



District of Lantzville Community Update

Transportation Plan, Five Year Financial Plan, Fire Department & General Information

April 2013

Transportation Plan Update

Boulevard Transportation Group has concluded the District's first transportation review. For those of you who were unable to attend either of the two public information meetings the following is an excerpt from the plan which was presented to Council at its Regular Meeting held Monday, March 25, 2013.

The District of Lantzville Transportation Study reviewed existing and long term conditions for vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, and transit. The study also reviewed the existing road network and intersection operations as well as the long term expected traffic conditions and identifies accommodation for bicycles and pedestrians. This study will act as a tool to assist District staff to better understand the existing transportation system and plan for future user needs of the system. The objectives of the Transportation Study were to:

- Review road cross-section standards for user accommodation, safety and capacity;
- Develop a concept for the Village core to improve the safety and walkability of the core;
- Establish a traffic calming policy for the community; and
- Review future network connections

A number of recommendations have been identified in the Transportation Plan some of which are as follows:

- Amendments to "District of Lantzville Subdivision & Development Bylaw No. 55, 2005" to remove use of the words 'collector' and 'residential roads'; define sidewalks as asphalt/concrete and road shoulders (paved or gravel); update the Major roadway/journeyway cross section; add a village cross section; remove Rural Local Highway Cross Section with Curb cross section and update R6SS & R7SS to match either the 7.5m Local Road or the 7.5m Major Road section
- Work with Ministry of Transportation regarding longer term mitigation for Highway 19
- Update the OCP Road Classification Map
- Create a policy to review roundabouts as potential intersection upgrade options.
- Utilize potential right-of-ways for trails and multi-use pathways
- Undertake a village revitalization plan and parking assessment

- Develop 3.0m multi-use pathways on one side of the major roadway/journeyways
- Upgrade bus stop signage in the short term and accessible waiting areas/pads in the longer term
- At the 20 year horizon, plan for improvements at the intersections of Aulds Road/Ware Road and Aulds Road/Harwood Road will require increased traffic control
- Utilize an interim alignment for the E & N Trail between Ware Road and Superior Road to avoid expensive construction of existing alignment
- Review transit service routing with RDN Transit and BC Transit when traffic control on Highway 19 changes and future road connections are made within Lantzville
- Create small Park n' Rides at Industrial Road near Ware Road and Superior Road/Highway 19

Council Meetings in April

Monday, April 8 – Regular Meeting

Monday, April 22 – Regular Meeting

The public is welcome to attend all meetings of Council which begin at 7:00 pm at the District Office, 2nd Floor, 7192 Lantzville Road.

Five Year Financial Plan (2013-2017)

Following Council's discussions during its Committee of the Whole and Regular Council meetings to date, the District's Five Year Financial Plan process is nearing completion. Council will consider adoption of the Plan in April or early May. To date, Council has approved the following items for inclusion in the Financial Plan:

- Increased Fire Department remuneration (\$28,300)
- Allocation of previously taxed amounts to Parks, Trails and Journeyways Plan projects including construction of 3 trails
- Completion of seismic upgrades to Costin Hall (\$60,000)
- Development Cost Charges bylaw update (\$25,000)

Council invites the public to provide feedback either in writing or by attending upcoming Council Meetings. An overview of the 2013-2017 Financial Plan will be presented at the April 22, 2013 Regular Council Meeting.

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 at 250.390.4006

Lantzville Fire Department

2012 was an eventful year for the Lantzville Fire Rescue, responding to seven structure fires, five more than 2011, and 28 burning complaints, an increase of 65%. The remainder of the call volume fell in line with 2011. Medical aid calls make up 40% (61 calls) of the department's operations. Firefighters with medical training are dispatched in the rescue truck to assist paramedics, and at times, arriving before the paramedics and providing lifesaving first aid. Additionally, the department responded to 23 motor vehicle incidents; these call-outs require a two-engine response. Firstly, the front-line pumper dispatches to provide water and rescue tools, including the jaws of life. Secondly, Rescue 3 arrives with more jaws, air bags and numerous medical supplies. There were also 18 fires not classified as structure fires, for example chimney and garbage fires, as well as 9 alarm activated calls, 5 calls for assistance, 4 hazardous materials incidents, 4 hydro line fires, 2 bush fires and 1 rescue.

In all, department members were dispatched 162 times in 2012. This is a call volume any professional fire department would be proud of, but for a team of 32 women and men with full-time jobs outside of firefighting, it represents a real commitment to the department and the people of Lantzville.

It may be a statistical anomaly, but a 250% increase in structure fires is not a good development. Please remember to be vigilant when at home; keep combustible materials away from heat sources, do not leave unattended heaters plugged in and always ensure smoke alarms are in good working order. We like to be busy, but not at your expense.

Reminder: Fire Department Garage Sale
Saturday, April 27th 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
(please note date change from April 20th)

Stage 1 Water Restrictions – May 1, 2013

Annually in May, the District implements water restrictions. Effective Tuesday, May 1, 2013, the District will be on Stage 1, as follows:

- **Odd house numbers** may water on **odd numbered days**

- **Even house numbers** may water on **even numbered days**
- Watering is restricted to a **maximum of 3 hours per designated day** and only permitted **between the hours of 6:00 am to 10:00 am or 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm.**

Water Conservation

It's that time of the year again; the time when we begin looking at ways to conserve our water supply. As most Lantzvillagers are aware, the District currently has a limited supply of water, and to maintain the current supply we need to make every effort in not placing excess stress on our aquifer during the spring and summer months.

Irrigation is one of the biggest stresses on our water supply causing usage to increase during the summer by 80%. You (the user) can help the District maintain lower consumption rates by ensuring that your irrigation system is updated to include the latest in water conservation technology.

For tips on how to conserve water please visit the District of Lantzville website at www.lantzville.ca or the Regional District of Nanaimo website www.rdn.bc.ca and follow the links to Team WaterSmart.

SCHEDULE CHANGE - FOOD WASTE, GARBAGE AND RECYCLING REMINDER:

When there is a holiday, your regular collection day moves forward a day. This means that due to holidays the collection schedule will be as follows:

Thursday, April 4 - garbage & food waste.
Thursday, April 11 – recycling & food waste

(Collection days move to Thursday until the next statutory holiday in May.)

Workshops

Free Team WaterSmart Workshop:

Efficient Irrigation:**Be Smart with your Sprinkler System**

Do you have an in-ground irrigation system? There may be leaks, clogs and inefficient nozzles that are wasting water and costing you money! Learn what to look for when getting your sprinkler system ready for the summer.

Date: Saturday, May 11th

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 pm

Location: Lantzville Legion, 7227 Lantzville Road