



District of Lantzville Community Update

Happy New Year, 2014-2018 Council, Upcoming Meetings, Council Update, Mayor's Office
Financial Plan, Grants In Aid, Parks & Recreation Commission, Bylaw Reminders & Curbside Collection

January 2015

Happy New Year!

The District Office will be closed Wednesday, December 24, 2014 to Sunday, January 4, 2015, inclusive. Regular office hours (8:00 am – 4:00 pm) will resume on Monday, January 5, 2015. In case of a public works emergency, call 250.390.4006.

Welcome to the 2014-2018 Council!

On November 15, 2014, the community elected Mayor Colin Haime and Councillors John Coulson, Denise Haime, Jennifer Millbank, Rod Negrave, Graham Savage, and Dave Scott to serve as the District of Lantzville Council for a four-year term. Your Council for 2014 – 2018 was sworn in on December 1, 2014 and is now responsible to set budgets, levy taxes, adopt bylaws, establish policies and make decisions that guide the growth, development and operation of the District of Lantzville. District staff are responsible for day to day operations, implementing Council decisions and policies, and providing advice to elected officials.

Your questions about day to day operations can be directed to staff by contacting the District Office. If you wish to contact a member of Council to discuss any suggestions, issues or concerns unresolved with staff, you can write to the District Office or email district@lantzville.ca, addressed to the attention of Council, and staff will distribute it to all members of Council. When sending email to the District, please include your name and complete postal mailing address for our communication records. Council members have also provided the following personal contact information:

Mayor Colin Haime	250.390.4131 colinhaime@shaw.ca
Councillor John Coulson	250.933.4425 coulson.jg@gmail.com
Councillor Denise Haime	250.390.4131 denisehaime@shaw.ca
Councillor Jennifer Millbank	250.390.4006 jpmillbank@shaw.ca
Councillor Rod Negrave	250.390.4892 negrave@telus.net
Councillor Graham Savage	250.390.3368 or 250.713.2260 grahamsavage@shaw.ca
Councillor Dave Scott	250.390.1085 lantzville@telus.net

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, January 6 – Council Orientation @ 5:00 pm

Monday, January 12 – Regular Council @ 7:00 pm

Monday, January 19 – Committee of the Whole @ 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 20 – Village Commercial Core Improvement Plan Public Information Meetings @ 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the District Office. Each session begins with a formal presentation followed by a Q&A. (7:00 pm repeats the 3:00 pm session). Hear the results of the committee and community input on the VCCIP since the fall of 2013 – share your thoughts on the plan to improve circulation, land use, urban design and beautification in the village core area. Visit www.lantzville.ca to read the draft Plan.

Thursday & Friday, January 22 & 23 – Special Council Meeting – Strategic Planning

Monday, January 26 – Regular Council @ 7:00 pm
For more information:

- visit www.lantzville.ca and click on the calendar to access agenda, agenda package, and minutes; and
- visit the District Office to view the agenda binder which is available the Friday before the meeting.

Council Update - In December, Council:

- began their 2014 – 2018 term in office with each member of Council swearing an Oath of Office at the Inaugural Council meeting on December 1st
- authorized Mayor Colin Haime, Councillor John Coulson and Councillor Graham Savage as banking signing officers
- designated specific Councillors as the member responsible as Acting Mayor for four-month periods during the 2014 – 2018 term
- appointed Councillor Rod Negrave as the District's representative on the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board of Trustees, and Councillor Jennifer Millbank as the alternate, each for one year terms
- appointed Mayor Colin Haime as the District of Lantzville municipal director on the Regional District of Nanaimo Board, and Councillor Graham Savage as the alternate, each for one-year terms.

Mayor's Office Hours

Mayor Haime is available to meet with residents on:
Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

If you wish to make an appointment, please contact the District Office at 250.390.4006.

Five Year Financial Plan 2015 – 2019

Council will begin its Financial Planning process in January and invites the public to provide feedback either in writing or by attending upcoming Committee of the Whole meetings. These meetings are open to the public and, as with all Council meetings, the public is invited to participate at the end of the meeting. Committee of the Whole meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Monday, January 19th @ 7:00 pm
- Monday, February 16th @ 5:00 pm
- Monday, March 2nd @ 7:00 pm
- Monday, March 30th @ 7:00 pm



2015 Grants in Aid

Early in 2015, Council of the District of Lantzville will consider Grants in Aid applications for the 2015 calendar year. The primary purpose of a grant in aid is to provide financial assistance to an organization for a specific project or event that benefits the residents of the District of Lantzville. The organization should be registered as or belong to a parent Society under the laws of British Columbia and/or Canada. Preference will be given to organizations that are locally based and whose efforts are community based in nature. Council will not grant monies to a 'for profit' organization.

Applications must be completed and submitted to the District Office, no later than **Friday, January 30, 2015**. Obtain application forms, including guidelines from the District Office or www.lantzville.ca.

Parks & Recreation Commission

The District of Lantzville is seeking TWO residents to serve as volunteers on the seven-member Parks and Recreation Commission for a term ending December 31, 2017.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is responsible for making recommendations to Council on parks and recreation functions for the District of Lantzville, and conducting the annual Minetown Day. The position requires energy, a willingness to undertake work outside of regular meetings, and a strong interest in the future outcome of parks and open spaces in the community, as well as a desire to contribute to the enhancement of recreation in Lantzville. Qualifications include residency within the District of Lantzville boundary.

A copy of the Bylaw which outlines the Commission structure, duties and responsibilities is available at the District Office and on the District's website at www.lantzville.ca. The Commission currently meets at the District Office at 4:30 pm on the fourth Thursday of the month, except for December. To be considered by the Commission for appointment by Council, please submit a letter with a brief resume highlighting your interest in parks and recreation, no later than **4:00 pm, Monday, January 19, 2015** to: Director of Corporate Administration, District Office or trudy@lantzville.ca.

Bylaw Reminders

Winter is here! Are you prepared?

At this time of year we have maximum darkness, rain, and sometimes slippery or snowy conditions. Pedestrians and drivers: please dress and drive to suit the conditions. After a snowfall, expect minor delays, allow extra travel time and park off the road to allow plows and emergency vehicles space to pass. Don't abandon your car if it gets stuck, and please do not leave basketball hoops or equipment on the road. This will allow better snow removal service in our neighbourhoods. Our contract with Windley Construction does identify which roads receive priority for clearing during periods of heavy snowfall versus others. Our contractor's first priority is to clear those roads identified as 'Primary' as follows:

1. Primary Roads – Aulds, Dickinson, Lantzville, Superior and Ware (regional transit, school, and emergency access required)
2. Secondary Roads – Examples of secondary roads are Caillet Road, Harwood Drive and Southwind Drive.

Residents are reminded that should snowfall be ongoing, the contractor will return to those primary roads if snow continues to accumulate and as a result, may not make it to secondary roads, cul-de-sacs and side roads for twenty-four hours. If possible, stay off the roads during a snowfall and for safety reasons, do not use the roads as playgrounds. Be safe!

FOOD WASTE, GARBAGE AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE CHANGE REMINDER

Your regular collection day changes when there is a statutory holiday. Therefore, after the recycling and food waste collection on Wednesday, December 31, 2014, collection resumes on Thursday, January 8, 2015 with garbage and food waste collection, and continues on Thursdays until the next statutory holiday in February.

Forget your garbage day no more! Visit the District website to sign-up for **RECOLLECT** – the NEW garbage pick-up reminder system. Set up a handy reminder for yourself (or perhaps your spouse or kids) to receive a reminder by email, phone call to your mobile or home phone, calendar, or even via private message on Twitter. You can set-up when you want to get your reminder (e.g. 6:00 pm the day before collection day or 7:00 am the day of) and receive helpful details such as what's being picked up that week – garbage or recycling.

Did you know... that you can place a maximum of two extra garbage containers curbside on your collection day if you attach an extra container tag to each container? Purchase extra container tags (\$2.00 each) at the District Office, Regional District of Nanaimo administration office (6300 Hammond Bay Road), Quality Foods (Nanoose Bay) or Jingle Pot Store.

