned residents of Ladysmith and surrounding communities, call on the Government of Canada to remove the partially submerged vessel from the waters off Transfer Beach immediately.

The vessel sank in early September. Residents have documented an oil and fuel sheen around the wreck. Weeks later, it is still sitting in our harbour, posing a hazard to boaters, swimmers and other waterfront users, and a threat to the marine environment.

We don't just live near the water — we live on it. We swim, boat and fish here. We celebrate Canada Day at Transfer Beach, host our children's birthday parties here, gather for community events, and keep this shoreline clean and free of garbage as a community.

We ask that the Government of Canada show our shoreline the same respect by:

- a) removing this vessel from Ladysmith Harbour immediately; and
- b) working with our Member of Parliament, the Stz'uminus First Nation and other levels of government to develop a plan to address the other derelict and abandoned vessels along our shoreline promptly and effectively, and with compassion for the people who live aboard some of them.

Please print clearly. Only residents of Ladysmith and surrounding communities should sign. One signature per person.

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