



District of Lantzville Community Update

**Holiday, Construction, Financial Plan, Minetown Day, Upcoming Meetings, Council Update
OCP Update & Water Master Plan Survey, Cut the Bloomin' Broom Campaign, Bylaw Reminders, Water Flushing**

April 2017

Happy Easter!

The District Office will be closed Friday, April 14, 2017 to Monday, April 17, 2017, inclusive. Regular office hours (8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday) will resume on Tuesday, April 18, 2017. In case of a public works emergency, please call the after-hours answering service at 250.741.3335, who will contact District staff.

Under Construction – Crews will be constructing a waterline on Lantzville Road between Ware Road and Schook Road during an approximate 90-day period beginning April 3rd. Please exercise caution and follow directions given by traffic control when in this area.

Five Year Financial Plan 2017-2021

Council began its review of the 2017-2021 Financial Plan at the January 16, 2017 Committee of the Whole (COTW) meeting, when staff provided an introduction to the Plan. Discussion of the Plan, reports and Council motions to provide direction regarding the Plan continued at the COTW and Council meetings in January, February and March. The March 20, 2017 COTW meeting included a presentation to the public and another opportunity for public input on the Financial Plan. View the COTW presentation slides and recordings of the COTW and Council meetings on the District's website. First three readings of the 2017-2021 Financial Plan Bylaw and the related Tax Rates Bylaw will be considered at the April 10, 2017 Council meeting, and must be adopted by Council before May 15, 2017. For more information, please contact the Director of Financial Services at jeannie@lantzville.ca.

Don't miss Minetown Day 2017!

Mark your calendars! Volunteer! Attend! Minetown Day is Saturday September 9, 2017! You can help now with planning this family fun community event. The Parks and Recreation Commission works with volunteers to organize and conduct the District's annual Minetown Day. Volunteers are needed to help plan Minetown Day 2017. If you are available for 3 – 4 meetings this year and can assist on the weekend of the event, please attend our next working group meeting on **Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 6:30 pm** at the District Office or email julia.ohly@googlemail.com.

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

Wednesday, April 5th – 6:00 pm OCP Review Select Committee

Monday, April 10th – 7:00 pm Regular Council

Wednesday, April 12th – 6:30 pm Minetown Day 2017 Working Group

Thursday, April 20th – 4:30 pm Parks & Recreation Commission

Monday, April 24th – 7:00 pm Regular Council

For more information, visit www.lantzville.ca

Council Update – In March 2017, Council:

- confirmed there is no interest in undertaking any new regional service functions at this time
- approved a \$2,000 grant in aid to the Lantzville Historical Society for computer equipment and table
- directed staff regarding the rates and tax multiples to include when preparing the 2017 Tax Rate Bylaw for Council's consideration
- authorized Councillors Colclough and Swain to attend the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Convention April 7-9, 2017 in Campbell River and three members of Council (TBD) to attend the Union of BC Municipalities Convention September 25-29, 2017 in Vancouver
- awarded the Lantzville Road Interconnection Main Project (\$633,360) to Copcan Civil Ltd. and authorized the early release of funding for the project (\$736,000)
- directed staff to issue a media release regarding social media comments by Mayor Haime about the Nanaimo Events Centre
- instructed staff to issue a media release regarding the District of Lantzville receiving a grant towards the Phase III Sanitary Sewer Collection System
- authorized entering into a Provincial agreement to receive the federal/provincial government New Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund grant (\$4,373,332) towards the Phase III Sanitary Sewer Collection System project, and immediate release of funds required in the Financial Plan
- adopted Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 60.34 to rezone 6411 Manhattan Way to Subdivision District 'F'
- gave Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 142 first three readings
- approved an additional \$100,000 in the 2017 Financial Plan for snow removal
- directed staff to install a speed hump with crosswalk and signage at the intersection of Huddleston and Lantzville Roads, funded from operations.

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OCP Update & Water Master Plan Survey

Have you heard about the community-wide survey to share your input on options for the Official Community Plan update and Draft Water Master Plan? We have mailed a copy to each household in Lantzville to ask for your feedback on your neighbourhood, land use directions, community-wide scenarios, and water servicing. Before completing the survey, we encourage you to view the online videos which address the community vision for a semi-rural community and explore possible ways to achieve this vision. Make sure you complete your survey by Friday, April 7th and submit the form to be eligible to win one of two \$100 gift certificates from either Riso Restaurant or the Lantzville Pub. For more information and to view videos: visit Lantzville.ca/OCP-WMP, email ourlantzville@lantzville.ca or call the Community Planner at 250.390.4006.

Cut the Bloomin' Broom!

The District of Lantzville has partnered with the Broombusters Invasive Plant Society again this year to assist in controlling the alien invasive plant Scotch broom in our community. Help protect our environment from this invasive alien plant and enjoy some time with fellow residents. Currently, the following Lantzville community broom cuts are scheduled:



1. Sunday, April 30th 9:30 am – 11:30 am
Highway – along Lantzville Rd between Schook/Owen
2. Wednesday, May 3rd 9:30 am – 11:30 am
As above – ongoing every Wed throughout season
3. Saturday, May 6th 9:30 am – 11:30 am
Petsmart – area between northbound merge & northbound highway
4. Saturday, May 13th 9:30 am – 11:30 am
Highway southbound @ Ware Road
5. Sunday, May 21st 9:30 am – 11:30 am
Highway southbound (north of Exit 29) meet at the end of Alger Road
6. Saturday, May 27th 9:30 am – 11:30 am
E&N Trail maintenance – Aulds Road end

Cuts are held rain or shine – loppers are provided!

Contact Sharon at sahokas@shaw.ca for further details. More cuts may be added as the blooming season progresses. For more info, check out the Broombusters' website (including a 'How to Cut Broom' video) at www.broombusters.org.

BYLAW REMINDERS

Outdoor burning - From October 16th to May 14th, residents are permitted to burn in their backyards without a permit. Conditions apply. Confirm – before you burn! Call 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. Outdoor burning is restricted when the index is POOR or FAIR. The conditions must be GOOD on the day you burn and GOOD or FAIR the following day in order to burn per the burning bylaw. Of note, a clear sunny day isn't a reliable indicator that you can burn – you must check the ventilation index. Be considerate of your neighbours when burning so you don't impact their daily routine or health. Burn materials as hot as possible (to reduce smoke and ash), burn infrequently and ONLY when venting permits so the smoke goes straight up.

In addition to the weather conditions, fire supervision, size of fire and burn materials are also regulated. Follow the regulations in Bylaw No. 86 and check out Bylaw No. 86.1 before you burn for a list of prohibited materials. An open air fire (aka burn pile, bonfire, backyard fire) is for yard clean-up - no prohibited materials may be burned. For further information, contact Fire Chief Rob Chatton at 250.390.0363 or by email: rob@lantzville.ca.

Bylaw Enforcement Issues – Most bylaw enforcement issues are based on neighbourhood disputes. Many of these can be resolved by neighbours speaking civilly to each other about their concerns and seeking a resolution that meets both parties' interests. We always try and resolve bylaw complaints at the lowest level of intervention. It is typical for the bylaw officer to hear "Why didn't they just come and talk to me?" when we contact property owners about a possible contravention. It is always best to speak to your neighbour who is doing something you are concerned about when you are not agitated. Approach them in a friendly manner to voice your concern, not with a direct accusation that they have done something wrong. Good communication between neighbours builds better neighbourhoods!

Community Water System Maintenance

Please note that the District of Lantzville will be conducting water main flushing (part of our annual routine maintenance) beginning on April 3rd for an approximate 4-week period to remove sediment and maintain good water quality. Flushing is achieved by releasing water in the mains through fire hydrants and stand pipes. The flushing causes the bubbling of air which may result in the discolouration of the water. While this does not affect the quality of drinking water, we recommend that laundry be done on weekends or evenings to avoid the possible discolouration of clothing. We apologize for any inconvenience this required maintenance may cause. If you have any questions, please contact the District Office at 250.390.4006.