



District of Lantzville Community Update

**Fire Rescue 2016 Calendar & Events, Five Year Financial Plan, Construction, Keys, Upcoming Meetings & Council Update
Danger Trees, Parks & Recreation Volunteers, Water System Maintenance, Traffic Notes & Bylaw Reminders**

October 2015

Happy Thanksgiving!

The District Office will be closed for **Thanksgiving Day** on Monday, October 12, 2015. Our regular office hours (8:00 am – 4:00 pm) resume on Tuesday, October 13, 2015.



Fire Rescue 2016 Calendar On Sale Now!

Buy a calendar from the Lantzville Volunteer Firefighters Association (LVFA) selling door to door, or buy one at the District Office. Proceeds support local fire safety programs and special events. The LVFA hosts the October 31, 2015 bonfire (lit at 6:30 pm) and fireworks display (begins at 8:00 pm) at the tennis court by Seaview Elementary School. Bring the kids and enjoy a hot dog and hot chocolate, by donation, if you wish! This month's Fire Prevention Message: *Hear the Beep Where You Sleep*. Every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm!

2016-2020 Five Year Financial Plan

Council intends to begin its Financial Planning process in late 2015 and invites the public to provide input at any time. A preliminary financial plan to support current service levels will be presented to Council in January 2016, along with requests for capital projects and new services. Taxpayers are encouraged to share their ideas by:

- emailing the district@lantzville.ca
- attending the Financial Plan Committee of the Whole meetings
- writing to Council at the District Office address.

Huddlestone Park Washroom

Construction of a new washroom in Huddlestone Park will be taking place in October. The Park will still be open during construction; however, please use caution.

Lost keys? During the past year, **three full sets of keys and one car fob** have been turned in at the District Office. Visit us at 7192 Lantzville Road to identify & claim your keys or fob!



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

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, October 19 – Regular Council @ 7:00 pm

Monday, October 26 – Regular Council @ 7:00 pm

For more information:

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

Council Update - In September, Council:

- awarded paving contracts (~\$220,000) to Lafarge Canada/Hub City Paving for Lancrest Terrace, Lavender Road, Sebastian Road and Lorenzen Lane
- approved the 2016 Council meeting schedule
- appointed Councillor Will Geselbracht to the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board
- appointed Councillor Mark Swain to the City of Nanaimo Parks & Recreation Commission
- directed staff to issue a Request for Quotations for a governance facilitator to organize and deliver a Council good governance workshop
- approved a closure of Lantzville Road from 10:15 am to Noon on Wednesday, November 11th for the Remembrance Day parade/ceremony from the Legion Branch #257 to the cenotaph at Huddlestone Park
- directed staff to recruit for a part-time Fire Chief, with the final candidate to be appointed by Council
- directed staff to provide a public Water Services workshop
- gave 2016 Property Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 119, 2015 first three readings
- supported the Lantzville Volunteer Fire Department's Hallowe'en bonfire and fireworks at the tennis courts
- supported protecting Woodlot 1475 lands from further logging, sending a letter and requesting a meeting with the Minister of Forests, Lands & Natural Resources Operations and MLA Stilwell
- directed staff take action on some of the Water Supply and Distribution Study recommendations (well#6 tender, wells 4, 9 & 12 costs to 2016 Financial Plan, and creating the detailed design for the City of Nanaimo water connection)
- authorized issuance of a Development Permit for 7020 Dickinson reconstruction of a retaining wall
- reaffirmed 2013 instruction to staff to complete mandatory connections, and invoicing and transfer to taxes for properties remaining unconnected to sanitary sewer system from Phase 2

Danger Trees - Before this winter's rainy, windy weather, check if the trees on your property are healthy and vibrant. Unhealthy trees may pose safety risks to you and your neighbours. You may wish to retain the services of a professional arborist to conduct a tree assessment. Visit www.treesaregood.com for hazard tree information.



Seeking Members & Project Volunteers!

Apply by October 9, 2015 to be considered for appointment by Council, to serve on the 7-member Parks & Recreation Commission that meets at 4:30 pm on the 4th Thursday each month (except Aug. & Dec.) to provide recommendations to Council on parks and recreation, coordinate the annual Minetown Day and other projects. For more information, visit the District Office or website. The Commission is also seeking volunteers to help build and enhance the Copley Ridge Recreation Trails, and to work on improvements to the Rotary Park, including playground equipment replacement and development of a mountain bike skills circuit. If you are interested in volunteering, email trudy@lantzville.ca. ***A special THANK YOU to the dedicated Minetown Day committee, volunteers, donors, schools, vendors and businesses that made Minetown Day 2015 such a great community event!***

Community Water System Maintenance

Starting October 5th, the District's fire hydrants are scheduled for annual maintenance. As a result, there may be some discolouration of water and, while this should not affect the quality of the drinking water, we recommend that laundry be done on weekends or evenings to avoid discolouration of clothes, etc. The District apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

Traffic Notes

The District of Lantzville will be carrying out road upgrades in the Lancrest Terrace/Lavender Rd. area beginning October 13, 2015. The work will consist of removing and replacing the existing asphalt and several storm drainage pipes to better capture road runoff. The District will also be carrying out asphalt patching along Lorenzen Lane and Sebastian Road during this time. Motorists and pedestrians, please allow extra time, exercise caution, and observe directions given by traffic control personnel when in these areas. Questions? Contact Fred Spears, Director of Public Works at 250.390.4006 or spears@lantzville.ca.



Fall leaves are fun but messy, and potentially damaging! Help prevent drainage problems, and slip and falls – keep leaves clear from streets and culvert inlets!

Bylaw Reminders

Open Burning – Open burning is closed through to and including October 15th, except with a permit for an incinerator fire, only permitted on Fridays and Saturdays. From October 16, 2015 to May 14, 2016, residents are permitted to burn in their backyards without a permit. Conditions apply. Questions? Contact the District Office or view the "District of Lantzville Fire Protection Services Bylaw No. 86, 2010" online at www.lantzville.ca.

Fireworks – Prepare for a safe and Happy Hallowe'en! Please remember that within the District of Lantzville:

- no person under the age of 18 is permitted to possess fireworks
- the sale of fireworks and use of firecrackers are prohibited
- except for setting off fireworks on October 31st from 9:00 am – 11:00 pm, you must obtain a District of Lantzville Special Use Fireworks Permit **BEFORE** setting off fireworks. Apply to the District, at least 3 business days in advance, for permit approval by the Fire Chief; special requirements may be added.
- Fines start at \$150.00

View the fireworks permit, safety brochure, and Bylaw No. 39, 2005 on the District website www.lantzville.ca or at the District office.

Unightly Premises – Don't wait until Spring to clean up your property! It is a bylaw offence to allow rubbish, noxious or offensive matter to collect on your property. The best way to prevent a rodent infestation is to remove the food sources, water and items that provide shelter for rodents. Seal up! Trap up! Clean up!

STAGE 2 Watering Restrictions Effective Oct 1st Are you Odd or Even? You may water for a maximum of **2 hours** per designated days, between the hours of 7:00 am-9:00 am OR 7:00 pm-9:00 pm at:

- Odd-numbered addresses on Tuesdays & Saturdays
 - Even-numbered addresses on Thursdays & Sundays
- Watering restrictions include sprinkling, irrigating, and all outdoor washing. *Watering restrictions only apply to those properties on the District's community water system but all property owners are encouraged to exercise water usage conservation measures.*

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 Friday, October 9th, collection resumes on Monday, October 19th with recycling and food waste pick-up, and continues on Mondays until Remembrance Day after which pick-up is on Tuesdays.

Join the Province-wide Earthquake Drill! At 10:15 am on October 15th practice how to Drop, Cover, and Hold On. Be prepared to survive and recover quickly from a big earthquake!

Get Ready to ShakeOut.
October 15, 2015 Register Now at www.ShakeOutBC.ca