



# District of Lantzville Community Update

Emergency Access, Soil Deposit & Removal Bylaw,  
Backyard Burning & General Information

July 2012

## **July Council Meetings**

Monday, July 9 – Committee of the Whole 6:00 pm

Monday, July 9 - Regular Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Monday, July 23 - Regular Council Meeting 7:00 pm

### **DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSURE**

The District Office will be closed on Monday,  
July 2 for the Canada Day holiday.  
We will re-open on Tuesday, July 3 at 8:00 am.

### **FOOD WASTE, GARBAGE AND RECYCLING REMINDER: PICKUP SCHEDULE CHANGE**

When there is a holiday, your regular collection  
day moves forward a day. This means that due  
to the Canada Day holiday, **July collection  
days will be on Fridays.**

## **Emergency Access to Homes with Private and Electric Gates**

**How accessible is your home in the case of an  
emergency? Will emergency vehicles be able to  
access your property without delay?** Every second  
counts when it comes to emergency response so if you  
have difficulty answering these questions, you may be  
putting yourself and your family at risk in the case of  
an emergency.

The Fire Department has noted that there are several  
private and electric gates throughout the District that  
may hinder emergency access to your property when  
needed. This also applies to emergency events where  
there is power failure – we need to plan for every  
situation.

**What can you do?** Please advise your emergency  
responders of the access code for your gate or provide  
them with the location of your key. This information  
will be kept confidential and will be shared only  
between emergency responders (Fire, Police,  
Ambulance). Please call the District Office and the Fire  
Chief will return your call to obtain this critical  
information. **Thank you for your cooperation in  
sharing this information.**

## **We'd like to hear from you! "Soil Deposit and Removal Bylaw No. 99, 2012"**

Council has given two readings to this bylaw, however  
before Council proceeds with further readings, it  
requires the approval of 3 provincial ministries. This  
approval may take several months. In the meantime,  
Council invites public input on the draft bylaw and  
welcomes written submissions from residents prior to  
the end of September.

In addition, two public information sessions will be held  
in September to provide an overview of the bylaw and  
an opportunity for residents to comment in person.  
Dates of these sessions will be advertised on the  
District's website and in the September *Community  
Update*. Copies of the draft bylaw are available now at  
the District Office and on our website. **We look  
forward to hearing from you!**

**REMINDER: PROPERTY TAXES**  
**Property tax payments must be  
received at the District Office  
by 4:00 pm on Tuesday, July 3, 2012  
to avoid a late penalty.**

## **Water Restrictions**

The District is currently on **Stage 1 Water  
Restrictions:**

- Properties with an **odd** house number may water  
on odd numbered days within permitted hours.
- Properties with an **even** house number may water  
on even numbered days within permitted hours.
- Watering is restricted to a **maximum of 3 hours  
per designated day**. On your designated  
watering day you are permitted to water between  
the hours of **6:00 am - 10:00 am** or **6:00 pm -  
10:00 pm**

**Watering restrictions apply to sprinkling,  
irrigating, and all outdoor washing.**

***Please contact the District Office or check the  
website for changes to the watering restrictions.***

## **Message from the Fire Chief – Open Burning**

The District of Lantzville is somewhat unique in that backyard burning is permitted at certain times throughout the year. This message is a reminder that with this privilege also comes responsibility to your neighbours and your community. Below are a few comments to guide you when you burn in your backyard.

**Residents should be aware that the fire season is upon us: Open burning (fire piles on the ground) is closed May 15 – October 15.** Incinerators are permitted at this time but could be closed at any time, as conditions dictate. Incinerators have a few rules applied and they also require a free permit available at the District Office. *Note: Incinerators must be screened with a mesh no greater than approximately 1 inch and should always be burned as hot as possible. This helps to reduce smoke and ash.* For a copy of the Fire Protection Services Bylaw No. 86, please go to the District website at [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca) or stop by our office.

**Residents should be aware of a few basic rules when burning:** the two most frequently overlooked are those of wind speed and venting. **Burning is not permitted when wind speed exceeds 15 kph.** - this is anything much more than a gentle breeze. The venting index is a guide generally applied to burning on a larger scale but residents should be cognizant of smoke's ability, **or not**, to escape. This is a gauge of how well the smoke you produce will rise and not seriously affect your home and others. Rainy days are seldom good days to burn - a guide may be found on the Ministry of Environment website.

### **Remember that the burning of the following materials is NOT permitted:**

- prohibited materials set out in the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation under the *Environmental Management Act (British Columbia)*;
- household garbage;
- animal carcasses; or
- any other material which may produce heavy smoke that may foul or contaminate the atmosphere or an offensive odour that may disturb the enjoyment, comfort or convenience of individuals or the public.

### **The Fire Chief has the power to cancel or suspend a burning permit for the following reasons:**

- if the Fire Chief considers that igniting or allowing a fire in any area may create a hazard to persons or property; or
- if the permit holder fails to comply with the provisions of Bylaw No. 86.

**Be a good neighbour, especially when you burn - if you find the smoke or the ash fallout offensive at your place, chances are your neighbour does as well.**