



District of Lantzville Community Update

Property Taxes, OCP-WMP, Broom Cut, Rotary Park Improvements, Council Update
Volunteer Recognition, Illegal Dumping, Happy 150th Canada, Bylaw Reminders, Curbside Collection

June 2017

Property Tax Notices Have Been Mailed!

Contact the District Office at [250.390.4006](tel:250.390.4006) if you have not received your property tax notice by June 5th. Property taxes (including the signed Home Owner Grant required annually) must be received on or before the tax due date of Tuesday, July 4, 2017 to avoid a late penalty. Postmarks are not accepted as proof of payment. A 5% penalty is assessed on balances outstanding after July 4th, and again after September 30th. **New for 2018, Property Tax Account Pre-Authorized Payment Plan.** Forms were mailed with each tax notice, or available at www.lantzville.ca.

OCP Update & Water Master Plan

Thank you to everyone who completed a Community-wide Survey this spring – a total of 543 completed surveys were returned! The survey input, along with community input throughout the process, has provided important insight into Lantzville's potential future. Using this information, Draft OCP Updates and Draft Water Master Plan Recommendations are being developed. On **Wednesday, June 28, 2017**, an open house will be held to present DRAFT OCP Updates and DRAFT Water Master Plan Recommendations from the project team. These drafts will be refined further by your input prior to being considered by Council through the summer/fall of 2017. Drop-in to Costin Hall, 7232 Lantzville Road, anytime between 5:00 pm and 8:30 pm to:

- View summary results of the Community-wide Survey.
- Review proposed updates to the 2005 OCP policies, along with background and rationale for the recommended changes.
- Review DRAFT Water Master Plan recommendations.
- Ask questions and provide your feedback.

For more information: W: www.lantzville.ca/OCP-WMP
E: ourlantzville@lantzville.ca T: 250.390.4006

Watch for Opening Day for Improved Rotary Park

Take your 'littles' to Rotary Park (at Peterson and Harby Roads) to check out the new playground equipment and, hopefully later in June (subject to weather), your bigger kids will enjoy the mountain bike skills training circuit! As the ground continues to hold moisture from the heavy rains in April, the crew is working on improving drainage before the team from Hoots Inc. can start work in June to complete the mountain bike skills circuit in Rotary Park. Thank you for your patience while portions of the Park have not been accessible during construction periods. Opening Day and bike skills workshop to follow!

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, June 7th – 6:00 pm Official Community Plan (OCP) Review Select Committee

Monday, June 12th – 7:00 pm Regular Council, including a Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 60.35

Thursday, June 15th – 4:30 pm Parks & Recreation Commission

Monday, June 26th – 7:00 pm Regular Council

Wednesday, June 28th – 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm OCP Update and Water Master Plan Open House at Costin Hall

For more information, visit www.lantzville.ca and click on the calendar to access agenda, agenda package, minutes or recordings of meetings or visit the District Office.

Council Update – In May 2017, Council:

- approved the audited 2016 Financial Statements as presented by KPMG LLP
- gave Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 60.35 (7143 Caillet Road – Commercial 1 to Commercial 8 to facilitate future mixed (commercial/residential) development) first two readings and scheduled the public hearing for 7:00 pm, June 12, 2017
- adopted Property Tax Prepayment Plan Bylaw No. 145, 2017
- approved requesting an order from the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development to permit the Parcel Tax Refund Program to refund parcel taxes levied, plus interest, to certain manufactured home owners during 2003-2016 (report lists affected properties)
- approved requesting an order from the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development to permit the refund of parcel taxes, plus interest, and approved the Home Owner Grant Refund Program, and requesting the Ministry of Finance – Home Owner Grant Administration Division, payment to the District of Lantzville the amount of additional Home Owner Grant that will be refunded to home owners for the years 2010-2016 (report lists affected properties)

Mayor's Office Hours

Tuesdays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Call the District Office at [250.390.4006](tel:250.390.4006) if you wish to book an appointment to meet with Mayor Haime.

Thank you to Ms. Swerhun's Grade 2/3 Class from Seaview Elementary for visiting the Council Chambers to learn about local government. We enjoyed your questions!

Volunteer Recognition - Thank you volunteers!

Council acknowledges the many volunteers that serve our community, including:

Parks and Recreation Commission: Chairperson Dot Neary; Members: Paul Manhas, Liette Masse, Julia Ohly, Karen Proctor, Brenda Savage and Joy Tretick; and Alternate Chairperson Will Geselbracht.

The Commission is currently working with volunteers preparing for Minetown Day on Saturday, September 9, 2017 (*mark your calendar!*); reviewing parks, trails and recreation plans; updating project lists for the 2018-2022 Financial Plan submission; and moving 2017 projects forward. Projects include playground equipment replacement and mountain bike circuit development in Rotary Park, Copley Ridge Recreation Trail development, interpretive signage, parks and trails map development.

Official Community Plan Review Select

Committee: Chairperson Gary Peters; Members: Councillors Denise Haime and Dot Neary; members at large: Barry French, Ross McKeever, Ian Savage, David Scott and Jamie Wilson, and until May 2017, Lynn Cobley and Steve Dickinson.

The Committee has been meeting with staff and the consultant since November 2016, providing input on potential improvements to the OCP Review, reviewing options brought forward by the Planner and considering issues identified as key discussion points. Members will serve until the end of the planning process (Nov. 2017).

Illegal Dumping Costs Everyone - From the cost to taxpayers for the clean-up, to the damage it causes to the environment, wildlife and human health. There are many alternatives in our region to legally dispose of waste and to recycle things that you no longer need. Visit our website to try the new Waste Wizard to know What Goes Where! The Wizard will help you identify the closest location for donating, recycling or disposing of waste items, including yard waste, bulky furniture and electronics. Report illegal dumping to Bylaw Enforcement ([250.390.6559](tel:250.390.6559)/bylawservices@rdn.bc.ca). If the waste includes an environmental violation, call the Provincial Report All Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) line at [1.877.952.7277](tel:1.877.952.7277) or #7277 from cellphones.

Bloomin' Broom Cut EXTENDED into June!

The District of Lantzville has partnered with the Broombusters Invasive Plant Society again this year to assist in controlling the invasive alien plant, Scotch broom, in our community. To help protect our environment from this invasive alien plant, contact Sharon at sahokas@shaw.ca for dates/times and locations of community cuts in June.



The District Office will be closed on Monday, July 3, 2017 for the Canada Day holiday. Regular office hours (8:00 am - 4:00 pm) will resume on Tuesday, July 4, 2017.

Happy 150th Birthday, Canada!

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Bylaw Reminder

Open Burning – Open burning (fire piles on the ground) is *NOT* permitted within the District of Lantzville from May 15th to October 15th. During this period, people with a permit from the Fire Chief may use an incinerator on Fridays and Saturdays, subject to our Fire Protection Services Bylaw, the Ventilation Index, and rules/limitations (e.g. requires mesh screening maximum one inch), *if* no fire ban is in place. No prohibited materials may be burned. Permit is subject to cancellation due to safety hazard, non-compliance, or wind conditions. Be sure to burn as hot as possible to reduce smoke and ash. Incinerator permit holders should call the Ministry of Environment at [1.888.281.2992](tel:1.888.281.2992) and follow the prompts to hear the 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. Questions? Contact the Fire Chief at [250.390.2811](tel:250.390.2811) or visit www.lantzville.ca, for Outdoor Burning & Permit Information including the "District of Lantzville Fire Protection Services Bylaw No. 86, 2010", prohibited materials (Bylaw No. 86.1), and permit application.

NOTE: A total fire ban can go into effect at any time based on weather and forest conditions.

Monitor the District's website for current status.

TO REPORT a FIRE: Dial 9-1-1

a FOREST FIRE: Dial 1.800.663.5555

Or on a Cell Dial *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 due to 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!

Pedestrian/Traffic Safety – Drivers, please watch for children playing. Parents, please review traffic safety rules with your children. We've received reports of near misses with children on bicycles and/or playing in the street, e.g. sitting on the road while drawing with chalk.