



District of Lantzville Community Update

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June 2016

Property Tax Notices Have Been Mailed!

2016 property tax notices were mailed to registered property owners in May. If you have not received your property tax notice, please contact the District Office at 250.390.4006. Property taxes (including the signed Home Owner Grant required annually) are due at the District Office on or before Monday, July 4, 2016. Every year we have taxpayers who must pay a 10% penalty because they fail to claim their Provincial Home Owner Grant on time. Don't let this happen to you!

Freedom of the Municipality



On May 16, 2016, at a special Council meeting at Costin Hall, Council recognized Tom Whipps and Ken Spence for distinguished service to

the community and Lantzville Fire Rescue by conferring, for the first time in Lantzville, the Freedom of the Municipality honour. The *Community Charter* authorizes Council, by a unanimous vote, to confer Honourary Freeman status on a distinguished person – it is the highest honour that a municipality may bestow upon individuals.

BC Fire Commissioner Gordon Anderson presented Ken Spence with the Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal in recognition of 50 years of service, noting that it was a remarkable achievement. Council also recognized Tom Whipps' recent retirement from the role of Fire Chief, and expressed appreciation to Tom and Ken for continuing to serve Lantzville Fire Rescue.

The Nanoose (Snaw-Naw-As) First Nation Council also attended the meeting, presented Tom and Ken with gifts, and welcomed the over 150 people in attendance to their Traditional Territory.



Free – 2016 Gardening Workshop Series

To register for the last workshop in the series, RSVP to councillor.colclough@lantzville.ca with your name, phone number and confirming that you would like to attend the Plants Workshop (space may be limited) at Costin Hall on Saturday, June 18, 2016 from 10:00 am to Noon. Hear Jamie Wallace talk about deer and drought resistant plants, and perennial edibles. \$10 donation if non-resident. For more information, visit www.lantzville.ca.



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Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, June 2 – 6:00 pm Town Hall meeting at Costin Hall, 7232 Lantzville Road – Focus: Update on the Community Water Supply Expansion – *Don't miss this important meeting.* See the recent Water Special Edition newsletter, or the District website for more information.

Monday, June 6 – 5:00 pm Committee of the Whole

Monday, June 13 – 7:00 pm Regular Council

Monday, June 27 – 7:00 pm Regular Council at the District Office, 2nd Floor, 7192 Lantzville Road.

The public is welcome to attend! For more information visit www.lantzville.ca or the District Office.

Council Update – In May 2016, Council:

- accepted the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No.1615.01, 2016
- consented to the RDN adopting Regional Parks and Trails Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1231.05
- approved the Jay Hoots concept plan and authorized proceeding with the \$32,000 contract for the Rotary Park Mountain Bike Circuit
- authorized Mayor Haime, accompanied by staff, to appear before the City of Nanaimo Council to provide information concerning the requested amendments to the Lantzville/Nanaimo Water Agreement
- adopted Regional Parks and Trails Parcel Tax and Assessment Roll Preparation Bylaw No. 56, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 127, 2016
- endorsed issuing the Request for Proposal for the Water Master Plan 2016, as updated
- approved Social Media Policy No. 3000-10, as amended
- determined to make no further changes to the water connection standards until conditions have been met as recommended in the May 2016 Koers & Assoc. Engineering Ltd. report, including connection to additional water supply, additional storage connected to upper pressure zone and completion of wellfield upgrades; and directed staff to utilize engineering best practices when determining the use for connections other than residential
- approved Investment Policy No. 3009-1, as amended.

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.

Volunteer Recognition

Council wishes to acknowledge the dedicated volunteers that serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission: Chairperson Dot Neary; Members: John Dunn, Liette Masse, Julia Ohly, Brenda Savage and Joy Tretick; and Alternate Chairperson Will Geselbracht.

The Commission is currently working with volunteers preparing for Minetown Day on Saturday, September 10, 2016 (*mark your calendar!*); reviewing parks, trails and recreation plans; updating project lists for the 2017-2021 Financial Plan submission; and moving 2016 projects forward. 2016 projects include playground equipment replacement and mountain bike circuit development in Rotary Park, Copley Ridge trail development and interpretive signage, parks and trails map development, Wilson Road survey, and offering four children's cycling safety clinics in 2016.

Children's Cycling Safety Clinics

Taught by the Greater Nanaimo Cycling Coalition, coordinated and funded through the District of Lantzville Parks & Recreation Commission, children enjoy 8 hours of *free* instruction to improve cycling safety and bike knowledge. Sessions include riding in Huddleston Park and on Lantzville Road. Parents are welcome to attend each session and ride along! Each Clinic is held in four consecutive 2-hour sessions at Costin Hall from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Monday - Thursday:

Clinic #1 (age 5-7) – June 20 – 23

Clinic #2 (age 8-10) – July 18 – 21

Clinic #3 (age 11-13) – August 22 – 25

To register, email details (names, child's age, clinic #, street address, & contact info) to trudy@lantzville.ca or visit the District Office. (Max. 20 children per Clinic)

Fire Rescue Safety Message

Play safely in the outdoors. Plan your trip, tell someone where you are going and expected time of return, be aware of the weather, know your limits and take sufficient supplies. *Do your part to protect our environment: leave no trace... and don't let fire start in our forests!*

Beach Fires Reminder

Beach fires fall under the description of a campfire. Currently beach fires are permitted as long as the following conditions are met:

- the fire is below the high tide mark, in a non-combustible environment
- fire may occur between 06:00 am and 11:00 pm - please respect the local residents
- only burn clean firewood – no burning of pallets, plastics or garbage is permitted.

Once the BC Forest Service implements a total ban on campfires/ outdoor burning, beach fires will then be prohibited. Please use extreme caution and do your part in keeping our beaches clean and safe!

Bylaw Reminder



Burning Ban in Effect – Effective May 13, 2016, outdoor burning is NOT permitted in the District of Lantzville. Please be aware that forest conditions are extremely dry. This means that all outdoor burning including incinerators is prohibited.

Campfires used for cooking, heating or a ceremonial purpose are currently still allowed; however, due to the drying conditions, expect these to be banned shortly.

NOTE: The burning ban currently in effect also prohibits the use of fireworks.

To report a fire: Call 9-1-1

Forest Fire: 1.800.663.5555

Or on a cell at *5555

Stage 2 Watering Restrictions – Effective June 1st

Under Stage 2 watering restrictions, sprinkling is permitted between the hours of 7:00 am to 10:00 am **OR** 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm for a **maximum of 2 hours every other day** on the following days:

- Odd-numbered addresses on odd-numbered days
 - Even-numbered addresses on even-numbered days
- Sprinkling includes watering lawns, ornamental shrubs, flowers and trees and use of pop-up spray, rotors and sprinklers. Putting in a new lawn? Apply for a new lawn permit. The following are permitted at any time in Stage 2: hand-watering, drip irrigation, and micro irrigation; washing vehicles, boats, and houses (siding) if using a hose with a shutoff device; filling fountains, pools, or hot tubs; pressure washing walkways, driveways and siding. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from all watering restrictions but watering in the early morning or in the evening is recommended – less evaporation. Private wells are not subject to municipal watering restrictions, but conservation is encouraged because water is a shared resource. *Tap into Water Conservation* – A healthy lawn only needs one inch of water per week!

Streets – Traffic & Parking Regulations Bylaw No. 28 prohibits placing material on streets or in the right of way (e.g. no piling dirt or wood), and does not permit streetside parking of an unlicensed vehicle or parking any trailer when not attached to a motor vehicle.

FOOD WASTE, GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Your regular collection day only changes when there is a statutory holiday. Starting with recycling and food waste on June 7th, your collection day continues on Tuesdays in June until after the July 1st holiday when it resumes on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 with recycling and food waste.

HAPPY CANADA DAY!



The District Office will be closed on Friday, July 1, 2016 for the Canada Day holiday. Regular hours (8:00 am - 4:00 pm) will resume on Monday, July 4, 2016.