

District of Lantzville Community Update

Urban Food Garden Advisory Committee, E&N Trail – Aulds/Ware Road Major Trail Project, and Council Summer Meeting Schedule

Summer 2011

District Office Closure

The District Office will be closed Friday, July 1 for Canada Day. We will re-open Monday, July 4 at 8:00 am

<u>Urban Food Garden Advisory Committee</u>

The District of Lantzville is soliciting applications from individuals who would be interested in serving on the Advisory Committee to consider the issue of urban agriculture and urban food gardens in the District of Lantzville.

The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to allow for in-depth discussions on the issue of urban agriculture and urban food gardens in Lantzville and will provide recommendations to Council for its consideration. Those individuals interested in serving on the Committee will require energy, enthusiasm and availability in the summer months to attend meetings. Serving on this Committee will appeal to individuals who have a strong interest in the future of urban food gardens and urban agriculture in the community while considering the wide range of perspectives of all Lantzville residents.

Persons interested in volunteering their time are invited to submit letters of interest including any pertinent information that may assist Council in making an appointment. A copy of the Terms of Reference which outlines the Advisory Committee structure, duties and responsibilities is available at the District office as well as copies of the associated zoning bylaw amendment (currently at second reading). For additional information with respect to the Advisory Committee, please contact the District Office or visit our website at www.lantzville.ca.

Letters of interest must be received at the District Office no later than Friday, July 8th, 2011 at 12:00 p.m.

<u>E&N Trail - Aulds/Ware Road Major</u> <u>Trail Project</u>

Council was pleased to receive confirmation from The Honourable Ida Chong, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, that the District's funding application was approved and that the District will receive \$400,000 arant monies for construction of a 1.6km trail along the E & N Rail Corridor (Aulds Road - Ware Road). This section of trail selected by Council is one of a total of six sections within the boundaries of the District of Lantzville. The remaining monies required for construction will come from gas tax monies as approved by Council.

This project is a major component of the District's Trails & Journeyways Strategy which will benefit the entire community of Lantzville by providing a safe walking area and connector trail to Nanaimo.

Construction will commence in August.

<u>Food Waste, Garbage and Recycling -</u> <u>Pickup Schedule Changes</u>

Just a reminder that we are on the "add-a-day" system. When there is a holiday, your regular collection day moves forward a day. Due to the July 1 holiday, your collection day will now be moved to Mondays.

Council Summer Meeting Schedule

A reminder to residents that Council will conduct Regular Meetings on Monday, July 11th and 25th, 2011, beginning at 7:00 pm. Council will not be conducting meetings during the month of August. Council will resume its Regular Meeting schedule on Monday, September 12th, 2011.

Fire Hydrant Maintenance

The District will be carrying out its annual hydrant maintenance in early July and as a result, Lantzville water users may experience some discoloration in their water. We recommend that you do laundry on weekends or evenings to avoid discoloration of clothes, etc. This should not affect the quality of drinking water.

<u>Watermain Replacement - Lantzville</u> <u>Road & Tremblay Drive</u>

The District will be replacing watermains along Lantzville Road and Tremblay Drive from Tuesday, July 4–31, 2011. Areas affected by the construction are on Lantzville Road (between Dickinson Road and Tweedhope Road) and along Tremblay Drive. As a result of construction, residents may notice a slight discoloration in their water, if this is the case then running the water through a tap for 1 minute should clear it up.

2011 General Election

2011 marks the year of General Local (municipal) Elections. If you are

- √ a Canadian citizen;
- √ age 18 or older;
- ✓ resident of BC for the past 6 months
- ✓ resident of Lantzville for the past 30 days;
 and
- ✓ not disqualified by law from voting ...

mark **Saturday**, **November 19**th, **2011**, on your calendar. Qualified electors are invited to come out and vote for your Mayor (1) and members of Council (6). Advance voting opportunities are also scheduled and are as follows: **Wednesday**, **November 9**th, **2011**; **and Wednesday**, **November 16**th, **2011**.

Both Advance Voting Opportunities will be held at the District Office, 7192 Lantzville Road – 2nd Floor from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. while General Voting Day (Saturday, November 19th, 2011) will take place at Costin Hall 7232 Lantzville Road.

The District is pleased to offer mail ballot voting opportunities for those who are unable to vote at the Advance Voting Opportunities or on General Voting Day. There are very tight timelines associated with this option so please contact the District Office for further information. Mail ballots will be available for pickup in early November and must be received by the District prior to the closing of polls at 8:00 p.m. on General Voting Day.

Individuals interested in running for either Mayor or Councillor --- nomination packages will be available for pick-up beginning on Friday, August 26th, 2011.

REMINDER - Property Tax Due Date

Property taxes must be received at the District Office by 4:00 pm on Monday, July 4, 2011