



# District of Lantzville Community Update

## Five Year Financial Plan, Lantzville/Nanaimo Draft Water Agreement Market Gardens – Public Info Meeting, Water System Maintenance

March 2014

### **City of Nanaimo Council Votes Yes to Draft Water Agreement**

City of Nanaimo Council, at their meeting held Monday, February 24, 2014, received a report from E.C. Swabey, City Manager, recommending that Nanaimo Council approve the draft water agreement (prepared by the City of Nanaimo) between the City of Nanaimo and the District of Lantzville and that staff be directed to forward the proposed agreement to Lantzville Council for its approval.

The Nanaimo staff report highlights principles of the agreement which were negotiated by previous Councils of the District of Lantzville and the City of Nanaimo. In addition, supplementary conditions were negotiated between current Councils as a result of the City becoming aware of their own potential challenges relating to their long-term capacity to supply water. The supplementary conditions discussed and included in the draft agreement are as follows:

- Water to be supplied to upper Lantzville only
- Properties in the Northwind/Southwind area could potentially be connected
- Connections relating to new development will be limited to 50 per year
- Water will not be supplied for major agriculture production or golf course uses
- Lantzville will keep our existing wells online; and
- Lantzville will support Nanaimo in securing future water supply.

We wish to advise the public that the draft Lantzville/Nanaimo Water Agreement will be formally received by Lantzville Council at its Regular Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 24, 2014. However, prior to Council entering into this draft agreement, Council will be providing the residents of Lantzville with detailed information and engaging in public consultation as it relates to this initiative.

### **Five Year Financial Plan (2014-2018)**

Council is continuing its financial planning process and invites the public to provide feedback. Feedback can be either in writing or by attending upcoming Financial Plan Committee of the Whole Meetings scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m. on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Highlights of the draft financial plan are as follows:

- Decrease in solid waste parcel tax to \$125
- Increase in quarterly sewer user rates from \$69 to \$85
- Contributions to capital reserves of \$836,525 (increase of \$43,000 from 2013)
- Community Planner available full-time
- Wellfield management plan and water quality assessment updates

Capital projects planned for 2014 include:

- Pumper/Rescue Truck (approved by Council in October 2013)- \$477,000
- Watermain replacement (Lancrest Terrace) - \$250,000
- Costin Hall upgrades - \$82,000
- Well rehabilitation - \$35,000
- Trail construction on North Road and in the woodlot - \$17,000

Capital projects to be considered at the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting include road surface repair and replacement on Millard, Shangri-La, Mrus and Hall Roads and culvert replacement on Superior Road.

The 2014-2018 Financial Plan and related tax rates bylaws must be adopted by Council by May 15, 2014.

### **Municipal Roads, Facilities & Trails – OCP Update**

At their January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, Council gave first and second reading to a bylaw to amend the Official Community Plan. The amendment bylaw focuses on updating the map showing municipal roads, facilities and trails in addition to making two housekeeping changes to the text regarding the goal of improving roads, pedestrian and bicycle mobility. Proposed changes to the map stem from the recommendations from the Transportation Review that was conducted last spring, and include changes to the future road network. Other differences are where roads, trails or parks have been built or realigned since the map was initially produced in 2005. Council and staff hosted two Public Information Meetings on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> and we wish to advise that comments heard at those meetings will be given consideration by Council at its Regular meeting scheduled on Monday, March 10.

### **Municipal Roads, Facilities & Trails – OCP Update Cont'd**

The proposed bylaw is available for viewing at the District Office and comments or questions can be directed to the Community Planner – Meredith Seeton at [meredith@lantzville.ca](mailto:meredith@lantzville.ca), or by calling 250.390.4006.

### **Market Gardens – Public Information Meeting**

At Council's Regular Meeting held Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, Council gave first reading to "District of Lantzville Zoning Bylaw No. 60, 2005, Amendment Bylaw No. 60.29, 2014". The proposed amendment bylaw would allow market gardening as a home based business. This proposed bylaw is the result of public engagement, communications received at the Urban Agriculture Ideas Jam in September, as well as a variety of research. Council and staff will be hosting a Public Information Meeting on Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, from 1 – 3 pm and 5 – 7 pm for those interested in learning more about the proposed bylaw. For details on the proposed amendment, please visit [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca). The bylaw is also available for inspection at the District Office. Comments and questions can be directed to the Community Planner – Meredith Seeton at [meredith@lantzville.ca](mailto:meredith@lantzville.ca) or by calling 250-390-4006.

### **Community Water System Maintenance**

Beginning March 10, the District's water system will undergo maintenance. Maintenance includes flushing of the water lines as well as fire hydrant maintenance and will take approximately 4 weeks to complete. Watermain flushing is part of our annual routine maintenance. Flushing is achieved by releasing water in 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. During this time there may be some discoloration of water and, while this should not affect the quality of drinking water, we recommend that laundry be done on weekends or evenings to avoid possible discoloration of clothes, etc. We apologize for any inconvenience this required maintenance may cause. If you have any questions please call the District of Lantzville office at 250-390-4006.

### **Memorial Programs**

The District offers two memorial programs: Trees and Park Benches. The programs provide opportunities for residents to make a dedication to the memory of a loved one or acknowledge someone special in a lasting way, as well as providing a beautiful contribution to the community. For more information or to obtain an application for either program please visit the District's website at [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca), or the District office at 7192 Lantzville Road.

### **Did You Know Huddleston Park is Available for Private Functions?**

Huddleston Park is a great place to hold small private group functions, such as family gatherings and children's birthday parties. For more information or to reserve please call the District office at 250.390.4006. (Please note that although a group may book a park, individual members of the community are free to use our parks at any time).

### **How to Contact Members of Council**

Members of Council do not keep regular office hours at the District Office, however e-mail may be sent to [council@lantzville.ca](mailto:council@lantzville.ca). Any e-mail sent to this address will be distributed to all Members of Council.

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**Happy St. Patrick's Day**

