



District of Lantzville Community Update

**Holiday Hours, Huddlestone Park Playground, Rumming Road Landslide Update, Upcoming Meetings, Council Update
Pre-Authorized Payments, Parcel Tax Refunds & Homeowner Grant Refund Program, Tsunami Warning Update**

February 2018

Happy Family Day! The District Office will be closed on Monday, February 12, 2018. Regular office hours (8:00 am – 4:00 pm) will resume on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. Please call 1.888.826.8271 to report an after-hours Public Works emergency, and they will contact on-call staff. For other emergencies, dial 911.

Huddlestone Park Playground 2018 Project
Following a recommendation by our insurer’s risk management inspector, the District plans to remove and replace the Huddlestone Park playground equipment in 2018 due to its age, condition and safety concerns. Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission surveyed playground experts (students at Seaview Elementary and Aspengrove schools!) in January about preferred features. The District will be seeking further input from the community in February about the types of Huddlestone Park playground equipment features for consideration within the approved budget. Watch for an update in March 2018.

Pre-Authorized Payments for Utility and Property Tax Accounts

Are you a Snowbird, tired of writing cheques or just want to avoid unnecessary late payment penalties? Sign up for our Pre-Authorized Payment program for utility and/or property tax accounts. Visit the District website or Municipal Hall for an application form. Please contact staff at finance@lantzville.ca or 250.390.4006, or visit Municipal Hall, if you have any questions.



Parcel Tax Refunds

If, for the years 2003-2015, you were the owner of a manufactured home identified on the list of impacted properties, you may be eligible for a Parcel Tax Refund.

Home Owner Grant Refund Program

If, for the years 2003-2016, you were the owner of a property identified on the list of impacted properties, you may be eligible for a Home Owner Grant adjustment.

Visit www.lantzville.ca to view the list of impacted properties and additional information on the manufactured homeowner Parcel Tax Refunds or the Home Owner Grant Refund Program.

Mayor’s Office Hours
Tuesdays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am
Call the District Office at 250.390.4006 if you wish to book an appointment to meet with Mayor Haime.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, February 5th** – 7:00 pm Regular Council
 - Tuesday, February 6th** – 6:00 pm Economic Development Strategic Plan and Community Branding Select Committee
 - Thursday, February 15th** – 4:30 pm Parks and Recreation Commission
 - Monday, February 19th** – 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole, if required
 - Monday, February 26th** – 7:00 pm Regular Council
- For more information visit www.lantzville.ca and click on the calendar to access agenda, agenda package, meeting minutes, and video recordings of meeting.

Council Update – In January 2018, Council:

- adopted Phase III Sanitary Sewer Collection System Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 152, 2018
- directed Staff to provide a report on items 1 through 9 in the Lantzville Projects Ltd./7704 Superior Road letter about the Lantzville Draft Official Community Plan “Special Plan Areas”
- instructed staff to invite the newly-elected Nanoose First Nation Council to a meet and greet with Council
- established March 26, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chamber for the Parcel Tax Review Panel meeting date, if required, to hear parcel tax roll complaints
- approved the holiday season closure of the District of Lantzville Municipal Hall effective Monday, December 24, 2018 to Tuesday, January 1, 2019, inclusive
- directed Staff to develop a Tree Removal Bylaw report for Council’s consideration
- referred the Draft Official Community Plan – Version 3 to a Committee of the Whole meeting (date TBA)
- approved reducing the speed limit on Bayview Park Drive to 30 kph, posting signage and monitoring speeds

Rumming Road Landslide Update

The joint agency response to the January 29, 2018 Rumming Road landslide continues. Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure and the District have assessed the damage caused by the landslide. As damage is extensive, a portion of Rumming Road is anticipated to remain closed for the next 4-6 weeks. Please follow on site traffic control instructions. Rumming Road is located adjacent to Hwy 19, partially in the District of Lantzville and partially in the RDN Area E. Our sincere appreciation to the emergency responders and our response partners, and a special thank you to the area residents for your patience during this time.

Tsunami Warning Update

This update is provided by the Regional District of Nanaimo Emergency Services who provide emergency program coordination for the District of Lantzville.



On January 23, 2018 Emergency Management BC (EMBC) issued a tsunami warning for the BC coastline as a result of an earthquake off the coast of Alaska. The BC Coastline is divided into 5 Tsunami Notification Zones. The District of Lantzville is in Zone E which encompasses the Strait of Georgia.

While all other coastal Zones were receiving "Tsunami Warnings" on January 23rd, and for which EMBC suggests an action of "Full Evacuation Suggested", the RDN, including the District of Lantzville in Zone E received an "Information Statement" from the Provincial Emergency Notification System which recommends "No Action Suggested".

THERE ARE FIVE ALERT LEVELS AND EACH OF WHICH HAS A DISTINCT MEANING. THE ALERT LEVELS ARE:

		ACTION	
	WARNING	FLOOD WAVE POSSIBLE	FULL EVACUATION SUGGESTED
	ADVISORY	STRONG CURRENTS LIKELY	STAY AWAY FROM THE SHORE
	WATCH	DANGER LEVEL NOT YET KNOWN	STAY ALERT FOR MORE INFORMATION
	INFORMATION STATEMENT	MINOR WAVES AT MOST	NO ACTION SUGGESTED
	CANCELLATION	TIDAL GAUGES SHOW NO WAVE ACTIVITY	CONFIRM SAFETY OF LOCAL AREAS

While no action was suggested through this notification, Emergency Program staff with the RDN, including District of Lantzville, Town of Qualicum Beach, City of Parksville and City of Nanaimo were monitoring the situation for potential action to support evacuees of other communities and providing clarification via social media sources that there was no risk locally.

Lantzville Residents and Visitors Can REGISTER ON-LINE TO RECEIVE RDN EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS!

The Regional District of Nanaimo Emergency Program offers residents and visitors within the region an opportunity to receive emergency notifications by phone, cell phone or email. Sign up today!

www.rdn.bc.ca/emergency-notifications

What is our risk for tsunami?



The Regional District of Nanaimo, including the District of Lantzville, is identified as *low risk* for tsunami with estimated wave height of less than 2m above normal sea levels. This may cause some damage to low lying areas but is much different than the West Coast of Vancouver Island where communities are at high risk with catastrophic damage potential from waves of up to 15m.

How would we be notified?

Emergency Management BC has a Tsunami Warning and Alerting Plan in place and will convey warnings to our coastal communities as quickly as possible. Locally, the RDN has an emergency notification system which will provide registered residents and visitors with emergency notifications by phone, cell phone or email. The size of the RDN coastline and number of tsunami sirens needed would be a very expensive undertaking for an advanced warning system for this low risk, low impact situation. The RDN uses more practical and cost-effective notification processes such as the RDN Emergency Notification System combined with door to door notification to address this.

For additional tsunami information, visit the Emergency Management BC website:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc/know-the-risks/tsunamis>.

For additional emergency preparedness

information, visit the emergency program pages on the RDN website at www.rdn.bc.ca/emergency-program and watch for more information in future editions of our Community Update.

FOOD WASTE, GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Schedule Change Reminder - Your regular collection day changes when there is a statutory holiday. Therefore, after the recycling & food waste collection on Friday, February 9th, collection resumes on Monday, February 19th with garbage & food waste collection, and continues on Mondays until April when it moves to Tuesdays.

Have you received your 2018/2019 Curbside Collection Schedule? The 2-year 2018/2019 Garbage, Green Bin, and Recycling Schedule was mailed by bulk mail to residents in December. If you have not received your schedule, you can pick one up at Municipal Hall, or print your own by visiting www.lantzville.ca.