



District of Lantzville Community Update

Supplement to the June Community Update:
Invitation to a Village Commercial Core Improvement Plan public engagement event

June 2014- Supplement

You are invited to...

Village Commercial Core Improvement Plan – Pop-up Plaza & Walkabout

Saturday, June 21 – 10:30-1:00

What is a Pop-up Plaza?

As an experiment in creating an animated public space, hosting a pop-up plaza in front of the District Hall will entail taking over the front parking area for the day, and temporarily transforming it into a small gathering place.

Village Commercial Core Improvement Plan

Lantzville's Official Community Plan calls for the creation of a Village Commercial Core Improvement plan, to address beautification, improve on-street parking and pedestrian flow, and create a framework for increasing public amenities such as courtyards and other gathering places. A Committee of community members has been meeting since fall 2013, and hosted a participatory meeting in January, where residents completed a visual preference survey and shared ideas about desired improvements. A design workshop was held in late February. Since then, staff and the Committee have been working on finalizing a draft plan.

The draft plan establishes a long term design vision for form and character within the village core, as well as long term streetscape design. The long term vision will be achieved over time as redevelopment, infill and new development takes place. The plan also recommends a range of small and larger improvement projects that could be led by the District in the interim, in collaboration with community groups, residents and other stakeholders.

Emerging Directions – Are We on the Right Track?

In advance of finalizing the draft, the Committee would like to share some emerging directions, and have a 'check-in' with the community.

The draft plan includes a list of improvement project recommendations that could be publicly-led. Recommendations will include such things as working with community groups and the school to beautify and better delineate pedestrian areas near the school, installing a welcome monument or sign at the beginning of the commercial core, and installing a bus shelter in front of the Lantzville Plaza.

The Committee has discussed form and character in detail, building off of the feedback gathered at the January event. The emerging direction is to allow a range of architectural expressions within the commercial core, providing designs fit our village scale, and respond to the site and street context. Given that our seaside location is one of our defining features and main attractions, the Committee also supports the incorporation of subtle design elements that build the connection between the seashore and the village core. These design elements could also be present in public realm fixtures such as benches, bike racks and landscaping.

The Committee has also discussed design concepts for the streetscape, prioritizing creating more of an uninterrupted pedestrian corridor.

Drop by the Pop-up Plaza

Weather permitting, the event on June 21st will be held outside of the District Hall, at 7192 Lantzville Road (in case of rain, the event will be moved inside the District Hall). You are invited to drop in, enjoy the space, hear about the direction the plan is taking, and provide your thoughts and input. We will also guide a walkabout through the village core, sharing considerations and ideas that have come up through the planning process, and asking for your feedback.

Hamburgers and hotdogs will be available by donation to the Legion.

Feel free to drop by between 10:30 and 1:00. You may wish to come for a brief presentation by staff at 10:45, and the guided walkabout at 11:30.

In addition to the event on June 21st, Committee meetings are always open to the public, and the Committee welcomes your ideas for enhancing the commercial core. To share ideas, or inquire about meeting dates and times, contact the Community Planner at meredith@lantzville.ca or 250.390.4006.

HAPPY CANADA DAY! The District Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 for the Canada Day holiday. Regular office hours (8:00 am - 4:00 pm) will resume on Wednesday, July 2, 2014.