



District of Lantzville Community Update

Five Year Financial Plan, Parcel Tax Rolls Water Negotiations, Fire Department Garage Sale, & District Staffing

April 2014

Five Year Financial Plan (2014-2018)

Following Council's discussions during its Committee of the Whole and Regular Council meetings to date, the District's Five Year Financial Plan process is nearing completion and Council will consider adoption of the Plan in April. Since the last Community Update, Council has approved the following items for inclusion in the Financial Plan:

- Reduction of 2014 tax increase to 2.5% from 4%
- Approval of the asphalt (\$310,000) and culvert replacements (\$300,000) – capital projects
- One-time contribution to the Fire Truck Replacement Reserve of \$64,000

Council invites the public to provide feedback either in writing or by attending upcoming Council meetings. An overview of the 2014-2018 Financial Plan will be presented at the April 14th, 2014 Regular Council Meeting.

Parcel Tax Rolls

The District wishes to advise residents that the Parcel Tax Rolls are now available for inspection at the District of Lantzville offices located at 7192 Lantzville Road, Lantzville, BC between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., 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:

- (a) there is an error or omission respecting a name or address on the parcel tax roll
- (b) there is an error or omission respecting the inclusion of a parcel
- (c) 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 11, 2014.

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 at 250.390.4006

District of Lantzville/City of Nanaimo – Water Negotiations

– Further to information shared in our March 2014 Community Update please be advised that Council, at its Regular Meeting held Monday, March 24, 2014 formally received the proposed water agreement from the City of Nanaimo. At that same meeting Council also directed staff to prepare a detailed report speaking to the points contained in the proposed water agreement as presented by the City of Nanaimo. Once Council has been provided with the detailed staff report, Council will then look at scheduling a public meeting to provide an opportunity for public engagement and feedback as it relates to the proposed water agreement. As negotiations for this service were years in the making, we appreciate your continued patience while staff compile the details surrounding this service provision.

Council Meetings in April

Monday, April 14 – Public Hearing (PH) @ 7:00 p.m.
(*District of Lantzville Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 50, 2005, Amendment Bylaw No. 50.5, 2014 – Map 6, Municipal Roads, Facilities and Trails)

Monday, April 14 – Regular Meeting following PH

Monday, April 28 – Regular Meeting

Please be advised that there will also be a public presentation of the District's Five Year Financial Plan at Council's Regular Meeting on Monday, April 14, 2014, which will take place immediately following the closing of the Public Hearing, at the District Office, 7192 Lantzville Road – 2nd Floor.

A draft copy of the District's Financial Plan will be posted to the District's website on Friday, March 28, 2014 at www.lantzville.ca.

Fire Department Garage Sale

Saturday, April 12th 8 a.m.-3 p.m. – Please note that members of the department will pick-up any items you may have. To donate or to arrange for a pick-up, please call Tom at 250.390.2174 or leave a message at the Fire Hall at 250.390.2811. Please support the Fire Department's annual fundraising event. All funds raised stay in our community.



Cut the Bloomin’ Broom

In 2013 the District of Lantzville partnered with Broombusters Invasive Plant Society and about 20 residents of Lantzville organized and participated in their first community broom cut with Broombusters in June of that year. Volunteers are always needed and aside from giving your time and physical labour, Broombusters provides the information, organization and tools. More community cuts are now being planned in 2014 and if you would like to volunteer to protect the District’s environment from broom in addition to enjoying time with fellow residents, check out the Broombusters website: www.broombusters.org or email info@broombusters.org.



Staffing Update

We would like to take this opportunity to advise the community of a new staff member joining us at the District of Lantzville. Please join me in welcoming Trudy Coates, the District’s new Director of Corporate Administration. Ms. Coates commenced her employment with the District on Tuesday, April 1, 2014. Trudy’s professional profile includes extensive experience in all facets of the corporate officer role and a local government generalist with solid experience and training in human resources, bylaw enforcement, property management, local government law, risk management, and cemetery administration.

While not new employees, please join me in congratulating Jason Gosling who has been with the District since October 2006, and who has recently been promoted to the position of Maintenance Technician II from Maintenance Technician I (due to a staff resignation) and Matt Woods who has been promoted to the Maintenance Technician 1 position from the Seasonal Labourer position.

Municipal Roads, Facilities & Trails – OCP Map 6

Council is considering an amendment to the “District of Lantzville Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 50, 2005” which stems from recommendations made in the Transportation Review the District conducted last spring. The amendment bylaw will essentially update Map No. 6 “Municipal Roads, Facilities and Trails” in addition to making two housekeeping changes to the text regarding the goal of improving roads, pedestrian and bicycle mobility. Public Information Meetings were held on February 26th, following which Council, after making further amendments to the map as a result of staff and public feedback, proceeded to give second reading to the amendment bylaw. As per legislative requirements, a Public Hearing will now be held on the proposed amendment bylaw on **Monday, April 14th, 2014 beginning at 7:00 p.m.**, at the District Office. Individuals interested in learning more about the proposed amendment, may inspect the bylaw online at www.lantzville.ca or by visiting the District Office. Comments and questions may be directed to the Community Planner, Meredith Seeton by calling 250.390.4006 or emailing meredith@lantzville.ca.

DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSURE

The District Office will be closed on **Friday, April 18, 2014 and Monday, April 21, 2014** for Easter.

The District Office will re-open at 8:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, April 22, 2014.**

SCHEDULE CHANGE - FOOD WASTE, GARBAGE AND RECYCLING REMINDER

When there is a holiday, your regular collection day moves forward a day. This means that due to the Easter holidays the collection schedule will be as follows:

Thursday, April 17 - garbage & food waste
Friday, April 25 – recycling & food waste

(Collection days move to Friday until the next statutory holiday May 19)

**HAPPY
EASTER!**

