



District of Lantzville Community Update

**Family Day, Financial Plan, Corporate Strategic Plan, Upcoming Meetings, Council Update
Park Washroom, Volunteer Opportunities, Directory, Street Lights, Traffic Safety, Bylaw Reminders & Curbside Collection**

February 2016

Happy Family Day!

The District Office will be closed on Monday, February 8, 2016 for the statutory holiday, Family Day. Regular office hours (8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday) will resume on Tuesday, February 9, 2016. In case of a public works emergency, call 250.390.4006.

Five Year Financial Plan 2016 - 2020

Council has commenced its review of the 2016 – 2020 Financial Plan. At the January 18th Committee of the Whole meeting, staff provided an introduction to the Five Year Financial Plan that included the following: general operating fund; request to carry forward funding for 2015 unfinished projects; requests from District departments for non-core special request items; and information regarding the sewer and water operating funds. Discussion of these items will continue at the next Committee of the Whole meeting on February 10th. Council invites residents to provide feedback either in writing or by attending upcoming Committee of the Whole meetings. The 2016-2020 Financial Plan Bylaw and related tax rates bylaw must be adopted by Council by May 15, 2016. Financial Plan Committee of the Whole meetings are scheduled as follows:

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



Corporate Strategic Planning

In January, Council endorsed the 2016-2018 Strategic Priorities Chart and Strategic Plan that resulted from the two days of strategic planning held in December 2015. Corporate priorities for Council and the CAO include:

1. Water Agreement: Revision – January-May/2016
2. Communication, Engagement and Transparency – Develop a Policy – January/2016
3. Economic Development Strategy: Terms of Reference/Budgeting – May/2016
4. Official Community Plan: Terms of Reference/Budgeting – January-May/2016
5. First Nations Relationship Building: Liaison Meeting – February/2016
6. Village Core Plan: Current Plan Review – January/2016

Priorities identified to follow include: service capacity review, branding community identity, a target list for policy review and the terms of reference/budgeting for the Water Master Plan. For more information, view the 2016-2018 Corporate Strategic Plan at www.lantzville.ca.

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, February 10 – 5:00 pm Committee of the Whole (CoW) – Financial Plan

Wednesday, February 10 – 7:00 pm Regular Council

Monday, February 15 – 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole

Monday, February 22 – 7:00 pm Regular Council

For more information visit www.lantzville.ca.

Council Update - In January 2016, Council:

- 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
- directed staff to create a draft terms of reference for a groundwater task force for consideration by Council
- directed staff to prepare a report for May 2016 outlining the rationale, options and a recommended per connection water volume requirement for single family and other types of dwellings and connections
- appointed Robert Chatton as Fire Chief
- appointed Liette Masse and Julia Ohly to the Parks and Recreation Commission until December 31, 2018
- referred the Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy RGS Minor Amendment Criteria letter to staff to provide comments to the RDN
- endorsed the 2016-2018 Corporate Strategic Plan, as amended consistent with the Strategic Priorities Chart
- directed staff to replace Well #6 and redevelop Wells #4, #9 and #12 within the District wellfield, and approved \$375,000 funding from the Waterworks Reserve, in the 2016 – 2020 Financial Plan
- approved the holiday season closure of the District Office, effective Monday, December 26, 2016 to Monday, January 2, 2017, inclusive
- authorized sending a letter of congratulations to Snaw-Naw-As (Nanose First Nation) newly-elected Chief Brent Edwards and Councillors
- approved a Development Permit to accommodate a subdivision (lot line adjustment) for 7375 Aulds Road
- instructed staff to provide an update on The Foothills Phase 1 subdivision application at the February 10, 2016 Council meeting

Mayor's Office Hours

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.

Huddlestone Park Washroom Open

There is a new amenity in Huddlestone Park – a public washroom! The 'outhouse' was removed and replaced with a new facility, that is connected to sewer.

Volunteer with Emergency Social Services

Lantzville is building a community-based emergency response program that can assist evacuees during an emergency or disaster. This program is called Emergency Social Services (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. Training is free. Province-wide, ESS is known as the 'Heart of Disaster Response' – be a part of helping others right in your own community! Call your Emergency Coordinator at 250.390.6559 or emergencyplanning@rdn.bc.ca for more information about becoming an ESS volunteer or emergency planning. Be Safe. Be Proactive. Be Ready!

Interested in parks and recreation?

The District of Lantzville needs a volunteer to fill a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission. With exciting projects coming up for improving playgrounds, enhancing the Copley Ridge Recreation Trails, and developing a mountain bike skills circuit in Rotary Park, and the regular responsibilities of conducting the annual Minetown Day and providing advice to Council on parks and recreation functions, volunteers with an interest in parks and recreation (particularly for kids) should apply. The Commission meets at the District Office at 4:30 pm on the fourth Thursday of the month. Visit the District website for more information. Interested? To be considered for appointment by Council to the Parks and Recreation Commission, email a brief resume with a letter highlighting your related interests and experience before 4:00 pm, Friday, February 12, 2016, to trudy@lantzville.ca or deliver it to the District Office.

How to Report A Streetlight Problem

If you notice a problem with a streetlight in the District, for example, outage, cycling or dim light, contact the District office (district@lantzville.ca or 250.390.4006) to identify the problem streetlight. Provide details such as: street address, type of pole, closest intersection, north/south/east/west/direction and type of problem. Streetlights are owned and maintained by BC Hydro; however, all requests for streetlight maintenance should be directed to the District to forward to BC Hydro.

Community Organizations Directory

We are preparing a list of community organizations for our website, including how residents can contact these valued groups of volunteers that work to provide programs and services, enhancing our quality of life. Email your group name, purpose and contact information (phone number and email) to trudy@lantzville.ca.

Fire Rescue Message

This month's Fire Rescue message: Please make it easy for emergency responders to find your house – install reflective or illuminated house numbers. Drive by your own house in the dark – is your house number visible from the street, in both directions?

Safety Tip: *Your earthquake preparedness kit should last you one week. Don't forget to include medications!*

Traffic Safety

Shining the spotlight on safe travel after dark. **Did you know...** officials say distracted driving, failure to yield the right of way and weather conditions are the top contributing factors for drivers in crashes involving pedestrians?

Under Construction! *Motorists and pedestrians, please allow extra time, exercise caution, and observe directions given by traffic control personnel when in the area of West Lantzville Road and the Highway, where the Snaw-Naw-As (Nanose First Nation) have an infrastructure development project under construction.*

Be bright @ night!



Bylaw Reminders

Outdoor Burning – From October 16th to May 14th, residents are permitted to burn in their backyards without a permit. Conditions apply. Be considerate of your neighbours when burning. Burn materials hot, infrequently and only when venting permits. For further information contact the District Office or visit www.lantzville.ca, for Burning Permit Information.

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 Thursday, February 4, 2016, collection resumes on Friday, February 12, 2016 with recycling and food waste collection, and continues on Fridays until the next statutory holiday in March.

Have you received your 2016/2017 Garbage Collection Schedule? The 2-year 2016/2017 Garbage, Green Bin, and Recycling Schedules were mailed by bulk mail to residents in December. If you have not received your schedule, please contact the District Office, or you can print your own by visiting www.lantzville.ca.

Forget your garbage day no more! Visit the District website to sign-up for **RECOLLECT** – the NEW garbage pick-up reminder system. Set up a handy reminder for yourself (or perhaps your spouse or kids) to receive a reminder by email, phone call to your mobile or home phone, calendar, or even via private message on Twitter. You can set up when you want to receive your reminder (e.g. 6:00 pm the day before collection day or 7:00 am the day of) and receive helpful details such as what's being picked up that week – garbage or recycling.