



District of Lantzville Community Update

Water Conservation Tips, Five Year Financial Plan Highlights & General Information

April 2012

April Council Meetings @ 7:00 pm

Monday, April 2 – Committee of the Whole
Monday, April 16 – Regular Council Meeting
Monday, April 23 – Regular Council Meeting

District Office Closure

The District Office will be closed on Friday,
April 6 and Monday, April 9 for Easter.
We will re-open Tuesday, April 10 at 8:00 am

Water Conservation Tips

Annually in May, the District begins implementing water restrictions (more information will be available in the May Community Update). In the meantime, residents may be interested in exploring ways to conserve water this year when they take care of their gardens and lawns. Following are a few tips:

Garden Care:

- *Spread organic mulch* around your plant to retain moisture.
- *Water only when necessary.* More plants die from over watering than from under watering.
- *Choose drought resistant plants.* They look great and save on watering.

Lawn Care:

- *Enjoy yellow grass!* Grass naturally becomes dormant during hot, dry spells. Lawns will quickly revive after a good rainfall and when the weather cools.
- *Delay watering your lawn until absolutely necessary.* This encourages deep rooting and will cause your lawn to become healthier.
- *Aerate your lawn* to permit better moisture absorption.

Five Year Financial Plan (2012-2016)

Following Council's discussions during its Committee of the Whole and Regular Council meetings to date, the District's Five Year Financial Plan process is near completion. Council will consider adoption of the Plan in April. In March, Council made the following changes to the District's Five Year Financial Plan:

- reduced 2012 Council remuneration by approximately \$10,000
- added transportation/road network plan to capital plan (\$30,000)
- increased waterworks capital reserve contributions by \$100,000 to be funded by prior years' surplus and increase in water parcel tax
- the operating grant amount from the Province of BC was confirmed and updated in the Financial Plan

Parcel Tax Roll

As per section 208 of the *Community Charter*, notice is hereby given that Parcel Tax Rolls are now available for inspection at the District of Lantzville offices located at 7192 Lantzville Road, Lantzville, BC, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday, except statutory holidays. A person who owns a parcel included on the Parcel Tax Rolls may request an amendment based on one or more of the following:

- (a) there is an error or omission respecting a name or address on the parcel tax roll
- (b) there is an error or omission respecting the inclusion of a parcel
- (c) an exemption has been improperly allowed or disallowed

A request by the property owner for an amendment must be submitted in writing to the District on or before **April 10, 2012**. Requests will then be considered by the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel.