



District of Lantzville Community Update

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Foothills Development, Parcel Tax Rolls, Water Main Flushing, Bylaw Reminder, Garage Sale, & Broombusters

April 2015

**Happy
Easter!**



The District Office will be closed Friday, April 3, 2015 to Monday, April 6, 2015, inclusive, for the Easter statutory holidays. Regular office hours (8:00 am – 4:00 pm) will resume on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. In case of a public works emergency, call 250.390.4006.

Five Year Financial Plan 2015 – 2019

Council's discussions during its Committee of the Whole and regular Council meetings continue to develop the District's Five Year Financial Plan for 2015-2019.

Some highlights of the draft Financial Plan are:

- a 3% property tax increase
- \$11 decrease in solid waste parcel tax
- increase in sewer rates of \$7.50/ quarter

At the March 9th regular meeting, Council instructed staff to incorporate the following into the Financial Plan:

- \$9,720 for training on new pumper/rescue truck
- increase in Fire Department call-out and practice rates by the BC CPI each year
- \$16,300 for Fire Hall building addition for storage
- \$22,000 for 2 thermal imaging cameras for Fire Dept.
- \$3,500 for 3 iPads for fire trucks
- \$10,000 reduction to the budget for Council members to attend conventions
- \$65,600 for Huddlestone Park washroom building and power service and outlets for the Park
- \$37,000 for Rotary Park playground equipment replacement
- \$39,000 for Rotary Park mountain bike skills park
- \$9,000 for Parks & Recreation - Woodlot Trails

Council invites the public to provide feedback either in writing or by attending upcoming Council meetings. At the April 13, 2015 regular Council meeting, Council will consider recommendations from the March 30th Committee of the Whole (Financial Plan) meeting. The 2015-2019 Financial Plan and related tax rates bylaws must be adopted by Council by May 15, 2015.

Mayor's Office Hours

Wednesdays - 9:00 am to 11:00 am

For an appointment to meet with the Mayor, contact the District Office at 250.390.4006.

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, April 13 – Regular Council @ 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 21 – Town Hall Meeting – Foothills Development, Royal Canadian Legion Seaview Centennial Branch 257, 7225 Lantzville Road, 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Monday, April 27 – 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 March, Council:

- consented to the Regional District of Nanaimo Board adopting Regional Growth Management Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1553.03, 2015
- approved a \$250 grant in aid to assist the Errington Therapeutic Riding Association to deliver programs
- instructed staff on financial items to incorporate into the draft Financial Plan Bylaw (see list adjacent)
- instructed staff to refer to the 2016 Financial Plan discussions, the \$28,890 Special Request to complete the Huddlestone Park pathway (along Lantzville Rd)
- authorized three Councillors to represent the District at the 2015 Association of Vancouver Island & Coastal Communities AGM and Convention in Courtenay, BC
- directed staff to apply to the 2015 Asset Management Planning Program for a grant to develop an Asset Management Strategy
- denied the Temporary Use Permit Application for vacation rentals at 7346 and 7350 Venture Road
- endorsed the Water Conservation Plan, as amended
- authorized the 5-year Recreation Sites and Trails BC Partnership Agreement - Copley Ridge Recreation Trails ("Woodlot")
- approved Development Variance Permit for renovations to an existing dwelling and construction of a new detached garage at 7169 Lancrest Terrace.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Seeking Volunteers for Minetown Day Planning

The Parks and Recreation Commission works with volunteers to organize and conduct the District's annual Minetown Day event. More volunteers are needed to help plan Minetown Day 2015 - scheduled for Saturday, September 12th. The next planning meeting is at 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 7, 2015 upstairs at the District Office. For more information, contact Denise Haime at 250.390.4131 or denisehaime@shaw.ca.

Council invites you to the April 21st Open House / Town Hall Meeting at the Legion about the Foothills Development

Do you have questions to ask or comments to share about the proposed Foothills Development? Mark Holland, Project Manager for the owners of the Foothills lands, reports that the Foothills Neighbourhood is preparing to move forward with its next steps in planning, design, engineering and approvals. Council is providing this informal meeting as an opportunity to hear about the development and to share your thoughts. Drop by the Open House between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm to view display boards and talk to District representatives and the Foothills team, attend the brief presentation (starts at 7:00 pm), and participate in the Town Hall meeting immediately following the presentation.

Issues covered will include: project update and description; comparison of the original development agreement with the new Memorandum of Understanding; density and location; Park dedication; traffic, roads and access points; water; development approach proposal – dual process; site security; development concept; why the Foothills will succeed this time; consultation process ahead, etc.

Parcel Tax Rolls

The Parcel Tax Rolls are now available for inspection at the District Office 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:

- there is an error or omission respecting a name or address on the parcel tax roll
- there is an error or omission respecting the inclusion of a parcel
- 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 of Lantzville on or before April 17, 2015.

Community Water System Maintenance

Water main flushing (part of our annual routine maintenance) continues and is on schedule to be completed by April 15th. Flushing is achieved by releasing water in the mains through fire hydrants and stand pipes. This causes a bubbling of air which may discolour the water. No chemicals are added to the system. During this time there may be some discolouration of water and, while this should not affect the quality of drinking water, we recommend that laundry be done on weekends or evenings to avoid possible discolouration of clothes, etc. We apologize for any inconvenience this required maintenance may cause. If you have any questions, please call the District Office at 250.390.4006.

Bylaw Reminder

Outdoor Burning – From October 16th to May 14th, residents are permitted to burn in their backyards without a permit. Conditions apply. For further information contact the District Office or visit www.lantzville.ca, for Burning Permit Information.

Lantzville Fire Rescue Annual Garage Sale

Saturday, April 18th 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Lantzville Fire Hall, 7580 Superior Road

Please support the Lantzville Fire Rescue Annual Garage Sale by donating good saleable items for the sale and by shopping at the sale! Fire Department members are available to pick-up items that you wish to donate. Please do not drop items at the Hall. To arrange for pick-up, please call Tom 250.390.2174, Don 250.390.2234 or leave a message at the Fire Hall at 250.390.2811.

FOOD WASTE, GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Your regular collection day changes when there is a statutory holiday. Therefore, your collection day will be on Mondays in April, starting with garbage and food waste on April 6th.

Cut the Bloomin' Broom!



2015 is the third year that the District of Lantzville and residents have partnered with the Broombusters Invasive Plant Society on the alien invasive plant Scotch broom in our community.

Broombusters report that:

- broom spreads rapidly and densely, chokes out native species, and prevents reforestation
- broom is a fire hazard and toxic to animals and soil
- the most effective broom removal method includes cutting the broom when it is in bloom
- volunteers are always needed - Broombusters provides the information, organization and tools (loppers), and you provide your time, physical labour and bring your own water!

Help protect our environment from broom and enjoy some time with fellow residents, by volunteering at scheduled community cuts, held rain or shine, at:

Lantzville & Schook Roads

Saturday, April 18: 9:30 am – 11:30 am
 Thursday, April 23: 9:30 am – 11:30 am
 and ongoing every Thursday morning for the cut season that lasts through May!

E&N Trail at Ware Road

Sunday, April 26: 9:30 am – 11:30 am

If you want to cut somewhere else or at another time during the season, contact Sharon at 250.390.2991 or sahokas@shaw.ca. For more info, check out the Broombusters website: www.broombusters.org.

