



District of Lantzville Community Update

**Financial Plan, New Fire Truck, Upcoming Meetings, Council Update
New Picnic Table, Water Main Flushing, Emergency Preparedness, Staffing Update, & Bylaw Reminder**

March 2015

Five Year Financial Plan 2015 – 2019

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 pm on March 2 and 30, 2015 at the District Office. Some highlights of the draft Financial Plan are as follows:

- a 3% property tax increase
- \$11 decrease in solid waste parcel tax
- increase in sewer rates of \$7.50/quarter
- contributions to capital reserves of \$851,825

From the meetings held so far, Council has instructed staff to incorporate into the Financial Plan:

- \$33,700, and proceed with the next stage of the Wellfield Management Plan
- \$10,000 for an Asset Management Strategy with direction to apply for a \$5,000 grant for partial funding
- \$295,000 for 2015 asphalt replacement (Lancrest Terrace) and asphalt repair (Clark Crescent, Sebastion Road and Lorenzen Lane)
- \$125,000 for culvert replacement (Phantom Road)

At the March meetings, the Committee is expected to consider the remaining special request items and initiatives identified at Council's Strategic Planning session. The 2015-2019 Financial Plan and related tax rates bylaws must be adopted by Council by May 15, 2015.

New Pumper/Rescue Truck

Watch for our new pumper/rescue fire truck, a Rocky Mountain Phoenix Rosenbauer MP3 Custom Side Mount Pumper Truck scheduled to arrive in March!

Acting on a 2013 Fire Underwriters Survey recommendation to purchase a new front-line truck by the end of 2015, Council awarded a tender in late 2013 to Rocky Mountain Phoenix to manufacture and deliver a new pumper rescue fire truck for the District of Lantzville. The \$525,500 emergency response vehicle was funded through Capital Reserves, took just over a



year to build, replaces an aging 1981 vehicle, and will serve as Engine #1.

Enhancing the safety of our fire volunteers and our community!

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, March 2 – Committee of the Whole @ 7:00 pm (Financial Plan)

Monday, March 9 – Regular Council @ 7:00 pm

Monday, March 23 – Regular Council @ 7:00 pm

Monday, March 30 – Committee of the Whole @ 7:00 pm (Financial Plan) For more information:

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

Council Update - In February, Council:

- requested staff to prepare a report on options for providing a work and storage space for the Lantzville Historical Society
- consented to the Regional District of Nanaimo Board adopting Liquid Waste Management Planning Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1543.01, 2015
- invited RDN Transit staff to a Council meeting
- instructed staff to proceed with the 2015 Watermain Replacement Project Tender
- resolved to hold a Town Hall meeting in the second or third week of April 2015 regarding the Foothills development and, until then, put in abeyance all actions resulting in outside costs
- approved the holiday season closure of the District Office, effective Thursday, December 24, 2015 to Friday, January 1, 2016, inclusive
- directed staff to submit a New Building Canada Fund Small Communities Fund grant application for Phase 3 of the Sanitary Sewer Collection System, and, if the grant is approved, the District's share of the project cost will be by local area service on Council initiative – subject to petition against
- appointed Brenda Savage and Mark Swain to the Parks and Recreation Commission, each for a term expiring December 31, 2017
- instructed staff to send a letter to acknowledge the Legion's plans to hold the Annual Battle of the Atlantic Service at the cenotaph in Huddlestone Park on Sunday, May 3, 2015 at 11:00 am, including a fly past by CFB Comox aircraft at a height of 500 feet, subject to naming the District as additional insured
- approved a \$500 grant in aid for the Lantzville Boys and Girls Club to buy new equipment
- resolved to revisit the Grants in Aid Policy in 2015
- awarded a two-year janitorial services contract to John Marment dba Choice Cleaning Services.



Thanks to Koers & Assoc. Engineering Ltd. for donating this picnic table, dedicated to the people of Lantzville. Enjoy the table with a view...at the beach end of the North Road Trail!

Community Water System Maintenance

Between March 15th and April 15th, the District's water system will undergo annual routine maintenance, including flushing of water lines to remove sediment and maintain good water quality, as well as fire hydrant maintenance. Flushing is achieved by releasing water in the mains through fire hydrants and stand pipes. This causes a bubbling of air which may discolour the water. No chemicals are added to the system. During this time there may be some discolouration 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 discolouration of clothes, etc. We apologize for any inconvenience this required maintenance may cause. If you have any questions, please call the District Office at 250.390.4006.

Are YOU Ready? Your home is suddenly uninhabitable. There's been a house fire, an earthquake, or an extreme winter storm or a wildfire is fast approaching. Do you know what to do to keep your family safe and what disaster services are available in the District of Lantzville?

Emergency Social Services (ESS) – Lantzville is building a community-based emergency response program that can assist evacuees during an emergency or disaster. This program is called ESS and includes services required to preserve the well-being of people affected by an emergency or disaster. ESS volunteers help people remain self-sufficient by meeting their basic needs for 72 hours during a disaster. Province-wide, ESS is known as the 'Heart of Disaster Response' – be a part of helping others right in your own community!

Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program

People who have experienced disasters know that neighbours naturally come together to help one another. The NEP Program provides 2 FREE workshops to help groups of 7-10 households learn about minimizing existing hazards around the home and neighbourhood, prepare for an evacuation, and make individual and family emergency plans. Start building your disaster resilience today – call your Emergency Coordinator at 250.390.6526 or emergencyplanning@rdn.bc.ca for more information about becoming an ESS volunteer, starting a NEP group or booking an Emergency Preparedness presentation for your community group. Be Safe. Be Proactive. Be Ready!

District Staffing Update

Welcome to Lisa Bhopalsingh, our new Community Planner! Twyla Graff, Chief Administrative Officer stated, "We are extremely pleased to have Lisa join the District of Lantzville as our new Community Planner. Ms. Bhopalsingh's combination of education, experience in current and long range planning, her familiarity with the area, along with her positive attitude and enthusiasm will be a great addition to our organization. Lisa's track record in customer service, achieving results, public engagement, partnering with external partners and stakeholders, engagement with First Nations and land use and development application processing will certainly be a benefit to the District of Lantzville." Ms. Bhopalsingh holds a Masters Degree in Planning and brings over fourteen years of diverse local government experience throughout BC, including serving the Regional District of Nanaimo for the past six years as Senior Planner.

Bylaw Reminders

Outdoor Burning – From October 16th to May 14th, residents are permitted to burn in their backyards without a permit. Conditions apply. For further information contact the District Office or visit www.lantzville.ca, for Burning Permit Information.

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 near school zones, crosswalks, and posted Children Playing signs, e.g. Southwind Drive. School Spring Break is in late March. Please be especially cautious on all streets during Spring Break, and in school zones when children return to school following Spring Break. When a school is in session, a 30 km/h school zone speed limit is in effect from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm every school day.

Responsible dog ownership – The District relies on dog owners to be responsible for their dog – to clean up after their dog and to keep their dog under control at all times. Let's keep our beaches, playgrounds, parks and community clean and safe for our children! It is a bylaw offence to allow a vicious dog to be at large - it must be kept on leash when in public and in an enclosure or indoors when on the owner's property.

FOOD WASTE, GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Your regular collection day changes when there is a statutory holiday. Therefore, your collection day continues on Fridays in March, there will be no pick-up the week of March 30th and your next collection day will be for garbage and food waste on Monday, April 6, 2015.

Mayor's Office Hours

Mayor Haime is available to meet with residents on:
Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am
 If you wish to make an appointment, please contact the District Office at 250.390.4006.

