



District of Lantzville Community Update

October, 2013

Office Closure

The District office will be closed Monday, October 14th for Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving!

October Council Meetings

Monday, October 9th 5:00p.m.

Committee of the Whole, re:
Development Cost Charges
Monday, October 21st Regular
Monday, October 28th Regular

The public is encouraged to attend meetings of Council, which begin at 7:00 pm at the District Office.

Mayor's Appointment Hours

The Mayor is available to meet with residents on Thursday afternoons between 1 pm – 4 pm. If you would like to make an appointment please call the District office at 250.390.4006.

Food Waste, Recycling & Garbage Schedule Change

The schedule will change after the Thanksgiving Holiday (Oct 14th) to the following:



Thursday, Oct 17th

Recycling & Food Waste

Thursday, Oct 24th

Garbage & Food Waste

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Council had the opportunity to meet with the Premier Christy Clark, Minister Coralee Oakes and our local MLA Michelle Stilwell at the recent Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention. Council met with the Premier and the Minister to discuss the importance of continued infrastructure funding for the District.

Pictured from left to right: MLA Michelle Stilwell, Councillor Graham Savage, Councillor Denise Haime, Councillor Jennifer Millbank, Premier Christy Clark, Councillor Brian Dempsey, Mayor Jack de Jong, Councillor Andrew Mostad, Minister Coralee Oakes and Councillor Joe Bratkowski.

Water Negotiations District of Lantzville & City of Nanaimo

Further to the Mayor's open letter to residents dated July 26th, 2013 regarding water negotiations between the District of Lantzville and the City of Nanaimo we wish to advise that we continue to await receipt of the draft agreement from the City. As this agreement has yet to be received, it delays sharing the draft agreement with the community in addition to the scheduling of public information meetings as was noted in the last paragraph of the District's letter. Please be advised that Council will continue to keep residents updated as to the status of this initiative. Should you have any questions in the interim, you are invited to contact a member of Council or Twyla Graff, CAO, at the District office.

Burning

The Fire Chief would like to remind residents that opening burning is closed until October 15th.

On Sale Now! Lantzville Fire Rescue 2014 Calendar

Watch for the District's volunteer firefighters selling calendars door to door in your neighbourhood, or calendars can be purchased at the District office.

Kids Artwork Contest

The Fire Department would like to invite all school aged residents of Lantzville and Nanoose First Nation to submit artwork for the 2015 calendar. Contestants will incorporate aspects of public safety & education and/or fire-fighting in their submissions.

The artwork will be judged in four grade categories: K-2, 3-6, 7-9 & 10-12. The top three in each category will be used for the calendar (one per month).



One grand prize winner will be chosen from the entries to be showcased on the front cover. Prizes will also be awarded to each winner.

Submit your artwork to the District office by May 31st, 2014; include your name, grade, contact details and a brief description of your artwork.

British Columbia Youth Parliament

British Columbia Youth Parliament (BCYP) is a province-wide non-partisan organization where members learn and experience firsthand the parliamentary process, debate topics of interest, and plan numerous activities for the upcoming year. The 85th Parliament will be held in Victoria at the Provincial Legislative Chambers from December 27th to 31st, 2013.

The District is accepting applications from Lantzville residents aged 16 to 21 (as of 12/31/2013) who are interested in developing skills in leadership, organization, public speaking, and the parliamentary process. Please submit your application to the District by October 11th at 4:00 pm. The successful candidate's application will be forwarded with the registration fee to BCYP. More information and the application form can be found at www.bcyp.org.

BC Transit Open House

BC Transit is hosting a public consultation session in Lantzville so residents can provide input into transit priorities for the next 25 years.

Date: Thursday, October 17th
Time: 9:00 – 10:00 am
Location: The "Transit Future Bus" will be located in the District office parking lot, 7192 Lantzville Road

Fireworks

With Halloween just around the corner, the District would like to remind residents that a permit is required for any fireworks displays within District boundaries. However, the District does not recommend family fireworks or informal neighbourhood displays.

The use of fireworks dramatically increases the risk of fire and injury. Each year thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using fireworks. If you are approved for a permit it is important to let your neighbours know when and where you will be discharging the fireworks so that they can make arrangements for their pets.

The permit application, fireworks safety information, and the fireworks Bylaw No. 39, 2005 are available on the District website www.lantzville.ca or by visiting the District office.



FIRE CRACKERS ARE NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME IN THE DISTRICT

Public Information Session Drinking Water & Watershed Protection Program

The Regional District of Nanaimo is holding public information sessions in October, at several locations throughout the Regional District. Please visit the District of Lantzville website (www.lantzville.ca) for more information on dates and locations.

For program details visit www.dwwp.ca or call the RDN at 250.390.6560



Stage 2 Water Restrictions Still in Effect

Restrictions are as follows:

Odd house numbers watering days are Tuesdays and Saturdays within permitted hours.

Even house numbers watering days are Thursdays & Sundays within permitted hours.

Watering is restricted to a maximum of **2 hours** per designated day between the hours of 7:00 – 9:00 am **OR** 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

Please note that watering restrictions only apply to those property owners who are on the District's community water system. However, we also encourage those with private wells to exercise water conservation.

2014-2018 Five Year Financial Plan

Council will begin its Financial Planning process early in 2014 and invites the public to provide input this fall. A preliminary financial plan to support current service levels will be presented to Council in January, along with requests for capital projects and new services. Tax payers are encouraged to share their ideas by:

- contacting a member of Council in person or in writing
- attending the Financial Plan Committee of the Whole Meetings in 2014
- meeting with the District's Director of Financial Services, Jedha Holmes (jedha@lantzville.ca).