



District of Lantzville Community Update

**Financial Plan, Cut the Bloomin' Broom Campaign, Upcoming Meetings, Council Update
OCP Update & Water Master Plan, Spring Time Change, Volunteer for Minetown Day, Bylaw Reminders, Landscaping**

March 2017

Five Year Financial Plan 2017-2021

Council commenced its review of the 2017-2021 Financial Plan at the January 16, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting, when 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 March 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, March 6th
- Monday, March 20th @ 6:00 pm (Public Presentation)



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

Cut the Bloomin' Broom!



The District of Lantzville has partnered with the Broombusters Invasive Plant Society again this year to assist in controlling the alien invasive plant Scotch broom in our community. The focus this year for Broombusters is

reducing the fire hazard caused by broom and gorse. Do you know the difference between broom and gorse? Different methods are required for successful removal. Check out the Broombusters' February 27, 2017 presentation to Council for more information. Visit www.lantzville.ca and click on February 27, 2017 on the District event calendar to access the PowerPoint slides or the video recording of the Council meeting.

Stay tuned for the April and May broom cutting schedule for Lantzville in next month's Community Update. For more information, contact Sharon at sahokas@shaw.ca or check out the Broombusters' website (including a 'How to Cut Broom' video) at www.broombusters.org.

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.

Upcoming Meetings

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

Monday, March 13th – 7:00 pm Regular Council

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

Monday, March 20th – 6:00 pm COTW – Financial Plan (Public Presentation)

Monday, March 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 February 2017, Council:

- adopted Miscellaneous Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 138, 2017 to increase tax certificate, garbage collection and food waste container fees
- consented to the RDN Board's adoption of Regional District of Nanaimo Pump & Haul Local Service Establishment Repeal Bylaw No. 1752, 2017
- accepted the Regional District of Nanaimo Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 1615.01, 2016
- instructed staff to amend the Financial Plan to include a public consultation process/development of a long range plan for Costin Hall and Heritage Church in 2018 (\$10,000)
- approved \$20,000 in the 2017-2021 Financial Plan for Asset Management Services for immediate release
- approved Development Permit Application No. 3060-20-DP16-005, with variances, to accommodate the construction of a single family dwelling on Strata Lot 4, Strata Plan 436, Lantzville Road
- appointed Trudy Coates as Acting Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) pending the appointment of a new CAO
- gave third reading to Bylaw No. 60.34 to amend the Zoning Bylaw to change 6411 Manhattan Way from Rural 1, Subdivision District D (2.0 ha. minimum parcel size) to Subdivision District F (1.0 ha. minimum parcel size)
- instructed staff on amendments to the draft 2017-2021 Financial Plan for Non-Core Special Request Items and Capital Budget Summary that Council will consider in the Financial Plan Bylaw to be adopted before the May 15, 2017 deadline
- approved a water bill adjustment for 7036 Dickinson Road

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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. **The survey will be mailed to each household in Lantzville during the week of March 6th.** 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 to reflect community preferences. Please ensure your household's survey is completed and encourage your neighbours to complete theirs as well.

We will use the information collected from the completed surveys to 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.

Remember to Spring Ahead!

At 2:00 am on Sunday, **March 12, 2017** set your clock forward one hour! **And check your smoke alarm!** When you change your clock it is a good reminder to check your smoke alarm and change worn devices and batteries right away. Every home in BC is required by law to have a working smoke alarm. Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button, maintain and replace following the manufacturer's instructions.

Volunteer for Minetown Day!

Mark your Calendars!

Minetown Day is Saturday September 9, 2017! You can help now with planning this community event. The Parks and Recreation Commission works with volunteers to organize and conduct the District's annual Minetown Day. Volunteers are needed to help plan Minetown Day 2017. If you are available for 3 – 4 meetings per year and can assist on the weekend of the event, attend our planning meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the District Office or email julia.ohly@googlemail.com.



BYLAW REMINDERS

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.

In addition to the weather conditions, fire supervision, size of fire and burn materials are also regulated. Follow the regulations in Bylaw No. 86 and check out Bylaw No. 86.1 before you burn for a list of prohibited materials. An open air fire (aka burn pile, bonfire, backyard fire) is for yard clean-up - no prohibited materials may be burned. For further information, contact Fire Chief Rob Chatton at 250.390.0363 or by email: rob@lantzville.ca.

Speed limits keep our neighbourhoods safe – The speed limit on streets in Lantzville is 50 km/h except where posted otherwise, e.g. portion of Lantzville Road 30 km/h. Remember to *SLOW DOWN* in residential areas and near school zones, crosswalks, and posted Children Playing signs, e.g. Southwind Drive. School Spring Break is March 20-31, 2017. Please be especially cautious on all streets during Spring Break, and in school zones when children return to school following Spring Break. When a school is in session, a 30 km/h school zone speed limit is in effect from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm every school day.

Spring is Coming...planning a new garden or landscaping? Conserve water in your new garden with 'xeriscaping' – specifically designed for minimal watering! It saves you some work and reduces water demands during the summer. This style of garden features native plants and shrubbery, cacti, succulents, ornamental grasses, and drought-tolerant turf grasses. Other things to consider when planning a new garden or landscaping:

- confirm your property line to ensure your works are not encroaching on your neighbours or a right of way
- reduce wildfire risk within wildland/urban interface – reduce fuel (e.g. brush)
- confirm if your property is in a Development Permit Area for steep slope or sensitive ecosystem protection. Contact the Planner at the District Office.
- implement Zero Waste landscaping and composting. Visit www.rdn.bc.ca for more information.