



District of Lantzville Community Update

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May 2014

Property Tax Notices

In May, the District of Lantzville will mail 2014 property tax notices to property owners, including information regarding payment options, Home Owner Grants and deferment programs. If you do not receive your tax notice by the beginning of June, please contact the District Office. Property taxes are due at the District Office by 4:00 pm on Wednesday, July 2, 2014.

Traffic Notes – Water Main Construction!

Crews will be replacing a water main along Lancrest Terrace, starting the week of May 5th. Completion is expected by early June, with work primarily occurring during the hours of 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday. The project replaces 430 metres of aging 100mm diameter asbestos cement pipe with 150 mm diameter PVC water main piping. The upgrade will enable the District's pipe network to meet system flow requirements. Traffic delays and water service disruptions are expected. Residents will be notified 24 hours in advance of any water service disruption that is not an emergency. If you experience discoloured water at times, please let the tap run for a few minutes to clear the discolouration. We appreciate your patience while we carry out this important improvement to the municipal water system. Questions or comments? Contact Fred Spears, Director of Public Works at 250.390.4006 or spears@lantzville.ca.

Emergency Preparedness

Are you prepared? We can help!

If disaster strikes, can you survive on your own for one week? Book one of our FREE neighbourhood emergency preparedness workshops and learn how to be prepared! Minimum of 10 people required. Call 250.390.6541 or email beready@rdn.bc.ca.

Cut the Bloomin' Broom!

Scotch broom is an alien invasive plant taking over large areas within the District. Contact Broombusters to donate your time and physical labour to cut the broom when it is most vulnerable – while in bloom May-June! Help protect the District's environment from broom. Broombusters provides the information, organization and tools. Visit www.broombusters.org or email info@broombusters.org.

Attention All Water Wise Shutter Bugs!



Drinking Water Week Photo Contest Closes May 10th

Submit a photograph to watersmart@rdn.bc.ca by Saturday, May 10, 2014, of what backyard feature makes your outdoor space Watershed Friendly. Qualifying photo entries receive a locally-made Watershed Friendly yard sign and three entries will be drawn for one of three grand prizes! Winners will be drawn and announced on May 12th. For more information, visit www.lantzville.ca.

Rainwater Harvesting Incentive Program

Homeowners are eligible for up to \$750 towards your rainwater harvesting system! Visit www.lantzville.ca for more information. GET TO KNOW YOUR H₂O!

Council Update - In April, Council:

- adopted the Five Year (2014-2018) Financial Plan Bylaw No. 107 & 2014 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 108, 2014
- gave Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 50, 2005, Amendment Bylaw No. 50.5, 2014 - Map 6 – third reading, with amendments
- gave Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Bylaw No. 109, 2014 first three readings
- approved the audited 2013 Financial Statements
- authorized the Legion's cenotaph and memorial pathway project, subject to District supervision and the Legion providing a construction schedule
- contributed \$9,000 towards the operation of the Port Theatre
- received the CitySpaces "Lantzville 'Main Street' Design Workshop" report, from the Village Commercial Core Improvement Plan Committee, noting it is available on the District's website
- appointed Trudy Coates as Chief Election Officer and Twyla Graff as Deputy CEO for the November 15, 2014 General Local Election and Other Voting
- awarded the \$183,572.55 contract for the Lancrest Terrace Watermain Replacement Project to N. Dale Contracting Inc.
- gave Zoning Bylaw No. 60, 2005, Amendment (Market Gardening Home Based Business) Bylaw No. 60.29, 2014 second reading, as amended and scheduled the public hearing for 7:00 pm, Monday, May 12, 2014.

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, May 12 – Public Hearing (PH) @ 7:00 pm
(“District of Lantzville Zoning Bylaw No. 60, 2005, Amendment Bylaw No. 60.29, 2014 – Market Gardening Home Based Business)

Monday, May 12 – Regular Meeting following PH

Monday, May 26 – Regular Meeting @ 7:00 pm

For more information:

- Visit www.lantzville.ca and click on the calendar to access agenda, agenda package, and minutes
- Visit the District Office to view the Agenda binder which is available the Friday before the meeting

Market Gardening Home Based Business

Council is considering a zoning bylaw amendment: District of Lantzville Zoning Bylaw No. 60, 2005, Amendment Bylaw No. 60.29, 2014 which, if adopted, would amend the zoning bylaw to permit market gardening as a home based business activity; add definitions for ‘compost’, ‘composting’, ‘uncomposted manure’, and ‘market gardening’; and establish regulations for market gardening operations. It would not affect backyard gardening for household consumption. Properties affected by Bylaw No. 60.29 include all properties where Home Based Business is a permitted use. As per legislative requirements, the District is holding a Public Hearing on the proposed amendment bylaw, on **Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, District Office** which is the last opportunity for persons affected to address Council or submit written comment about Bylaw No. 60.29. For more details, watch for the advertised Public Hearing Notice, inspect the bylaw online at www.lantzville.ca or visit the District Office. Questions or comments? Contact Meredith Seeton, Community Planner at 250.390.4006 or meredith@lantzville.ca.

Seeking Your Input About Parks

The Parks & Recreation Commission is seeking your input about Lantzville parks. The Commission wants to consider the community’s opinion before researching any further, or potentially recommending, upgrading or re-furbishing Lantzville’s parks. Should the District:

1. Upgrade the Rotary Park to include a mountain bike skills park with a simple skills training circuit designed for 12 years and older?
2. Replace children’s playground equipment at Huddlestone Park or Copley Park with the appropriate equipment from Rotary Park?
3. Install adult outdoor physical fitness equipment at Huddlestone Park?

Submit your comments by Thursday, May 15, 2014 to district@lantzville.ca, or drop off at the District Office.

Staffing Update

Volunteer firefighter Steven Page is joining the District of Lantzville in a new role, as Seasonal Labourer. Welcome, Steve!

Bylaw Reminders

Speed limits keep our neighbourhoods safe – The speed limit on streets in Lantzville is 50 km/h except where posted otherwise, e.g. portion of Lantzville Road 30 km/h. Remember to *SLOW DOWN* in residential areas and especially near school zones, crosswalks, and posted Children Playing signs, e.g. Southwind Drive.

Open burning – Open burning (fire piles on the ground) is not permitted within the District limits from May 15th to October 15th. The use of incinerators is permitted, subject to burning permit, rules (including mesh screening), limitations, and permit cancellation due to safety hazard, non-compliance, or wind conditions. For more details view the Fire Protection Services Bylaws at www.lantzville.ca.

Stage 1 Watering Restrictions – Effective May 1st

Are you Odd or Even? Residential addresses may water lawns for a maximum of 3 hours between the hours of 6:00 am-10:00 am **OR** 6:00 pm-10:00 pm on the following days:

- **Odd-numbered addresses on odd-numbered days**
- **Even-numbered addresses on even-numbered days.**

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 property owners on individual private wells to also exercise conservation measures when it comes to water usage. *Tap into Water Conservation* – A healthy lawn only needs one inch of water per week!

SCHEDULE CHANGE - FOOD WASTE, GARBAGE AND RECYCLING REMINDER

Your regular collection day changes when there is a statutory holiday. Therefore, there will be no collection the week of May 19th, collection resumes on Monday May 26th with recycling and food waste pick-up, and continues on Mondays until the next statutory holiday.

Expanded Residential Recycling Coming!

Watch for the RDN Zero Waste collection program newsletter mid-May and visit www.recycling2014.ca for information on new recycling opportunities resulting from the changes to the BC Recycling Regulation and the new Multi-Material BC Stewardship Program that take effect May 19, 2014. BFI Canada will continue as the RDN’s contractor who picks up the curbside recycling in the District of Lantzville. Watch for the RDN’s publication of an updated list of acceptable curbside recyclables!

HAPPY VICTORIA DAY! The District Office will be closed on **Monday, May 19, 2014 for the Victoria Day holiday. Regular hours (8:00 am - 4:00 pm) will resume on Tuesday, May 20, 2014.**