



District of Lantzville Community Update

Family Day, Financial Plan, Strategic Planning, Lost Keys, Upcoming Meetings, Council Update
Off-Road Vehicles, Traffic Safety, Sewer Rates, Toilet Rebates, Janitorial Services, & Curbside Collection

February 2015

Happy Family Day!

The District Office will be closed Monday, February 9, 2015 for the statutory holiday, Family Day. Regular office hours (8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday) will resume on Tuesday, February 10, 2015. In case of a public works emergency, call 250.390.4006.

Five Year Financial Plan 2015 – 2019

Council has commenced its review of the 2015-2019 Financial Plan. At the January 19th Committee of the Whole meeting, staff provided an introduction to the Five Year Financial Plan that included the following: core services budget; request to carry forward funding for 2014 unfinished projects; requests from District departments for new 2015 operating and capital expenditures; information regarding District statutory capital reserves; Long Term Capital Asset Plan; and Summary of BC Assessment Roll. Discussion of these items will continue at the next Committee of the Whole meeting on February 16th. Council invites residents to provide feedback either in writing or by attending upcoming Committee of the Whole meetings. The 2015-2019 Financial Plan and related tax rates bylaws must be adopted by Council by May 15, 2015. Committee of the Whole meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Monday, February 16th @ 5:00 pm
- Monday, March 2nd @ 7:00 pm
- Monday, March 30th @ 7:00 pm



Corporate Strategic Planning Underway

During two full days (January 22 and 23, 2015), Council reviewed the Corporate Mission, Values and Strategic Priorities, and identified 2015-2018 projects and initiatives. Council decided to have this stage of the strategic planning open to the public for the first time, (including a public input opportunity) providing the public and taxpayers greater transparency and involvement in the decisions that impact their lives. Next steps to finalize the 2015-2018 Corporate Strategic Plan include: reporting from the January meeting, consideration of resources required/available, prioritization, and finalization of an action plan. The Strategic Plan guides the decisions of the municipality over the next four years, is reviewed regularly and is responsive to new opportunities.



Lost keys? During the past six months, **three sets of keys** have been left at the District Office. Visit us at 7192 Lantzville Road to identify and claim your keys!

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, February 16 – Committee of the Whole @ 5:00 pm (Financial Plan)

Monday, February 16 – Regular Council @ 7:00 pm

Monday, February 23 – Regular Council @ 7:00 pm

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 January, Council:

- directed staff to give notice to property owners in an expanded area, that Council is considering a Temporary Use Permit application for proposed vacation rental properties at 7340 and 7346 Venture Road
- relaxed the minimum 10% perimeter frontage requirement and approved a Development Permit for 6301 Phantom Road for land alteration, future residential development and subdivision
- appointed Councillor Haime as the Chair and Councillor Coulson as the Alternate Chair, of the District of Lantzville Parks and Recreation Commission
- appointed Councillor Savage as the District's representative, and Councillor Haime as the alternate member, on the City of Nanaimo Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission for a three-year term
- appointed Councillor Savage as the District's voting delegate for meetings of the Municipal Insurance Association of BC, and Councillor Scott as first and Councillor Coulson as second alternate delegates
- appointed Councillor Scott as the Liaison to the Seaside Community Society
- directed staff to: (1) prepare for Council consideration a report and draft policy on the process for release of 'In-Camera' meeting records and (2) reframe staff reports to closed meetings to include a section explaining why the item is being considered 'In-Camera' (a meeting closed to the public)
- directed staff to: (1) engage Lowen Hydrogeology Consulting Ltd. to develop a rehabilitation plan for the Harby Road wellfield at an estimated cost of \$6,200 and (2) have Koers Engineering carry out Stage 2 Wellfield Management Plan works at an estimated cost of \$27,500, including rehabilitation plan work and identifying fire flow upgrades, new standards and storage capacity required
- recommended that staff proceed with the 2015 Watermain Replacement Project Tender (Fernmar Rd)

RCMP Update on Off-Road Vehicles Licencing, Traffic Laws & Fines

As of November 17, 2014, off-road vehicle (ORV) operators who are not operating on a highway have the option to register and obtain a number plate for their ORV through an Autoplan broker.

To provide plenty of notice and allow for a smooth transition, the **new registration system** will be voluntary, but will become **mandatory on June 1, 2015** for operation on Crown land. ORVs operated solely on private property do not require registration or a number plate.

Unless you have a restricted license plate (white with red) which allows you to perform restricted duties (plowing snow, etc.) during designated times, you are not permitted to operate on a public roadway.

New off road vehicle license plates (white with blue) will allow you to cross a public roadway from one property to another but you cannot drive down the road to reach next property. You will need new off road plates if you want to access logging or private roads as well.

Excerpt from the **NEW Off-Road Vehicle Act** Operation of off-road vehicles

17 (1) A person must not use or operate an off-road vehicle on Crown land or prescribed private land

- (a) in a careless, reckless or negligent manner that may endanger or cause injury to persons or damage to property, or
- (b) in such a manner as to harass, run over, injure or kill wildlife, livestock or a domestic animal.

(2) A person must not use or operate an off-road vehicle

- (a) on the tracks of an operating railway, or
- (b) on private land without the consent of the owner, lessee or occupant of the private land.

(3) A person who holds a permit issued under this *Act* must comply with the terms, limits and conditions of the permit.



Fines for various off-road vehicle offences

- No insurance, Section 24(3)(b) of the *Motor Vehicle Act* - \$598
- Fail to licence and register vehicle, Section 13(1)(a) of the *Motor Vehicle Act* - \$109
- Operate non-registered vehicle, section 2(1) of the *Motor Vehicle Act* - \$58

Visit www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/orv for more information.

Traffic Safety

Shining the spotlight on safe travel after dark. **Did you know...** officials say distracted driving, failure to yield the right of way and weather conditions are the top contributing factors for drivers in crashes involving pedestrians?

Be bright @ night!



Sewer Rates Change Effective January 1st

In April 2013, Council amended the Sewer Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 66, 2007, increasing the minimum quarterly rate by \$7.50 effective January 1, 2015. The new rate will apply to your next utility bill.

A 2015 Low Flush Toilet Rebate Program?

Whether the program will continue, will be determined during Council's annual Financial Planning process, so check back in May 2015 and...just in case...keep any photos and receipts required for an application.

Tender for Janitorial Services

The District of Lantzville invites tenders for the provision of janitorial services for the District of Lantzville for a 2-year term. Pick up tender documents at the District Office during regular office hours commencing Friday, January 30, 2015. The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all submissions. Submit your tender documents in a sealed envelope labelled "Janitorial Services" to the attention of the Director of Corporate Administration, by 12:00 Noon, Wednesday, February 18, 2015.

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, February 5, 2015, collection resumes on Friday, February 13, 2015 with recycling and food waste collection, and continues on Fridays until the next statutory holiday in April.

Forget your garbage day no more! Visit the District website to sign-up for **RECOLLECT** – the NEW garbage pick-up reminder system. Set up a handy reminder for yourself (or perhaps your spouse or kids) to receive a reminder by email, phone call to your mobile or home phone, calendar, or even via private message on Twitter. You can set-up when you want to get your reminder (e.g. 6:00 pm the day before collection day or 7:00 am the day of) and receive helpful details such as what's being picked up that week – garbage or recycling.

Mayor's Office Hours

Mayor Haime is available to meet with residents on:
Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am
If you wish to make an appointment, please contact the District Office at 250.390.4006.

