



District of Lantzville Community Update

**Family Day, Financial Plan, Recruiting Firefighters, Upcoming Meetings, Council Update
OCU Update & Water Master Plan, 2017 Grants In Aid, Community Organizations Directory, Bylaw Reminders**

February 2017

Happy Family Day!

The District Office will be closed on Monday, February 13, 2017 for the Family Day statutory holiday. Regular office hours (8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday) will resume on Tuesday, February 14, 2017. In case of a public works emergency when the office is closed, please call the after-hours answering service at 250.741.3335, who will contact District staff on your behalf.

Five Year Financial Plan 2017-2021

Council has commenced its review of the 2017-2021 Financial Plan. At the January 16, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting, staff provided an introduction to the 2017-2021 Five Year Financial Plan that included the general operating fund and requests from District departments for non-core special request items. Discussion of these items will continue at the Committee of the Whole meetings on February 6 and 20, 2017. Council invites residents to provide feedback either in writing or by attending upcoming Committee of the Whole meetings. Financial Plan Committee of the Whole meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Monday, February 6th & 20th @ 6:00 pm
- Monday, March 6th & 20th @ 6:00 pm

The 2017-2021 Financial Plan Bylaw and related Tax Rates Bylaw must be adopted by Council before May 15, 2017.



Lantzville Fire Rescue is Recruiting for Paid On Call Firefighters!

As an active member of the Lantzville Volunteer Fire Department, you will serve the community in many different ways including emergency response, fire prevention, and education and support at community events.

Applications will be accepted until 3:00 pm on Friday, February 17, 2017. Applications are available by visiting the Firehall on Thursday nights at 7:00 pm or can be requested via email from the Fire Chief.



For further information, please contact Fire Chief Rob Chatton at 250.390.0363 or by email: rob@lantzville.ca.

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, February 1st – 6:00 pm Official Community Plan Review Select Committee

Monday, February 6th – 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole (COTW) – Financial Plan

Wednesday, February 15th – 7:00 pm Regular Council

Thursday, February 16th – 4:30 pm Parks & Recreation

Monday, February 20th – 6:00 pm COTW – Financial Plan

Monday, February 27th – 7:00 pm Regular Council

For more information:

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

Council Update – In January 2017, Council:

- authorized an adjustment (\$6,100) to a resident's water utility bill account due to a water leak
- approved the closure of the District Office from December 25, 2017 to January 1, 2018, inclusive
- approved advertising the position of Chief Administrative Officer (closes January 31, 2017)
- gave Zoning Bylaw Amendment (6411 Manhattan Way) Bylaw No. 60.34 first two readings and scheduled the public hearing for February 27, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the District Office, 7192 Lantzville Road
- gave Miscellaneous Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 138 first three readings, to amend the tax certificate, garbage collection and food waste container fees
- authorized an immediate purchase for Fire Services of Small Tools & Equipment Gas Calibration (\$2,500), including addition to the Financial Plan
- instructed staff to amend the Financial Plan to add for 2017 and ongoing, funding for an annual volunteer firefighter appreciation dinner/celebration (\$3,000)
- authorized increasing the seasonal worker position to a full-time Labourer position (\$6,600), contingent upon the elimination of the summer temporary position and reduction of the casual Labourer position, and instructed staff to include the position in the 2017-2021 Financial Plan
- appointed Lynda Sowerby as Deputy Director of Financial Services.

Mayor's Office Hours – Change for Jan-Apr 2017

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.



OCP Update & Water Master Plan

Thank you to everyone who kicked off the New Year with us at the OCP Update and Water Master Plan Community Workshop on January 18, 2017. We had the opportunity to table short-listed options and gather feedback on directions participants did support, those they did not, and where additional information was needed. In addition, at the event and via email, additional suggestions have been put forward for consideration.

This information is now being used to refine the Community-wide Survey questions. This February the survey will be mailed to each household in Lantzville. All you have to do is fill yours in to identify your preferences, and drop it back in the mail in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

We need to hear from as many community members as possible, so that the input received informs OCP Updates and a Draft Water Master Plan that reflects community preferences. Please ensure your household's survey is completed and encourage your neighbours to complete theirs as well.

In Spring 2017, we'll bring forward drafts of the OCP Update and the Water Master Plan at a community event for review and feedback. For more information: visit Lantzville.ca/OCP-WMP, email ourlantzville@lantzville.ca or call the Community Planner at 250.390.4006.

2017 Grants in Aid Applications

Early in 2017, Council of the District of Lantzville will consider applications for discretionary Grants in Aid for the 2017 calendar year. Funds available for grants are limited and subject to budgetary constraints. 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 BC and/or Canada. Preference will be 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 *Wednesday, February 1, 2017*. Obtain an application form, including policy with guidelines, from the District Office or www.lantzville.ca.

Community Organizations Directory

We are preparing a list of community organizations/clubs 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.

BYLAW REMINDERS

Avoid playing in the ditches! Although ditches can appear harmless, it's important to teach your children that ditches are not a safe place to play. The purpose of ditches is to move runoff from roadways and private property. At times of heavy rainfall, the water in ditches can move very quickly! Whether dry or filled with water, many ditches contain garbage or debris that could pose a hazard. And when filled with water, the banks of ditches are very slippery – if someone falls in, they can't easily get out! Encourage your children to find a safe place to play.

Outdoor burning - From October 16th to May 14th, residents are permitted to burn in their backyards without a permit. Conditions apply. Confirm – before you burn! Call 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. Outdoor burning is restricted when the index is POOR or FAIR. The conditions must be GOOD on the day you burn and GOOD or FAIR the following day in order to burn per the burning bylaw. Of note, a clear sunny day isn't a reliable indicator that you can burn – you must check the ventilation index. Be considerate of your neighbours when burning so you don't impact their daily routine or health. Burn materials as hot as possible (to reduce smoke and ash), burn infrequently and ONLY when venting permits so the smoke goes straight up. For further information, contact Fire Chief Rob Chatton at 250.390.0363 or by email: rob@lantzville.ca.

No Water Restrictions in effect until further notice.

FOOD WASTE, GARBAGE AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE CHANGE

Your regular collection day changes when there is a statutory holiday. Therefore, after the recycling and food waste collection on Thursday, February 9, 2017, and the Family Day holiday on Monday, February 13, 2017, collection resumes on Friday, February 17, 2017 with garbage and food waste pick-up, and continues on Fridays until after Easter in April 2017. Please remember to place your container at the curb by 8:00 am.

Forget your garbage day no more! Visit the District website to sign-up for **RECOLLECT** – the 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.