



District of Lantzville Community Update

**Council Update, Property Tax Reminder, Upcoming Meetings, Invasive Knotweeds
2015 By-election, Minetown Day, Emergency Preparedness, Bylaw Reminders, Waste Schedule**

July 2015



Happy Canada Day!

The District Office will be closed on Wednesday, July 1, 2015 for Canada Day. The office will reopen on Thursday, July 2, 2015 at 8:00 am.

Council Update - In May and June, Council:

- adopted Financial Plan Bylaw No. 116, 2015
- adopted Tax Rates Bylaw No. 117, 2015
- rescinded Policy 5002-1 Cost of Living (COLA) Policy for Exempt Staff for any new exempt employees hired
- resolved to develop a management bylaw for exempt staff to establish terms and conditions of employment
- approved the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014, as presented
- approved the amended Statement of Financial Information for the year ended December 31, 2014
- appointed Councillors Haime and Coulson as the District representative and alternate, on the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board of Trustees
- appointed Councillor Coulson as Council's liaison to the Seaside Community Society
- appointed Councillor Coulson as alternate municipal director on the Regional District of Nanaimo Board
- appointed Councillor Coulson as Acting Mayor and Councillor Haime as alternate for the period June to September 2015 if the Mayor is unavailable
- appointed Jim Dias as Interim CAO, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration, Deputy Director of Financial Services and Approving Officer eff. June 1st
- appointed C. Douglas Lang as Interim Director of Financial Services effective June 3, 2015
- appointed Trudy Coates and Lynn Ketch as the 2015 By-election Chief Election Officer and Deputy CEO
- authorized conducting four 2-hour bicycle road safety and maintenance workshops for children
- authorized the purchase and installation of one bike stand and one garbage can at the District Office, and one bike stand at Costin Hall
- approved a Development Variance Permit for a height variance for a new dwelling at 7040 Dickinson Road and denied a variance for an accessory building
- authorized a Development Permit for 7386 Sunbury Road for a new house with decks and patios
- authorized the Mayor to execute the certificate of transfer of the cenotaph ownership from the Royal Canadian Legion Br 257 to the District of Lantzville

REMINDER – Property Taxes Due July 2nd!
The deadline to make property tax payments and submit Home Owner Grants without penalty is Thursday, July 2, 2015 by 4:00 pm.

Postmarks are not accepted as proof of payment.

NOTE: Home Owner Grants must be completed annually.

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, July 20 – Special Council @ 7:00 pm
(Note: Meeting will include business scheduled for cancelled July 13th & 27th regular Council meetings)

Monday, August 31 – Special Council @ 7:00 pm will be the Inaugural meeting for newly elected Councillors, beginning their term with a swearing-in ceremony. This is a public meeting and you are invited to attend!

Meetings are held at the District Office, 2nd Floor, 7192 Lantzville Road. For more Council meeting 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

Invasive Knotweeds

Knotweed is an invasive alien species originally from Asia. It grows vigorously, impacting native ecosystems, and it can cause serious damage to foundations, driveways and septic systems. Cutting, mowing or digging up knotweed doesn't work because it spreads by roots and one small fragment can lead to more plants. If you think you have knotweed on your property, call a professional for assistance. Contact the District Office to report knotweed on public property. Visit Coastal Invasive Species Committee website www.coastalisc.com and www.knotonmyproperty.com for more information.



Burning Ban in Effect!

By-election to elect four Councillors!

Nomination packages are available for pick-up at the District Office for individuals interested in running for the office of Councillor. The period to file nomination papers with the Chief Election Officer (CEO) closes at 4:00 pm, Friday, July 3, 2015.

Mark **Saturday, August 8, 2015**, on your calendar to vote at Costin Hall, 7232 Lantzville Road to elect four Councillors to fulfill the remaining term of vacant Councillor positions. All electors are eligible to vote at Advance Voting opportunities on: **Wednesday, July 29, 2015 and Wednesday, August 5, 2015** at the District Office, 7192 Lantzville Road – 2nd Floor. Voting hours each voting day are 8:00 am – 8:00 pm. Can't attend on a Voting Day? Sign up for Mail Ballot Voting. Mail ballots may be available for pickup or delivery starting the week of July 20th and must be returned and received by the CEO prior to the Voting Place closing at 8:00 pm on General Voting Day on Saturday, August 8th.

Questions about voting or running for office? Check out the information at www.lantzville.ca, or contact Trudy Coates, CEO or Lynn Ketch, DCEO at the District Office, trudy@lantzville.ca or 250.390.4006.

Minetown Day – Saturday, September 12th!

Join us at Huddlestone Park for a fun community event! Members of the District's Parks & Recreation Commission and Minetown Day volunteers have been busy planning a full day of activities for all ages and encourage you to come out and join the fun! For more information (parade or general info), contact denisehaime@shaw.ca. More volunteers are required to help make this an excellent day - please contact Joan Moody at jkmooody@shaw.ca.

Are you prepared? We can help!



If disaster strikes, can you survive on your own for one week? The Lantzville Emergency Social Services (ESS) team has been busy preparing and training to respond. ESS had an info booth in front of the

District Office on May 8th to inform people that ESS exists; that ESS needs volunteers; volunteering is not overwhelming; training is free; that in a personal disaster, ESS will assist if needed for those first 72 hours; and that in a major disaster, a Reception Centre will be set up in the community. If you missed the info booth, book one of our FREE neighbourhood emergency preparedness workshops to learn how to be prepared! Minimum of 10 people required. Call 250.390.6526 or email emergencyplanning@rdn.bc.ca.

Bylaw Reminders

Burning Ban in Effect – On June 10, 2015, the Fire Chief declared a burning ban for the District of Lantzville. This means that no burning is permitted until the ban is lifted. This applies to any open fire including campfires and incinerator burning. Be Proactive. Be Safe. Be Ready! Remember, it just may be you who spots smoke! Program your phone to assist you in an emergency:

To report a fire: Call 9-1-1

To report a forest fire: Call 1.800.663.5555 or *5555 from a cellular phone

STAGE 2 Watering Restrictions Effective June 1st

Are you Odd or Even? You may water for a maximum of **2 hours** per designated day, between the hours of 7:00 am-9:00 am **OR** 7:00 pm-9:00 pm on the following days at properties with:

- **Odd-numbered addresses on Tuesdays and Saturdays**
- **Even-numbered addresses on Thursdays and Sundays.**

Watering restrictions include sprinkling, irrigating, and all outdoor washing. 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. By adhering to these water restrictions you will assist in stabilizing our supply of potable water for household use and fire protection!

Streets – The Traffic & Parking Regulations Bylaw No. 28 prohibits parking a vehicle or trailer on a street to display a sign, or to sell the vehicle. It also prohibits posting advertisements or posters on streets or utility poles. *Some exceptions apply.* Keep our streets clean!

FOOD WASTE, GARBAGE AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE CHANGE REMINDER

Your regular collection day changes when there is a statutory holiday. Therefore, after the garbage and food waste collection on Tuesday, June 30th, collection resumes on Wednesday, July 8th with recycling and food waste pick-up, and continues on Wednesdays for the month of July, until the August 3rd statutory holiday (BC Day), after which pick-up is on Thursdays.

HAPPY BC DAY! The District Office will be closed on Monday, August 3, 2015 for the BC Day holiday. Regular hours (8:00 am - 4:00 pm) will resume on Tuesday, August 4, 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