



District of Lantzville Community Update

10th Anniversary, Tax Notices
Volunteer Recognition and General Information

June 2013

You're Invited to the District's 10th Anniversary of Incorporation Open House!

Please join the Mayor, Council and Staff to celebrate this momentous occasion. The Open House will be held on **Tuesday, June 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the District office, 7192 Lantzville Road.

Cake and refreshments will be served.

Significant Accomplishments

- Construction of Ware Road Reservoir
- District Hall renovations
- Implementation of Phase 1 & 2 of a community sanitary sewer system
- Various water infrastructure improvements
- Various re-paving
- Knarston Creek Overflow Project
- Construction of Phase 1 of the E & N Trail

Property Tax Notices Have Been Mailed

2013 property tax notices were mailed out the third week of May. If you have not yet received your property tax notice please contact the District office at 250.390.4006 or district@lantzville.ca.

Please note that the last day to make payments and submit Home Owner Grants without penalty is Tuesday, July 2nd by 4:00 p.m.

Making Property Tax Payment Easier

Did you know that the District has a mail slot where you can put your payments (made by cheque) and/or Home Owner Grants when the office is closed? The slot is located at the front of the building to the right of the main door.

- Method of payment at the District office include: cash, cheque, money order, and direct debit. *Please note we do not accept credit cards.*

- You can also pay by telephone or internet banking. If eligible, bring your home owner grant to the District office before the due date.
- Most Financial Institution will also accept payment.

Sewer User Rate Increase

As part of the 2013 – 2017 five year financial planning process, Council adopted changes to the "District of Lantzville Sewer Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 66, 2007" to increase the minimum sewer user fee by \$27 to \$69 per quarter. This increase in revenues will ensure the recovery of estimated costs associated with this utility. Please note that this increase takes effect for the second quarter billing which will be mailed to property owners in June.

2013 Financial Plan – Capital Projects

The District's 2013 – 2017 Financial Plan was adopted by Council on May 13, 2013. Some of the capital projects you can expect to see in process over the next few months include:

- Costin Hall seismic upgrades
- Heritage Church roof replacement
- Road resurfacing (Ware Rd. & Tremblay Dr.)
- Watermain replacement – Peterson Road
- Trail Construction – Ware, Romac and North Roads

Please note that some of these projects may impact traffic flow, etc. The District will make every effort to provide notice of these impacts so residents may plan accordingly.

Council Meetings in June

Monday, June 3 – Committee of the Whole (introduction of downtown revitalization)
Monday, June 10 – Regular Meeting
Monday, June 24 – Regular Meeting

The public is welcome to attend all meetings of Council, which begin at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office, 2nd Floor, 7192 Lantzville Road.

Rogers Communication Tower

In January of 2011, the District received an application from Rogers Communications to locate a 40m telecommunications tower at 6826 Metro Road in order to improve wireless communications in the Lantzville area. Advertisements for this proposal were placed in the Nanaimo News Bulletin as well as individual notification packages were sent to approx. 70 properties within the area of the proposed tower. Following the conclusion of this process, Council wrote to Industry Canada advising that the District of Lantzville was opposed to the telecommunications tower due to health concerns. Since that time, Rogers has contacted the District asking that Council reconsider their initial application. Council received Rogers as a delegation at their May 13, 2013 Regular meeting describing the need for a cell tower. Further, Dr. Hasselback, Medical Health Officer also came to answer questions and confirm that there are no health concerns with this cell tower application. Prior to Council considering approval of this application Council has requested that Rogers re-advertise their intention to locate a communications tower and allow the general public 30 days to comment on the proposal. Residents interested in the details surrounding this proposed tower location are invited to contact the District office directly for more information. Note that comments/concerns will be received until June 30, 2013.

Volunteer Recognition

Council of the District of Lantzville wishes to acknowledge the dedicated volunteers that serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Current members of the Commission are: Chairperson Denise Haime; Members Cherie Alyward, John English, Ted Gullison, John Halliwell, Harriet Rueggeberg, and Brenda Savage. Councillor Andrew Mostad is the Alternate Chair appointed by Council. The Commission meets on a monthly basis on the fourth Thursday of the month and meetings are held in the District Office, commencing at 4:30 p.m.

The District of Lantzville Parks and Recreation Commission is responsible for making recommendations to Council on parks and recreation functions for the District of Lantzville. The Commission is currently working on implementing some of the trails identified in the Trails and Journeyways Strategy among a variety of other recreational opportunities for residents of the community.

RCMP Community Engagement

Members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are inviting Lantzville residents to attend an open house where RCMP Members will address issues such as: Service delivery, break and enters, thefts, and drugs.

Members of the department will discuss ways you can protect yourself from break and enters; what you can do if

you know someone is selling drugs or has a grow op; and many more topics. Additionally, there will be information on the benefits of starting a Block Watch program in your neighbourhood. At the end of the presentations the Members will take questions from the audience. Refreshments will also be provided so come out and join us on ...

Date: Wednesday, June 19th
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Location: Costin Hall, 7232 Lantzville Road

Stage 1 Water Restrictions are in Effect

Annually in May the District implements water restrictions. Effective Wednesday, May 1, 2013, the District will be on Stage 1, as follows:

- **Odd house numbers may water on odd numbered days**
- **Even House use numbers may water on even numbered days**
- Watering is **restricted to a maximum of 3 hours per designation day** and only permitted between the hours of 6:00 to 10:00 a.m. **OR** 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Please note that watering restrictions only apply to those property owners who are on the District's community water system. However, we also encourage those property owners on individual private wells to also exercise conservation measures when it comes to water usage.

Employment Opportunities with the District

Seasonal Labourer – The District is looking for an energetic individual to fill the position of Seasonal Labourer. Interested individuals are requested to submit a detailed resume to the Director of Public Works no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 14, 2013.

Summer Student – The successful applicant will be a student who will be returning to school, college or university in the fall of 2013. The position duties include yard and park maintenance. Individuals are encouraged to submit a detailed resume to the Director of Public Works no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 5, 2013.

District Office Closure

The District Office will be closed on Monday, July 1st for Canada Day. The office will re-open on Tuesday, July 2, at 8:00 a.m.

