

District of Lantzville Community Update

Fire Rescue 2015 Calendar & Events, Five Year Financial Plan, District Staff, Upcoming Meetings & Council Update 2014 General Local Election, Volunteers, Water System Maintenance, Youth Parliament, Traffic Notes & Bylaw Reminders

October 2014

Happy Thanksgiving!

The District Office will be closed for **Thanksgiving Day** on Monday, October 13, 2014. Our regular office hours (8:00 am - 4:00 pm) resume on Tuesday, October 14, 2014.



Fire Rescue 2015 Calendar On Sale Now!

Buy a calendar from the Lantzville Volunteer Firefighters Association (LVFA) selling door to door, or buy one at the District Office. Proceeds support local fire safety programs and special events. The LVFA hosts the October 31, 2014 bonfire (lit at 6:30 pm) and fireworks display (begins at 8:00 pm) at the tennis court by Seaview Elementary School. Bring the kids and enjoy a hot dog and hot chocolate, by donation, if you wish!

2015-2019 Five Year Financial Plan

Council will begin its Financial Planning process early in 2015 and invites the public to provide input this fall. A preliminary financial plan to support current service levels will be presented to Council in January 2015, along with requests for capital projects and new services. Tax payers are encouraged to share their ideas by:

- meeting with the Director of Financial Services, Jedha Holmes or writing to jedha@lantzville.ca
- attending the Financial Plan Committee of the Whole meetings in 2015
- writing to Council at the District Office address.

District Staffing Update

Welcome to the new Community Planner, Robyn Holme, who starts on October 6, 2014! CAO Twyla Graff said, "We are delighted to have Robyn join the District of Lantzville as our Community Planner – a key role in our community. The combination of her education, experience in long range and current planning, and positive attitude and enthusiasm, is a great fit for our small, but skilled team. She brings a strong track record in customer service, planning policy, public information and stakeholder engagement, and land use and development application processing."

Raised in Port Hardy, Robyn returns to the Island after leaving to pursue her post-secondary education, attaining her Masters in Planning at Dalhousie, and serving the City of Calgary for 7 years in progressively more senior planning roles. Welcome home, Robyn!

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, October 6 – Special Council @ 6:00 pm – Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw

Monday, October 6 –Candidate Orientation @ 7:00 pm **Wednesday, October 15** – Water Agreement Public Information Meeting 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Costin Hall, 7232 Lantzville Road. Presentation at 5:00 pm

Monday, October 20 – Regular Council @ 7:00 pm **Monday, October 27** – Regular Council @ 7:00 pm Council meetings are held at the District Office, 2nd Floor, 7192 Lantzville Road. The public is welcome to attend! For more information:

- visit www.lantzville.ca and click on the calendar to access agenda, agenda package, and minutes
- visit the District Office to view the agenda binder which is available the Friday before the meeting

Council Update - In September, Council:

- consented to the RDN Board adopting the Pump & Haul Local Service Amendment Bylaw No. 975.62
- authorized signing the Nanaimo/Lantzville Water Agreement and releasing it to the public
- authorized releasing the signed Lone Tree Properties Ltd. Memorandum of Understanding
- gave Council Size Reduction Bylaw No. 110, 2014 third reading, and authorized the form of the question for the ballot to obtain elector assent during the General Local Election voting – a condition before Council can consider adoption of the bylaw that would reduce the number of Councillors from 6 to 4 for the 2018 General Local Election
- approved the 2015 Council meeting schedule
- instructed staff to obtain more information about the stairs, boat ramp and apron at 8020 Lantzville Road
- authorized staff to purchase a replacement digital imager for up to \$15,000
- authorized the renewal of the Regional Emergency Management Agreement for a term to May 1, 2019
- approved a 15-minute closure of Lantzville Road at 10:15 am November 11th for the Remembrance Day parade from the Legion Branch #257 to the cenotaph at Huddlestone Park and the ceremony at the Park
- supported the LVF Hallowe'en bonfire and fireworks

Get Ready to ShakeOut.
October 16, 2014 Register Now at www.shakeoutbc.ca



ShakeOut is a Province-wide Earthquake Drill!

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2014 is a General Local Election Year!

Nominations close at 4:00 pm on October 10, 2014. Thinking about running for office? Attend the Candidate Information Session at 7:00 pm, Monday, October 6, 2014 at the District Office. Voting on **Saturday, November 15, 2014** at Costin Hall, 7232 Lantzville Road and Advance Voting on **Wednesday, November 5 and 12, 2014** at the District Office, 2nd Floor - 7192 Lantzville Road, will be 8:00 am – 8:00 pm. Can't attend on a Voting Day? Sign up to vote by mail! Are you already on Voters List? If not, you may register at the time of voting. Bring at least two pieces of identification – one must have your signature, to register to vote.

For more details, check out the District's website and the upcoming special Election edition of the Community Update, or contact the Chief Election Officer at trudy@lantzville.ca or Deputy Chief Election Officer at twyla@lantzville.ca or call 250.390.4006.

Volunteer to help our Salmon!

Interested in our environment? The Parks & Recreation Commission is looking for volunteers to help plant native vegetation along the banks of Knarston Creek at North Road. This will help keep water temperatures cool and healthy for fish, as well as providing habitat for birds and other species. The project will take 1-3 days. You may volunteer for as much or as little time as you wish - any time is appreciated! We provide the training, plants, and donuts! Email: trudy@lantzville.ca and we will contact you with more information as it becomes available.

Community Water System Maintenance

During October, the District's fire hydrants are scheduled for annual maintenance. As a result, there may be some discolouration of water and, while this should not affect the quality of the drinking water, we recommend that laundry be done on weekends or evenings to avoid discolouration of clothes, etc. The District apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

BC Youth Parliament

October 22nd is the deadline for youth ages 16 to 21 to apply for BC Youth Parliament, a one-year commitment including a session in Victoria December 27-31, 2014. Visit www.bcyp.org/joinus.html for more information.

To the parents of the 'cowgirl with the scooter' in the 2014 Minetown Day Parade: Please visit the District office to collect her 3rd Place trophy!



Fall leaves are fun but messy, and potentially damaging! Help prevent drainage problems, and slip and falls – keep leaves clear from streets and culvert inlets!

Traffic Notes

The 2014 road works are now complete! Thank you for your patience and co-operation during the construction.

If you've been by the North Road trail recently, you will have seen some noticeable improvements with the two new pedestrian bridges. Go by and check it out! Access to North Road is pedestrian only. Please park on the pull-out on Lantzville Road.

Bylaw Reminders

Open Burning – Reminder: Open burning is closed until October 15th. From October 15, 2014 through to May 15, 2015, residents are permitted to burn in their backyards without a permit. Conditions apply. For further information, please contact the District Office or view the "District of Lantzville Fire Protection Services Bylaw No. 86, 2010" online at www.lantzville.ca.

Fireworks – Prepare for a safe and Happy Hallowe'en! Please remember that within the District of Lantzville:

- no person under the age of 18 is permitted to possess fireworks
- the sale of fireworks and use of firecrackers are prohibited
- except for setting off fireworks on October 31st from 9:00 am 11:00 pm, you must obtain a District of Lantzville Special Use Fireworks Permit *BEFORE* setting off fireworks. Apply to the District, at least 3 business days in advance, for permit approval by the Fire Chief; special requirements may be added.
- Fines start at \$150.00

View the fireworks permit, safety brochure, and Bylaw No. 39, 2005 on the District website www.lantzville.ca or at the District office.

STAGE 2 Watering Restrictions Now in Effect!

Restrictions are as follows:

Odd house numbers watering days are Tuesdays and Saturdays within permitted hours.

Even house numbers watering days are Thursdays & Sundays within permitted hours.

Watering is restricted to a maximum of **2 hours** per designated day between the hours of 7:00 am - 9:00 am **OR** 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

Watering restrictions only apply to those property owners who are on the District's community water system. However, we also encourage those with private wells to exercise water conservation.

FOOD WASTE, GARBAGE AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE CHANGE REMINDER

Your regular collection day changes when there is a statutory holiday. Therefore, after the garbage and food waste collection on Thursday, October 9th, collection resumes on Friday, October 17th with recycling and food waste pick-up, and continues on Fridays until Remembrance Day after which pick-up is on Mondays.

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