



# District of Lantzville Community Update

**Holiday Hours, Fire Rescue Service, P&R, Council Update, Huddlestone Park Playground  
2018 Grants In Aid, Parcel Tax & Homeowner Grant Refund Program, Pre-authorized Payments, Bylaw Reminders**

January 2018

**Happy New Year!** The District Office will be closed on Monday, December 25, 2017 through to Monday, January 1, 2018, inclusive. Regular office hours (8:00 am – 4:00 pm) will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Please call 1.888.826.8271 to report an after-hours Public Works emergency, and they will contact the staff on-call on your behalf. For other emergencies, dial 911.



## Lantzville Fire Rescue Service Awards

At the December 11, 2017 Council meeting, the Province of BC Deputy Fire Commissioner Ron French assisted Mayor Haime, Fire Chief Neil Rukus and Deputy Fire Chief John Marment, in presenting municipal, provincial and federal fire service recognition awards for:

- 5 years' service to Curtis LaBounty, Mallory Roe, Kyle Sedola and Darren Wilson
- 20 years' service to Ian Lundman

The contributions by the volunteers in our dedicated fire rescue service has made a world of difference in the quality of life in our community. Thank-you!

## Interested in Parks and Recreation?

Are you a resident of Lantzville who wants to have a say in the future of parks and recreation issues in your community? The District of Lantzville is accepting applications from individuals interested in volunteering to fill a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The Commission meets at 4:30 pm on the third Thursday of each month, except for August and December. The seven-member Commission is responsible for making recommendations to Council on parks and recreation activities and issues in the District of Lantzville and leading volunteers conducting the annual Minetown Day. Visit the District website for more information.

To be considered for appointment by Council to the Parks and Recreation Commission, please email your letter with a brief resume highlighting your related interests and experience, before 4:00 pm, Monday, January 15, 2018 to [tcoates@lantzville.ca](mailto:tcoates@lantzville.ca) or deliver it to the Municipal Hall, PO Box 100, 7192 Lantzville Road, Lantzville, BC V0R 2H0.

## Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** – 7:00 pm Regular Council
- Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>** – 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole
- Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>** – 6:00 pm Economic Development Strategic Plan and Community Branding Select Committee
- Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>** – 4:30 pm Parks and Recreation Commission
- Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** – 7:00 pm Regular Council

For more information:

- visit [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca) and click on the calendar to access agenda, agenda package, minutes, and video recordings of meeting; OR
- visit the Municipal Hall to view the agenda binder which is available by the Friday before the meeting.

## Council Update – In December 2017, Council:

- adopted 2018-2022 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 147
- adopted Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 149
- approved Development Permit DP17-001 to accommodate rebuilding an existing retaining wall along the foreshore at 7052 Myron Road
- authorized the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to enter into a contract with EcoPlan International, Inc to develop an Economic Development Strategic Plan and Community Branding Program
- authorized the CAO to invite the Snaw-Naw-As Nation Council to appoint a Council or community member to the Economic Development Strategic Plan and Community Branding Select Committee and, if so, for the CAO to amend the Terms of Reference.

## Huddlestone Park Playground 2018 Project

Following a recommendation by our insurer's risk management inspector, the District plans to remove and replace the Huddlestone Park playground equipment in 2018 due to its age, condition and safety concerns. The Parks and Recreation Commission will be seeking input from the community in January 2018 about types of playground features for consideration within the approved budget. Watch for a survey and classroom visits in January 2018, and an update in March 2018.

### 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.

## 2018 Grants in Aid Applications

Early in 2018, Council of the District of Lantzville will consider applications for discretionary Grants in Aid for the 2018 calendar year. Funds available for grants are limited and subject to budgetary constraints. The primary purpose 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 a Society (or belong to a parent Society) under the laws of BC and/or Canada. Preference will be given to locally-based organizations 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 Municipal Hall, no later than *Thursday, February 1, 2018*. Obtain an application form, including policy with guidelines, from Municipal Hall or [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca).

### Parcel Tax Refund Program

If, for the years 2003-2015, you were the owner of a manufactured home identified on the list of impacted properties, you may be eligible for a Parcel Tax Refund.

### Home Owner Grant Refund Program

If, for the years 2003-2016, you were the owner of a property identified on the list of impacted properties, you may be eligible for a Home Owner Grant adjustment. Visit [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca) for additional information.

### Pre-Authorized Payments for Utility and Property Tax Accounts

Are you a Snowbird, tired of writing cheques or just want to avoid unnecessary late payment penalties? Sign up for our Pre-Authorized Payment program for utility and/or property tax accounts. Visit the District website or Municipal Hall for an application form. Please contact staff at [finance@lantzville.ca](mailto:finance@lantzville.ca) or 250.390.4006, or visit Municipal Hall, if you have any questions.



**If adverse weather disrupts garbage and recycling service...**the Regional District of Nanaimo reports that the following procedure will apply:

- Take your material in for the night, this will help to deter pests.
- Have your material back at the curb by 8:00 am. Collection staff will attempt to pick up the missed material in the two days following the missed collection.
- If road conditions continue to prevent collection on the subsequent two (2) days, including weekends, the missed material will be collected on the next corresponding collection day. E.g. if your garbage was missed, you will be permitted twice the material on the *next garbage collection day*. Standard weight and size limits apply. Visit the RDN Curbside Collection page for more information.

Visit [www.rdn.bc.ca](http://www.rdn.bc.ca) for more information or call Progressive Waste at 1.866.999.8277.

## BYLAW REMINDERS

### Fireworks Restricted - by Permit Only

The District of Lantzville requires that a permit, approved by the Fire Chief, be obtained from the Municipal Hall *before* fireworks can be discharged. Apply at least three business days in advance, for permit approval by the Fire Chief; special requirements may be added. No person under the age of 18 is permitted to possess fireworks. The sale of fireworks and use of firecrackers are prohibited. Fines start at \$150.

**No Water Restrictions** in effect until further notice.

### 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. Be visible. Carry a flashlight. 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 right of way. This will allow better snow removal service in our neighbourhoods. Our contract with Windley Construction does identify which roads receive priority clearing during periods of heavy snowfall versus others. Our contractor's first priority is to clear 'Primary' roads, 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.

If snowfall is 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

Your regular collection day only changes when there is a statutory holiday. Therefore, after the recycling and food waste collection on Thursday, December 28, 2017, collection resumes on Friday, January 5, 2018 with garbage and food waste pick-up, and continues on Fridays until after Family Day in February 2018. Please place your container at the curb by 8:00 am. **Extra garbage from the holidays?** Did you know that you can place a maximum of two extra garbage containers curbside on your collection day? Purchase a garbage tag (\$3.00) at Municipal Hall, RDN Office (6300 Hammond Bay Road), Jingle Pot Store, Country Grocer (Chase River) or Quality Foods (Nanose Bay), for each additional garbage container (max. 2/collection day).