



# District of Lantzville Community Update

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May 2018

## Council Update – In April 2018, Council:

- gave Official Community Plan Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 50.8 and Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 60.37 for 7170 Lantzville Road first and second reading, plus applicant to hold a public information meeting before Council considers scheduling a Public Hearing date
- gave Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 60.36 for 7147 Aulds Road first and second reading, and scheduled the Public Hearing for May 7, 2018
- directed staff to prepare a policy on issuing subdivision applications information to the public
- consented to the Regional District of Nanaimo Board's adoption of "Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1556.03, 2018"
- awarded the contract to purchase the Urban Interface Tender to Fort Garry Fire Trucks (\$410,335)
- directed staff to develop a policy regarding developers providing in-kind amenities or cash contributions when Council grants development rights through rezoning
- directed staff to report outlining options to finance the extension of water distribution pipes to the Winds, Clark Drive and Fernmar Road areas
- directed staff to list capital water distribution main projects in priority order, identifying shovel-ready, and to apply initially for an Infrastructure Planning Grant
- adopted Miscellaneous Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 139 (water fees) and reissued the Water Rate Comparison Chart posted on the website
- adopted Water System Bylaw No. 140
- adopted Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 151
- adopted 2018-2022 Financial Plan Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 153
- gave first three readings to 2018 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 148; Miscellaneous Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 155; Knarston Creek Overflow Local Area Service (LAS) Amendment Bylaw No. 156; Sanitary Sewer Collection System (SSCS) Phase 2 LAS Amendment Bylaw No. 157; and SSCS Phase 1 LAS Amendment Bylaw No. 158
- referred Brian Blood's March 2, 2018 letter regarding Renaming Lantzville, to the Economic Development Strategic Plan and Community Branding Select Committee for consideration and recommendation to Council
- directed staff to refund SSCS Phase 1 pre-paid operating, maintenance and reserve replacement costs to be collected as a sewer user fee in its place.

## Upcoming Meetings

**Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** – 7:00 pm Regular Council, including Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 60.36

**Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** – 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole, if required

**Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** – 6:00 pm Economic Development Strategic Plan and Community Branding Select Committee

**Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Economic Actions Public Workshop – 7225 Lantzville Road

**Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** – 4:30 pm Parks and Recreation Commission

**Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>** – 7:00 pm Regular Council

Meetings are held in the Council Chamber, unless indicated otherwise. For more information visit [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca).



## Economic Actions Workshop

Lantzville, it's time to choose! As part of Economic Action Strategy process, Lantzville residents have shared hundreds of great ideas for strengthening our local economy. It's now time to prioritize and select from among these actions. Join us for an action-oriented workshop to:

- collectively decide on a short-but doable list of actions to pursue in the next year and beyond
- talk about implementation: how can we make these actions into reality? What barriers do we need to overcome and how?

**When:** Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

**Where:** Royal Canadian Legion Branch #257, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 7225 Lantzville Road

**RSVP/Questions:** [colleen@ecoplan.ca](mailto:colleen@ecoplan.ca)

More info about the project: [LantzvilleBeyond.com](http://LantzvilleBeyond.com)

**Office Closed** – The Municipal Hall will be closed for the Victoria Day holiday on Monday, May 21, 2018. Our regular office hours (8:00 am - 4:00 pm) will resume on Tuesday, May 22, 2018. Please call **1.888.826.8271** to report any after-hours Public Works emergency.

### 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.

## Property Tax Notices

Property tax notices will be mailed in late May. If you do not receive your tax notice by June 1, please contact the District. Property tax payment and your completed Home Owner Grant, if applicable, must be received no later than July 3, 2018 to avoid penalty. A 5% penalty applies on any outstanding balance at the end of July 3<sup>rd</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> this year.



**New for 2018** - if you qualify for a Home Owner Grant, you can apply online (eHOG) after you receive your property tax notice in late May!

## 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. Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am  
*Lantzville Rd, Schook to Owen (meet near Schook)*
2. Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm  
*As above*
3. Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am  
*Highway northbound – Petsmart to Ware Road (meet at Lantzville/Owen Road)*
4. Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am \* UPDATED  
*As above*
5. Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:30 pm  
*Industrial Road (meet at Industrial/Ware Road)*

### Cuts are held rain or shine – loppers are provided!

Contact Sharon at [sahokas@shaw.ca](mailto: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](http://www.broombusters.org).

## Harvesting in two areas of Woodlot 1475

Logging will take place over the next couple of months on and near portions of the Copley Ridge Recreation Trail within Woodlot 1475. For your safety and the safety of others, please adhere to all signage posted by the Woodlot Management. Visit [www.woodlot1475.com](http://www.woodlot1475.com) for more information. A map is posted on the District's website.

## FOOD WASTE, GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

**Schedule Change Reminder** - Your regular collection day only changes when there is a statutory holiday. In May your collection day will be on Tuesdays until after Victoria Day, when it resumes on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 with recycling and food waste.

## BYLAW REMINDERS

**Outdoor burning** – From October 16<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>, 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](tel: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. A clear sunny day is NOT a reliable indicator – you must check the ventilation index. Burn materials as hot as possible (to reduce smoke and ash), burn infrequently and ONLY when venting permits, so the smoke goes straight up. Fire supervision, size of fire and burn materials are also regulated. Comply with Bylaw No. 86 and 86.1 (lists prohibited materials). An open air fire (aka burn pile, bonfire, backyard fire) is for yard clean-up - no prohibited materials may be burned.

From May 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup> open burning (fire piles on the ground) is CLOSED; however, people may apply at Municipal Hall for a permit to use a screened incinerator on Fridays and Saturdays (if the Ventilation Index allows and subject to compliance with bylaw conditions). Small fires for cooking, warmth and ceremonial purposes are permitted as well. Visit the District's web site or Municipal Hall for a permit form or Bylaw No. 86 and 86.1. For more information, contact Fire Chief Neil Rukus at [250.390.2811](tel:250.390.2811) or [nrukus@lantzville.ca](mailto:nrukus@lantzville.ca).

### Stage 1 Watering Restrictions – Effective May 1<sup>st</sup>

Under the new watering restrictions, in Stage 1, sprinkling is permitted on any day between the hours of 7:00 pm and 7:00 am. 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 1: 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.*

**Graffiti/Tagging** – Is a criminal act; please report details to the RCMP ([250.754.2345](tel:250.754.2345)) who will investigate to identify the culprits and recommend charges to the Crown. If you would like to see specific graffiti/tagging cleaned up, please also contact our contracted Bylaw Enforcement services at the Regional District of Nanaimo ([250.390.6559](tel:250.390.6559) or [bylawservices@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:bylawservices@rdn.bc.ca)). You will need to provide location details for staff to enforce the Unsightly Premises Bylaw that requires the property owner to remove or cover up any graffiti or tagging on their property.