



District of Lantzville Community Update

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OCP Update & Water Master Plan Survey, Cut the Bloomin' Broom Campaign, Bylaw Reminders

May 2017

Happy Victoria Day!

The District Office will be closed Monday, May 22, 2017 for the Victoria Day holiday. Regular office hours (8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday) will resume on Tuesday, May 23, 2017. In case of a public works emergency, please call the after-hours answering service at 250.741.3335, who will contact District staff.

Property Tax Notices

In late May, the District of Lantzville will mail 2017 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) must be received on or before the tax due date of Tuesday, July 4, 2017 to avoid a late penalty. A 5 % penalty is assessed on balances outstanding after July 4th, and again after September 30th. Every year we have taxpayers who must pay a penalty because they fail to claim the Home Owner Grant prior to the due date. Don't let this happen to you!

Breaking News: Chicken might not Poop at Minetown Day September 9, 2017!

Calling those who have fond memories of the Chicken Poop contest held annually at Lantzville Minetown Day, or those who want to discover more about this amazing event – we need your help. We're looking for 3 – 4 outgoing adults (19 years or older) who want to have some fun selling tickets on September 9th for this wonderful Lantzville tradition. Please email julia.ohly@gmail.com if you are interested.

Under Construction – Crews will be constructing a waterline on Lantzville Road between Ware Road and Schook Road during an approximate 90-day period beginning April 3rd. Please exercise caution and follow directions given by traffic control when in this area.

More Construction - Mountain Bike Skills Circuit Coming Soon to Rotary Park

Staff have been busy prepping the site and, if the weather improves, the team from Hoots Inc. will be joining the crew in early May to build the long-awaited Mountain Bike Skills Circuit in Rotary Park. A portion of the park will not be accessible during the construction period (approx. five days). Thank you for your patience.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, May 1st** – 6:00 pm Special Council
 - Wednesday, May 3rd** – 6:00 pm OCP Review Select Committee
 - Monday, May 8th** – 6:00 pm Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel, if required
 - Monday, May 8th** – 7:00 pm Regular Council
 - Thursday, May 18th** – 4:30 pm Parks & Recreation Commission
 - Monday, May 29th** – 7:00 pm Regular Council, including Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 60.35
- To Be Announced** – OCP Update and Water Master Plan Public Meeting to Discuss Draft Plans

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 April 2017, Council:

- adopted Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 142
- gave Phase III Sanitary Sewer Collection System Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 144 first three readings
- gave Financial Plan Bylaw No. 136 first three readings
- gave Tax Rates Bylaw No. 137 first three readings
- authorized an annual contribution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Legal Defense Fund based on 2 cents per capita (approx. \$87 for 2017)
- appointed Ronald Campbell as CAO, Deputy Director of Corporate Administration and Approving Officer
- appointed all seven members of Council to the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel, and established the meeting time and place (6:00 pm, May 8, 2017, if required)
- gave Property Tax Prepayment Plan Bylaw No. 145 first three readings
- received and forwarded an Agricultural Land Commission Application for 7071 Schines Place (to accommodate an additional three-lot subdivision) to the ALC without comment

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.



OCP Update & Water Master Plan Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed and submitted a Community-wide Survey before April 7, 2017. Initial counts show that we received over 350 responses. The submissions are now being tabulated by an independent survey firm and the results will be brought forward in early May. These results will be used as input to the Draft OCP Update and Draft Water Master Plan being developed through the month of May. A community event in the last half of May will be held to discuss the draft plans. Please stay tuned for an announcement with a time and date for this event.

If you haven't already, we also encourage you to view the series of five video shorts released in March. These videos were created to summarize existing conditions, early input, and preliminary directions for the OCP Update and Water Master Plan. *For more information and to view videos: visit Lantzville.ca/OCP-WMP, email ourlantzville@lantzville.ca or call the Community Planner at 250.390.4006.*

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. Help protect



our environment from this invasive alien plant and enjoy some time with fellow residents. Here is the **updated Lantzville community broom cutting schedule:**

1. Saturday, May 6th 9:30 am – 11:30 am
Petsmart – area between northbound merge & northbound highway
2. Saturday, May 13th 9:30 am – 11:30 am
Highway southbound @ Ware Road
3. Sunday, May 21st 9:30 am – 11:30 am
Highway southbound (north of Exit 29) meet at the end of Alger Road
4. Saturday, May 27th 9:30 am – 11:30 am
E&N Trail maintenance – Aulds Road end

Cuts are held rain or shine – loppers are provided!

Contact Sharon at sahokas@shaw.ca for further details. More cuts may be added as the blooming season progresses. For more info, check out the Broombusters' website (including a 'How to Cut Broom' video) at www.broombusters.org.

BYLAW REMINDERS

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 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.

Illegal Dumping – Each property owner is responsible for disposing of your own grass clippings on your own property through composting, contracting with a private recycling service to pick-up, or taking it to the landfill. It is illegal to dump your grass clippings on right of ways, public property or private property owned by others.

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 23, 2017 with recycling and food waste, and continues on Tuesdays until July.