



District of Lantzville Community Update

**Financial Plan, Public Participation Policy, Volunteers, Upcoming Meetings, Council Update
Garage Sale, Broombusters, Bylaw Reminders, Curbside Collection & Temporary Employment Opportunity**

April 2016

Five Year Financial Plan 2016 - 2020

Council's Committee of the Whole and Council meeting discussions continue to develop the District's Five Year Financial Plan for 2016 - 2020. View the Committee of the Whole presentations and a copy of the Plan on the District's website. For any related questions, please contact District staff. Council plans to consider first three readings of the 2016 - 2020 Financial Plan Bylaw and related rates bylaws at the April 11, 2016 regular Council meeting.

Draft Public Participation Policy Input

The District of Lantzville is contemplating a public participation policy and would like your input. Please review the Draft Public Participation Policy available at www.lantzville.ca and at the District Office, and let us know what you think. Please forward all comments, questions, or concerns, by April 18, 2016, to the Chief Administrative Officer at brad@lantzville.ca or call 250.390.4006. Your comments will help form any changes to the current draft policy and will be presented to Council for consideration at the end of April. Thank you for your input!

Thank you to community volunteers! From committees to clubs, ESS to environmental groups, to the many other organizations and programs that rely on volunteers - you are what makes our community great! *Volunteers are the roots of strong communities.*

Join Minetown Day Planning! The Parks and Recreation Commission works with volunteers to organize and conduct the District's annual Minetown Day community event. More volunteers are needed to help plan Minetown Day 2016. If you are available for 3 - 4 meetings per year and to work on the weekend of the event (scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2016), contact brendasavage170@shaw.ca or 250.390.3368.

Join the Beach Clean-up on Saturday, April 9th! Meet at 1:00 pm at Seaview Elementary school parking lot for your beach assignment. At the finish of the Lantzville beaches clean-up, prizes will be presented for interesting finds and other targets! For more information on volunteering or donating prizes, contact John Dunn (Streamkeepers and Shorekeepers) through the Lantzville Community News page on Facebook.

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, April 11 - 7:00 pm Regular Council

Monday, April 18 - 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole

Monday, April 25 - 7:00 pm Regular Council

For more information:

- visit www.lantzville.ca and click on the calendar to access agenda, agenda package, and minutes; or
- visit the District Office to view the agenda binder.

Council Update - In March 2016, Council:

- consented to the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) adopting Pump & Haul Local Service Amendment Bylaw No. 975.63, 2016, to add one Area G property unable to obtain Health approval for a conventional onsite wastewater treatment system
- directed staff on amendments to the draft 2016-2020 Financial Plan, including funding asset management software, reducing Costin Hall annual maintenance, increasing firefighter member and Deputy Fire Chief rates, moving Nanaimo Water Interconnection funding to 2017, and transferring funds for the Winter Road Maintenance Operating Reserve (WRMOR) fund and authorizing the basis for WRMOR transfers and funding annually
- approved grants in aid to: Errington Therapeutic Riding Association (\$250) to assist in delivering therapeutic riding opportunities for children, youth and adults with physical and mental disabilities and Boys & Girls Club of Central Vancouver Island (\$500) to purchase new Family Place Program equipment for the Lantzville Club to help foster learning and play
- contributed \$1,000 towards Spring 2016 water conservation public education workshops in Lantzville
- adopted Financial Plan Bylaw No. 116, 2015, Amendment Bylaw No. 122, 2016
- renewed the Regional Emergency Management Agreement (a mutual aid agreement between the RDN, Nanaimo, Parksville, Qualicum Beach, Lantzville and Snuneymuxw, Nanoose and Qualicum First Nations) for a term ending May 1, 2021
- directed staff to prepare for a Town Hall meeting in May to update the community on steps taken and future steps planned, related to the expansion of water supply in Lantzville
- directed staff to prepare a report on methods of accurately surveying the residents in the area of the community not currently serviced by the water system to measure preliminary interest in the provision and expansion of community water system to those areas.

Lantzville Fire Rescue Annual Garage Sale

NOTE: New Date & Location

**8:00 am – 3:00 pm Saturday, April 23, 2016
at the warehouse at**

6833 Metro Road, Lantzville Industrial Park

Support the firefighters' Annual Garage Sale by donating good saleable items and by shopping at the sale! LVFD members are available to pick-up items starting April 1st. To donate, call the Fire Hall at 250.390.2811, Don at 250.390.2234 or Tom at 250.390.2174. Please do not drop off items at the Fire Hall. All funds raised stay in our community. Please support this annual fundraising event.

Cut the Bloomin' Broom!

The District of Lantzville and residents have partnered with the Broombusters Invasive Plant Society on the alien invasive plant Scotch broom in our community. Broombusters report that:

- broom spreads rapidly and densely, chokes out native species, and prevents reforestation



- broom is a fire hazard and toxic to animals and soil
- the most effective broom removal method includes cutting the broom when it is in bloom

- volunteers are always needed - Broombusters provides the information, organization and tools (loppers), and you provide your time and physical labour, and bring your own water and gloves!

Volunteer with Broombusters!

Help protect our environment from this invasive alien plant and enjoy some time with fellow residents. Currently, the following community broom cuts are scheduled, but there will be more throughout May!

Check the Broombusters website and contact Sharon.

1. Sunday, April 17th 9:30 am – 11:30 am
E&N Trail (middle) access via end of Clark Drive
2. Thursday, April 21st 9:30 am – 11:30 am
E&N Trail – as above
3. Thursday, April 28th 9:30 am – 11:30 am
Lantzville Road at Schook
4. Sunday, May 1st 9:30 am – 11:30 am
Aulds Rd at Arbutus Cresc (Phantom Rd end)
5. Saturday, May 14th 9:30 am – 11:30 am
Exit 29 (Nanaimo sign) access via end of Alger Rd

Cuts are held rain or shine!

If you want to cut somewhere else or at another time during the season, contact Sharon at 250.390.2991 or sahokas@shaw.ca. For more info, check out the Broombusters website: www.broombusters.org.

Bylaw Reminder

Outdoor Burning – From October 16th to May 14th, residents are permitted to burn in their backyards without a permit. Conditions apply. Call the Ministry of Environment at 1.888.281.2992 and follow the prompts to hear Environment Canada's daily ventilation index for Central Vancouver Island to confirm if burning is permitted. Conditions must be GOOD on the day you burn and GOOD or FAIR the following day in order to burn per the burning bylaw. For further information contact the Fire Chief at 250.390.2811 or visit www.lantzville.ca, for Burning Permit Information.

Fire Rescue Safety Message – With sunny days, comes plans to barbeque! Be sure to only barbeque where there is adequate ventilation (never indoors) and well away from combustibles. Remember to look before you cook! *If you haven't used your barbeque recently: check the gas cylinder (age, condition, time to refill or exchange), check the hose to make sure it is in good condition and check all connections to make sure that they are tight! Check for leaks using soapy water. If in doubt, call a licensed gasfitter.*

Speed limits keep our neighbourhoods safe – The speed limit on streets in Lantzville is 50 km/h except where posted otherwise, e.g. portion of Lantzville Road 30 km/h. Remember to *SLOW DOWN* in residential areas and especially near school zones, crosswalks, and posted Children Playing signs, e.g. Southwind Drive.

FOOD WASTE, GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Your regular collection day only changes when there is a statutory holiday. Therefore, your collection day will be Mondays in April, starting with garbage and food waste on April 4, 2016.

Extra Garbage Tags

The curbside collection user fee includes disposal of one 100 litre container of household garbage per scheduled garbage collection day. Up to two additional containers can be set out for collection on garbage collection day provided the resident has purchased and affixed single use "extra garbage tags" to each extra container. The cost of disposal has increased and therefore, in keeping with the user-pay (cost recovery) basis for the curbside program, the RDN has increased the fee to purchase a garbage tag to \$3.00.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The District of Lantzville is seeking an experienced *Accounts Payable Clerk/Office Assistant* on a temporary part-time (0.6 FTE) basis to cover for a maternity leave. Reporting to the Director of Financial Services, the successful applicant will perform a variety of general and specific duties at an intermediate skill level for accounting, payroll, customer service and clerical functions within the District Office. Visit www.lantzville.ca for more information about this opportunity, including duties, qualifications and how to apply before the posting closes at 4:00 pm on Monday, April 11, 2016.