



District of Lantzville Community Update

**Five Year Financial Plan,
Library Facilities, Village Core Concept Plan,
Watermain Flushing & General Information**

February 2012

February Council Meetings

Monday, February 6 – Committee of the Whole
Monday, February 13 – Regular Council Meeting
Monday, February 27 – Regular Council Meeting

The meetings begin at 7:00 pm and the public is welcome to attend

Mayor's Office Hours

Mayor de Jong is available to meet with residents on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. If you wish to make an appointment, please contact the District Office.

Five Year Financial Plan (2012-2016)

Council has started its Financial Planning process and invites the public to provide feedback either in writing or by attending upcoming Committee of the Whole Meetings. These meetings are open to the public and, as with all Council meetings, the public is invited to participate at the end of the meeting. Committee of the Whole Meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Monday, February 6
- Monday, March 5
- Monday, April 2

Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) – Facilities Plan

The VIRL has advised that it plans to open a branch in the Nanaimo North area (Hammond Bay Road). It is hoped this location will provide better library access to Lantzville residents. The VIRL is also undertaking a future facility planning process and is inviting feedback from the public regarding the provision of library space as well as any other comments that may assist them in their planning process. Please send your comments in writing to the District Office and they will be provided to

Council who will formally respond to the VIRL. The VIRL Board's Facilities Policy can be found on the District's website and provides information about how decisions are made related to library facilities.

Village Core Concept Plan

As a result of an offer made to Council by residents volunteering to provide a landscape concept plan for the village core, Council would like to invite all interested parties to submit an expression of interest regarding their willingness to create such a concept plan. This project would be on a voluntary basis and should include the plan and suggestions on how to implement the plan should Council be in a position to proceed. **Deadline for submissions is Thursday, March 15.**

Watermain Flushing

Please note that the District of Lantzville watermains and fire hydrants will be flushed between February 6th and February 17th.

Watermain flushing is part of our annual routine maintenance and is achieved by releasing water from the mains through fire hydrants and stand pipes. This causes a bubbling of air which may discolor the water. No chemicals are added to the system. Lantzville water users may experience some discoloration in their water and we recommend that you do laundry on weekends or evenings during this period to avoid discoloration of clothes, etc. This should not affect the quality of drinking water.

We thank you for your cooperation and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions please call the District of Lantzville office at 250.390.4006 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Friday.

Woodstove Exchange Program

The Regional District of Nanaimo, in partnership with the member municipalities of Nanaimo, Lantzville, Parksville and Qualicum Beach is pleased to be launching a region-wide Woodstove Exchange and Outreach Program with funding from the Province for rebates and support from the Nanaimo Recycling Exchange. The funding will allow the regional partners to offer a \$250 rebate to replace an existing wood burning appliance with a new high-efficiency wood stove, insert, pellet stove or gas stove/fireplace purchased after the program start date of Jan. 16, 2012 while incentives last.

How to Receive Your Rebate

1. To Qualify: You must have an existing wood burning appliance (or open hearth fireplace) that does not conform to CSA B415.1 standards (typically an appliance built and installed before 1994). Contact the RDN for eligible appliances. You must also be replacing your appliance no earlier than January 16, 2012 to participate.

2. Shop: Contact any of the participating retailers to seek advice on a low-emission heating appliance to purchase. Many of the retailers are offering additional discounts and rebates at the same time. Upon purchase of your new appliance, you will be given a rebate voucher from the retailer. This form will need to be signed by the retailer at the time of sale and installation, and by the Nanaimo Recycling Exchange staff or RDN landfill or transfer station staff when the old unit is sent in for recycling. *Note: Most insurance companies require notification if you are installing a new heating appliance. Value of the rebates cannot exceed the value of the appliance.*

3. Disposal: Your old stove must be taken to one of the authorized disposal locations to be recycled (whether by you or the installer). Upon disposal, your voucher will be signed OR you will be given a receipt, which will provide proof of destruction. Attach this receipt to the signed rebate voucher.

Disposal Locations:

- Nanaimo Recycling Exchange
2477 Kenworth Road, Nanaimo / 250.758.7777
- RDN Landfill
1105 Cedar Road, Nanaimo / 250.722.2044
- RDN Church Road Transfer Station
860 Church Road, Parksville / 250.248.5254

4. Receive Your Rebate: Upon completion and return of the rebate voucher, the RDN will provide a \$250 rebate cheque.

For further information or to send in your completed rebate voucher, please contact:

RDN Woodstove Exchange Program
c/o Sustainability Coordinator
6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T 6N2
sustainability@rdn.bc.ca

Board of Variance – Vacancies

The District of Lantzville is accepting applications to fill 3 vacancies on the Board of Variance for a 3 year term. **Deadline for submission is 12:00 pm on Friday, February 10th.**

The Board of Variance is a quasi-judicial body independent of the municipal Council. The Board's purpose is to decide, upon application from a property owner, whether a building/structure can be built/alterd when it would be an "undue hardship" for the property owner to comply with municipal bylaws in specific "minor" ways.

Persons interested in volunteering their time to serve on the Board are invited to submit letters to the District including any pertinent information that may assist Council in making an appointment. A copy of "Lantzville Board of Variance Bylaw No. 2003-10" which outlines the Board's structure, duties and responsibilities is available at the District office or on our website at www.lantzville.ca. For additional information with respect to the Board's activities, please contact Donna Smith, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration at the District Office or via email at donna@lantzville.ca.

District Planner

The District has hired a new Planning Consultant. Susan Cormie has considerable experience in municipal planning, having spent 30 years as a planner and most recently as Senior Planner with the Regional District of Nanaimo. Susan will be in the office on Mondays and is available to meet with residents regarding planning and subdivision inquiries. Please call the District Office to set up an appointment.