



# District of Lantzville Community Update

District Office Closure, Fireworks Permits, Fire Bylaw,  
Burning Permits & Transit Future Bus Open House

October 2012

## October Council Meetings

**Monday, Oct.15** – 7:00 Regular Council Meeting

**Monday, Oct.22** – 7:00 Regular Council Meeting

### **DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSURE**

The District Office will be closed  
Monday, October 8 for Thanksgiving.

We will re-open at 8:00 am on  
Tuesday, October 9.

### **FOOD WASTE, GARBAGE AND RECYCLING REMINDER: PICKUP SCHEDULE CHANGE**

When there is a holiday, your regular collection day  
moves forward a day. This means that due to recent  
holidays, **beginning October 10, collection days  
will move to Wednesday.**

## Fireworks Permits

The District of Lantzville prohibits the sale of fireworks  
within its boundaries, however fireworks can be  
discharged with a valid permit. Permits can be obtained  
at the District Office or viewed on the District's website.

**Permits must be approved by the Fire Chief and  
certain conditions may apply.**

### **Fire Protection Services Bylaw No. 86**

On September 17, the Committee of the Whole met to  
discuss Bylaw No. 86. At the meeting, the Committee  
proposed an amendment to the bylaw which will be  
considered by Council at its October 15 Regular  
Meeting. The amendment would extend the definition of  
items prohibited from burning as noted below. The  
existing Incinerator Permit application form will also be  
amended to reflect this direction.

- all prohibited materials as listed in the provincial Open  
Burning Smoke Regulations;
- all items currently picked up as part of the District's  
curbside recycling program; and
- insulation, plastic, clothing and shoes.

Copies of Bylaw No. 86 may be viewed on the District  
website or at the District Office.

## Community Water System Maintenance

During October, the District's fire hydrants are  
scheduled for annual maintenance. As a result, there  
may be some discoloration of water and, while this  
should not affect the quality of the drinking water, we  
recommend that laundry be done on weekends or  
evenings to avoid discoloration of clothes, etc. The  
District apologizes for any inconvenience this may  
cause.

## Burning

Effective October 15<sup>th</sup> through to May 15<sup>th</sup> residents are  
permitted to burn in their backyards without a permit.

Residents should be aware of a few basic rules when  
burning: the two most frequently overlooked are those  
of wind speed and venting. **Burning is not permitted  
when wind speed exceeds 15 kph** which is anything  
more than a gentle breeze. The venting index is a  
guide generally applied to burning on a larger scale but  
residents should be cognizant of smoke's ability, **or not**,  
to escape - this is a gauge of how well the smoke you  
produce will rise and not seriously affect your home and  
others. Rainy days are seldom good days to burn. A  
guide may be found on the Ministry of Environment  
website. **Remember, when you burn, if you find  
the smoke or the ash fallout offensive at your  
place, chances are your neighbour does as well.**

### **There are alternatives to burning:**

- Composting Yard and Garden Waste – either at  
home or through the Green Bin program.
- Hauling Away Yard and Garden Waste –for those  
items that are not accepted in the Green Bin and  
for those who do not have a backyard compost,  
the landfill accepts these materials. If you can't  
take it to the landfill yourself, there are businesses  
that will collect it for you. Fees apply.
- Xeriscaping – this gardening method not only  
saves water, it may result in less material to burn.



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## Open Houses

We want to hear from you. BC Transit and the Regional District of Nanaimo are developing a 25-year Transit Future Plan.

**Visit the Transit Future Bus in Lantzville on:**

Thursday, Oct. 18

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

District of Lantzville Town Hall

Check online at [www.bctransit.com](http://www.bctransit.com) for other Transit Future bus locations in Greater Nanaimo and surrounding areas from October 14 – 20.

Visit [www.bctransit.com](http://www.bctransit.com), click Transit Future and use the online survey to send us your comments.



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