



District of Lantzville Community Update

**Financial Plan, Fire Rescue, Block Watch, Upcoming Meetings, Polar Bear Swim, Council Update, Grants in Aid
Council Member Contact Information, Bylaw Reminders: Fireworks, Winter Road Safety & Littering**

January 2016

Happy New Year!

The District Office will be closed Thursday, December 24, 2015 to Sunday, January 3, 2016, inclusive. Regular office hours (8:00 am – 4:00 pm) will resume on Monday, January 4, 2016. In case of a public works emergency, call 250.390.4006.

Five Year Financial Plan 2016 - 2020

Council will begin its Financial Planning process in January and invites the public to provide feedback either in writing or by attending upcoming Committee of the Whole meetings. These meetings are open to the public and, as with all Council meetings, the public is invited to participate at the end of the meeting. Committee of the Whole meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Monday, January 18th @ 7:00 pm
- Monday, February 10th @ 5:00 pm
- Monday, March 7th @ 7:00 pm
- Monday, April 4th @ 6:00 pm



Fire Rescue Message

This month's Fire Rescue message is a reminder to residents to trim your vegetation along overgrown accesses, private driveways and in turn around areas. The fire truck needs a clearance of 5 metres overhead. Safety Tip: *Keep things a metre from the heater...and remember: overloaded plugs can cause fires!*

Lantzville Community Block Watch

In October 2015, Council supported the RCMP Community Policing leading an initiative to implement a Lantzville Block Watch program to help neighbours watch out for neighbours. Its aim is to get citizens involved in discouraging and preventing crime at the local level, making our community safer, one block at a time! Since the November 25, 2015 Block Watch public meeting (view presentation on the District website), one street is well on its way to enjoying the benefits of the program:

- Reduced crime
- Heightened security
- Knowing how to report suspicious behaviour
- Reductions in their home insurance

Congratulations Tweedhope residents! Interested in setting up a Block Watch in your neighbourhood? Forms are available at www.nanaimocpvolunteers.ca to submit to Dawn Portman, Community Policing Co-ordinator, Nanaimo RCMP, 303 Prideaux St, Nanaimo, BC V9R 2N3. Questions? Contact Dawn Portman at 250.755.3163 or Cst. Gary O'Brien at 250.755.3257.

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, January 11 – 7:00 pm Regular Council
Monday, January 18 – 7:00 pm Committee of the Whole
Monday, January 25 – 7:00 pm Regular Council
For more information, visit www.lantzville.ca.

Polar Bear Swim – New Year's Day!

Kick start 2016 – by plunging into the chilly waters of the Salish Sea at the annual **Polar Bear Swim!** Community volunteers will be holding the event **at 12:00 Noon on Friday, January 1st** at the Beach west of Harper Road. Go for a swim, or just come out to watch and enjoy the fun. Children must be accompanied by an adult, bring supplies to stay warm, and please keep your dogs at home. Know your limits in the cold water – there will be no lifeguard or first aid on duty. Happy New Year!

Council Update - In December 2015, Council:

- instructed staff to prepare a draft policy for Council consideration for permitting one development permit application for multiple properties, based on listed criteria
- recognized that Council authorized an extension to the Seaside Community Society's lease of the District-owned building at 7244 Lantzville Road known as the Heritage Church and the wider array of people and organizations using the facility, and directed staff to remove, by January 31, 2016, the large wooden cross in front of building and the wooden sign, and to return same to the owners of the items
- held two days of Strategic Planning.

Public Notice – 2016 Grants in Aid

Early in 2016, Council of the District of Lantzville will consider Grants in Aid applications for the 2016 calendar year. The primary purpose is to provide financial assistance to an organization for a specific project or event that benefits the residents of the District of Lantzville. The organization should be registered as a Society (or belong to a parent Society) under the laws of British Columbia and/or Canada. Preference given to locally based organizations whose efforts are community based in nature. Council will not grant monies to a 'for profit' organization. Applications must be completed and submitted to the District Office, no later than Sunday, January 31, 2016. Obtain application forms, including guidelines from the District Office or www.lantzville.ca. Council will be considering amendments to the program in 2016.

Council Member Contact Information

Council is responsible to set budgets, levy taxes, adopt bylaws, establish policies and make decisions that guide the growth, development and operation of the District of Lantzville.

District staff are responsible for day-to-day operations, implementing Council decisions and policies, and providing advice to elected officials. Your questions about day-to-day operations can be directed to staff by contacting the District Office at 250.390.4006.

If you wish to contact a member of Council to discuss any suggestions, issues or concerns unresolved with staff, you can write to the District Office or email district@lantzville.ca, addressed to the attention of Council, and staff will distribute it to all members of Council. Please include your name and complete postal mailing address for our records.

Contact information for individual Council members:

<p>Mayor Colin Haime Phone: 250.390.4131 or Email: mayor.haime@lantzville.ca</p>	
<p>Councillor Bob Colclough Phone: 250.714.8985 or Email: councillor.colclough@lantzville.ca</p>	
<p>Councillor John Coulson Phone: 250.933.4425 or Email: councillor.coulson@lantzville.ca</p>	
<p>Councillor Will Geselbracht Phone: 250.667.0205 or Email: councillor.geselbracht@lantzville.ca</p>	
<p>Councillor Denise Haime Phone: 250.390.4131 or Email: denisehaime@shaw.ca</p>	
<p>Councillor Dot Neary Phone: 250.933.1884 or Email: councillor.neary@lantzville.ca</p>	
<p>Councillor Mark Swain Phone: 250.714.9708 or Email: councillor.swain@lantzville.ca</p>	

Mayor’s Office Hours - Change for 2016
Tuesdays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am
Call the District Office at 250.390.4006 if you wish to book an appointment to meet with Mayor Haime.

**Bylaw Reminders
Fireworks Restrictions Permit Reminder**

The District of Lantzville requires that a permit be obtained from the District Office and approved by the Fire Chief *before* fireworks can be discharged.

Winter is here! Are you prepared?

At this time of year we have maximum darkness, rain, and sometimes slippery or snowy conditions.



Pedestrians and drivers: Please dress and drive to suit the conditions. Be visible. Carry a flashlight. After a snowfall, expect minor delays, allow extra travel time and park off the road to allow plows and emergency vehicles space to pass. Don’t abandon your car if it gets stuck, and please do not leave basketball hoops or equipment on the road. This will allow better snow removal service in our neighbourhoods. Our contract with Windley Construction does identify which roads receive priority clearing during periods of heavy snowfall versus others. Our contractor’s first priority is to clear ‘Primary’ roads, as follows:

- 1. Primary Roads** – Aulds, Dickinson, Lantzville, Superior and Ware (regional transit, school, and emergency access required).
- 2. Secondary Roads** – Examples of secondary roads are Caillet Road, Harwood Drive and Southwind Drive.

If snowfall is ongoing, the contractor will return to those Primary roads if snow continues to accumulate and, as a result, may not make it to Secondary roads, cul-de-sacs and side roads for twenty-four hours. If possible, stay off the roads during a snowfall and for safety reasons, do not use the roads as playgrounds. Be safe!

Let’s Keep Lantzville Clean!

Have you noticed an increase in littering in Lantzville? Did you spot the fast food packaging, beverage containers, cigarette butts and other waste accumulating along some of our streets, trails and public spaces? Please do your part to help prevent and reduce litter in our community! On your regular waste collection day, don’t put your can out the night before and, after it is picked up, please check to see that debris from your waste was not blown away...or carried away by wildlife or birds. On your next walk, take along a garbage bag. And always clean up after your dog. Thanks for your community pride!

FOOD WASTE, GARBAGE AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE CHANGE REMINDER
Your regular collection day changes when there is a statutory holiday. Therefore, after the recycling and food waste collection on Wednesday, December 30th, collection resumes on Thursday, January 7th with garbage and food waste pick-up, and continues on Thursdays until after Family Day in February. Have your waste/recycling at the curb by 8:00 am.
Visit our website for a list of locations to buy garbage tags during the holidays.