



District of Lantzville Community Update

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May 2016

Property Tax Notices

In May, the District of Lantzville will mail 2016 property tax notices to property owners, including information regarding payment options, Home Owner Grants and deferment programs. Contact the District Office if you do not receive your tax notice. Property taxes (including the signed Home Owner Grant required annually) are due at the District Office on or before Monday, July 4, 2016. Every year we have taxpayers who must pay a 10% penalty because they fail to claim their Provincial Home Owner Grant on time. Don't let this happen to you!

Freedom of the Municipality

At the May 16, 2016 special Council meeting at 7:00 pm at Costin Hall, Council will present Fire Service awards and, for the first time in the history of Lantzville, will confer the honour of Freedom of the Municipality on two deserving citizens, Ken Spence and Tom Whipps. The *Community Charter* provides the authority for Council, by a unanimous vote, to confer Honourary Freeman status on a distinguished person— it is the highest honour that a municipality may bestow upon individuals. Join us for this special ceremony as we recognize two deserving citizens!

Free – 2016 Gardening Workshop Series

To register, RSVP to councillor.colclough@lantzville.ca with your name, phone number and which workshop(s) you would like to attend (space may be limited) at Costin Hall on the following Saturdays, 10:00 am – Noon:

Date	Speaker	Focus
May 21 st	Connie Kuramoto	Soil – boost soil fertility, reduce pesticides & water consumption
May 28 st	Ken Nentwig & Jamie Wallace	Water – rainwater harvesting, rain gardens & drip irrigation
June 18 st	Jamie Wallace	Plants – top 20 drought resistant plants

For more information, visit www.lantzville.ca.

Cut the Bloomin' Broom!

Help protect our environment from this invasive alien plant and enjoy some time volunteering with fellow residents – attend a community broom cut 9:30 am to 11:30 am on Saturday, May 14th at *Exit 29 (Nanaimo sign) access via end of Alger Rd.* If you want to cut somewhere else or at another time, contact Sharon at 250.390.2991 or sahokas@shaw.ca. For more info, check out the Broombusters website: www.broombusters.org.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, May 9** – 5:00 pm Committee of the Whole
 - Monday, May 9** – 7:00 pm Regular Council
 - Monday, May 16** – 5:00 pm Committee of the Whole
 - Monday, May 16** – 7:00 pm Special Council (Special Awards Ceremony at Costin Hall, 7232 Lantzville Rd)
 - Wednesday, May 25** – 7:00 pm Regular Council
 - Thursday, June 2** – 6:00 pm Town Hall meeting at Costin Hall – Community Water Supply Expansion Update
- For more information visit www.lantzville.ca.

Council Update – In April 2016, Council:

- consented to the Regional District of Nanaimo adopting Regional Parks and Trails Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1231.05, 2016
- instructed staff to prepare a report on the Terms of Reference for the Water Master Plan and consultant
- scheduled a community water supply expansion update Town Hall meeting for June 2, 2016
- adopted 2016-2020 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 120
- adopted 2016 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 121, 2016
- adopted Water Rates Bylaw No. 124, 2016
- adopted Sewer Rates and Regulation Bylaw No. 66, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 125, 2016
- adopted Miscellaneous Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 26-2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 126, 2016
- gave first three readings to Regional Parks and Trails Parcel Tax and Assessment Roll Preparation Bylaw No. 56, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 127, 2016
- requested and received a report providing clarification on the boundary and number of homes described in the 2015 Water Supply and Distribution System Study by Koers and Associates Engineering
- instructed staff to report on Class D water service expansion costing estimates at the Town Hall meeting
- approved requesting the City of Nanaimo to amend the Lantzville/Nanaimo Water Agreement
- approved the audited Financial Statements for 2015
- authorized installing a standard pedestrian crosswalk where the trail meets Dickinson Road and Oar Road and staff reviewing vegetation and clearing sight lines
- approved the Grants In Aid Policy No. 3000-1, as amended and Public Participation Policy No. 3000-9
- approved a Development Permit for 7425 Industrial Way to accommodate a slab/loading bay construction.

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.

Free Money and Prizes! Interested?

The District of Lantzville is a partner in many of the programs through the Regional District of Nanaimo. Don't miss out on the rebates and prizes! Visit www.rdn.bc.ca to find out more about how you can save through the:

- Oil to Heat Pump Rebate
- Rainwater Harvesting Incentive Program
- Renewable Energy System Incentive
- Sustainable Development Check List
- Home Energy Assessment
- Graded Site Cut Timber Incentive
- Residential EV Charging Station

Planning on replacing your old toilet with a new low flush model? Visit www.lantzville.ca or the District Office for the Low Flush Toilet Rebate Program application form.

Nominate Your Neighbour Who's a Water Saver!

From May 1st until September 1st you can enter them into Team WaterSmart's weekly water saver contest and you *both* will be entered into the weekly prize draw with a chance to win the grand prize! To enter, simply submit 100 words or less on how your neighbour is being water smart – include a photo if you can, with your nomination form to watersmart@rdn.bc.ca. The nominee will receive a yard sign to display as a way to recognize their efforts in the community. *Prize draw every Friday for a recreation pass and collapsible water bottle, grand prize draw for a rain barrel on September 1st.* Visit the District Office or www.teamwatersmart.ca for nomination forms.

Interested in parks and recreation?

The District of Lantzville has 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 the annual Minetown Day and providing advice to Council on parks and recreation functions, volunteers with an interest in parks and recreation should apply. The Commission meets at the District Office at 4:30 pm on the fourth Thursday of the month. Email a brief resume with a letter highlighting your related interests and experience, by 4:00 pm, Friday, May 20, 2016 to trudy@lantzville.ca or deliver it to the District Office.

Join Minetown Day Planning! The Commission is seeking volunteers to help plan the District's 2016 Minetown Day community event. If you are available for 3 – 4 meetings and to work on the weekend of the event (scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2016), email brendasavage170@shaw.ca, call 250.390.3368 or attend our next planning meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 5:00 pm at the District Office.

HAPPY VICTORIA DAY! The District Office will be closed on Monday, May 23, 2016 for the Victoria Day holiday. Regular hours (8:00 am - 4:00 pm) will resume on Tuesday, May 24, 2016.

Lost and Found! Recently, this insulated bag was found and dropped off at the District Office. Visit us at 7192 Lantzville Road to identify the contents and claim your bag!



Bylaw Reminder

Outdoor Burning – Open burning (fire piles on the ground) is not permitted within the District limits from May 15th to October 15th. The use of incinerators is permitted, subject to a burning permit issued by the Fire Chief, and rules (e.g. requires mesh screening maximum 1 inch), limitations, and permit cancellation due to safety hazard, non-compliance, or wind conditions. Burn as hot as possible to reduce smoke and ash. From October 16th to May 14th, residents are permitted to burn in their backyards without a permit. Conditions apply. Call the Ministry of Environment at 1.888.281.2992 and follow the prompts to hear Environment Canada's daily ventilation index for Central Vancouver Island to confirm if burning is permitted. Conditions must be GOOD on the day you burn and GOOD or FAIR the following day in order to burn per the burning bylaw. For further information contact the Fire Chief at 250.390.2811 or visit www.lantzville.ca, for Burning Permit Information.

Fire Rescue Safety Message – Take a critical look at the property outside of your house for fire hazards. The areas surrounding your home should be free from debris and fire hazards. Wood piles that are beside your home should be moved away for the summer and the wood debris should be raked up and discarded. *Do your part, don't let fire start.*

Stage 1 Watering Restrictions – Effective May 1st

Under the new watering restrictions, in Stage 1, sprinkling is permitted on any day between the hours of 7:00 pm and 7:00 am. Sprinkling includes watering lawns, ornamental shrubs, flowers and trees and use of pop-up spray, rotors and sprinklers. Putting in a new lawn? Apply for a new lawn permit. The following are permitted at any time in Stage 1: hand-watering, drip irrigation, and micro irrigation; washing vehicles, boats, and houses (siding) if using a hose with a shutoff device; filling fountains, pools, or hot tubs; pressure washing walkways, driveways and siding. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from all watering restrictions but watering in the early morning or in the evening is recommended – less evaporation. Private wells are not subject to municipal watering restrictions, but conservation is encouraged because water is a shared resource. *Tap into Water Conservation* – A healthy lawn only needs one inch of water per week!

FOOD WASTE, GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Your regular collection day only changes when there is a statutory holiday. In May your collection day will be on Mondays until after Victoria Day, when it resumes on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 with recycling and food waste, and continues on Tuesdays until July.