



# District of Lantzville Community Update

## Five Year Financial Plan, Fire Bylaw & General Information

March 2012

### **March Council Meetings @ 7:00 p.m.**

Monday, March 5 – Committee of the Whole  
Monday, March 12 – Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, March 26 – Regular Council Meeting

#### **Mayor's Office Hours**

Mayor de Jong is available to meet with residents on:

**Thursday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.**

If you wish to make an appointment, please contact the District Office.

### **Water Conservation**

It's that time of year again; the time where we begin looking at ways to conserve our water supply. As most Lantzvillagers are aware, the District currently has a limited supply of water, and to maintain the current supply we need to make every effort in not placing excess stress on our aquifer during the spring and summer months.

Irrigation is one of the biggest stresses on our water supply causing usage to increase during the summer by 80%. You (the user) can help the District maintain lower consumption rates by ensuring that your irrigation systems are updated to include the latest in water conservation technology.

For tips on how to conserve water please visit the District of Lantzville website at [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca) and follow the links.

### **Five Year Financial Plan (2012-2016)**

Council invites the public to participate in the District's financial planning process for 2012-2016 by providing feedback either in writing or by attending the meetings noted above.

Highlights of the Financial Plan are as follows:

- Proposed 2% property tax increase
- Solid waste parcel tax will be \$125
- Contributions to capital reserves of \$634,325

Capital projects planned for 2012 include:

- Costin Hall seismic upgrades - \$45,000
- Road surface repair and replacement - \$375,000
- Lantzville Road culvert replacement - \$152,625

Council continues to consider other items for inclusion in the Financial Plan such as a road network plan and the possibility of an Official Community Plan review.

### **Fire Bylaw**

We would like to remind residents to be considerate of their neighbours when they are burning in their yards. The majority of burning complaints the District receives relate to **open air fires**. Burning regulations pertaining to open air fires are noted on page 6 of Bylaw No. 86 which is available on the District's website or at the District Office and provides more detail on all issues related to fires in the District. While open air fires are permitted, we would like to draw your attention to points 28 (h) and (i) which state:

- (h) *every reasonable alternative for reducing, receiving or recycling debris has been pursued to minimize the amount of debris to be open burned; and*
- (i) *the open burning is conducted in accordance with the conditions set out in the Wildfire Act and Wildfire Regulations of British Columbia.*

Please remember that burning of evergreen boughs and wet leaves, etc., tend to generate heavy smoke that may foul or contaminate the atmosphere or result in an offensive odour that may disturb the enjoyment, comfort, convenience and health of individuals or the public. Property owners are also reminded that prior to burning, weather conditions need to be considered and burning is not permitted during times of temperature inversion, when local winds are inadequate to disperse smoke or ventilation index is poor.

We appreciate your cooperation in this regard and your consideration given to your surrounding neighbours. Should you have any questions regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact the Fire Chief (please call the District Office as messages are passed directly to the Fire Chief).