



## District of Lantzville Community Update

Family Day, BC Speculation & Vacancy Tax, Phase III Sewer, Upcoming Meetings, Council Update, Park Updates, VCCIP, Committee Vacancies, Bylaw Reminders, Traffic Safety

### Happy Family Day – February 18, 2019!

The Municipal Hall will be closed on Monday, February 18, 2019. Regular office hours (8:00 am – 4:00 pm) will resume on Tuesday, February 19, 2019. Please call 1.888.826.8271 to report an after-hours Public Works emergency, and they will contact on-call staff. For other emergencies, dial 911.

### BC Speculation and Vacancy Tax—Time to Register!

Homeowners: Watch for your declaration letter from the Province. You need your letter ID and declaration code to complete your declaration online or by phone by the **March 31, 2019 deadline**. The Province reports that most homeowners will be exempt but each owner named on title must still register to claim your exemption. The District has sent a letter requesting that our community be excluded from the taxable regions list. However, currently we are within the taxable regions so you still need to comply with this law. Declaration deadline: March 31, 2019. If applicable, speculation and vacancy tax payment due to Province: July 2, 2019. For more info: [gov.bc.ca/spectax](http://gov.bc.ca/spectax) or 1.833.554.2323.

### Phase III Sanitary Sewer Collection System Project

The District received a Small Communities Fund Grant (\$4.4 million) to assist with expanding the sewer system into the area known as Phase III. After communicating with property owners, Council adopted the Local Area Service Establishment and Loan Authorization Bylaws for the District to proceed with the estimated \$6.9 million project (estimated completion March 2020). The funds borrowed (up to \$2.5 million of the \$6.9 million) would be recovered through a parcel tax (not to exceed \$8,165 per Phase III property if paid up front). The District has been working on the project design and endeavouring to get rights-of-way from various landowners which unfortunately has taken longer than we anticipated, delaying the project design. Once the remainder of the rights-of-way are acquired we will move forward with completion of the design. When the design is completed (anticipated by mid-February 2019) the construction project will be tendered in March to be awarded hopefully by April 2019. Construction would begin in May 2019 if all goes well. At time of construction, property owners will be contacted and the service connection for the specific property will be placed where it is most beneficial to the property owner. Once the tender is awarded we will have an estimated connection fee cost. However, the actual connection fee will not be determined until the project is completed and all costs accounted for, which we anticipate to be by the end of 2020. For more information, visit [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca).

### Upcoming Meetings

**Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** – 7:00 pm Regular Council

**Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>** – 6:00 pm Special Council

**Monday, February 25<sup>th</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 January 2019, Council:

- adopted Zoning Bylaw No. 60, 2005, Amendment Bylaw No. 60.40 to permit a detached secondary suite at 7115 Harper Road
- adopted Council Remuneration Bylaw No. 170, 2018
- adopted Officers, Indemnification, and Delegation Bylaw No. 172, 2018
- authorized the City of Nanaimo applying to, receiving and managing the Community Child Care Planning Program grant funding on the District's behalf to create a community child care space creation action plan
- waived the requirement to construct frontage improvements at 7170 Lantzville Road subject to payment of cash-in-lieu equivalent to the estimated value of the works
- directed staff to advertise for six members for the new Economic Development and Sustainability Committee
- adopted Development Cost Charges Bylaw No. 154, 2018
- adopted 2018-2022 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 147, 2017, Amendment Bylaw No. 166, 2019
- adopted Lantzville/Nanaimo Water Agreement, Lower Lantzville (Lower Pressure Zone) and Non-Agreement Committed Water Connection Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 174, 2019
- endorsed the summary of outstanding 2017 & 2018 resolutions including rescinding listed resolutions
- endorsed the November 2014 Village Commercial Core Improvement Plan for implementation
- approved firefighter remuneration annual rate increases
- directed staff to send a letter to the BC Minister of Finance requesting that the District of Lantzville be exempted from the BC Speculation and Vacancy Tax.

#### Mayor's Office Hours

Fridays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Please call the Municipal Hall at **250.390.4006** if you wish to book an appointment with Mayor Swain.

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## Park Updates

**Huddlestone Park Playground Project** – Installation of the new equipment is complete! Watch for an announcement this Spring for the Official Opening celebration but be sure to visit the Park soon and check out the new playground. Thanks again to the donors (RBC Foundation, RBC Dominion Securities, 1832 Asset Management L.P., Manulife Investments, and Woodlot 1475 & the Gregson Family) who helped make this project possible.

**Copley Park Project Consultation** – The 2019 Financial Plan includes an \$80,000 Capital Project (funded by the Parks Development Reserve) to upgrade Copley Park by replacing aging and outdated playground equipment for children 5-12 years of age. Watch for information seeking public input on the new playground equipment or email your comments to [kyoung@lantzville.ca](mailto:kyoung@lantzville.ca).

## Village Commercial Core Improvement Plan

Council is pleased to announce that Council, at its January 28<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, endorsed the Village Commercial Core Improvement Plan for implementation. We would like to thank the committee members, businesses and residents that participated in the planning and design process and helped create the Plan. With the Plan in place, the District is now eligible to apply for grants to support village core improvement initiatives. We anticipate that there will be further opportunities for public participation.

## Apply for Committee Volunteer Vacancies

The District of Lantzville is seeking six individuals to serve on the new Economic Development and Sustainability Committee for a two-year term. The Committee is comprised of eight voting members appointed by Council, including the following six members for which the District is accepting applications:

- One member from Lantzville's Village core commercial sector
- One member from the industrial park
- Three community residents of the District of Lantzville
- One member from the development community

For more information (Committee Terms of Reference, Council Committee System Policy No. 3000-12, Economic Development Strategy and Committee Volunteer Application), visit [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca) or the Municipal Hall.

Appointments are on a volunteer basis and members serve without remuneration. The Committee will meet a minimum of four times annually, at the call of the Chair, on the first Tuesday of each month (or as required) at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Hall. To be considered for appointment by Council, please submit a Committee Volunteer Application **no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, February 15, 2019** to:

Director of Corporate Administration, District of Lantzville,  
7192 Lantzville Road, PO Box 100, Lantzville, BC V0R 2H0 or  
[tcoates@lantzville.ca](mailto:tcoates@lantzville.ca).

## BYLAW REMINDERS

**Open Burning** – From October 16, 2018 to May 14, 2019, residents are permitted to burn in their backyards (permitted combustible materials only, less than 1.2 metres high and less than 1.8 metres in diameter, and **subject** to venting index) without a permit, **subject** to conditions and Bylaw No. 86. Prohibited materials include items in the recycling program (e.g. paper, food waste, cardboard, etc.) and items in the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation (e.g. demolition waste, domestic waste, tires, etc.).

Visit the Ministry website:

[www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/bcairquality/readings/ventilation-index.html](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/bcairquality/readings/ventilation-index.html) for venting information, click on Ventilation Index and search the daily Ventilation Index for CNTRL VAN ISLD to confirm if burning is GOOD, otherwise burning is prohibited. Questions? Contact the Fire Chief at **250.390.2811** or visit [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca), for Outdoor Burning & Permit Information including the Fire Protection Services Bylaw No. 86 and prohibited materials list (Bylaw No. 86.1).

## Traffic Safety - Be bright @ night!

Shining the spotlight on safe travel after dark. **Did you know?** Officials say distracted driving, failure to yield the right of way and weather conditions are the top contributing factors for drivers in crashes involving pedestrians.



## FOOD WASTE, GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

**Schedule Change Reminder** – The 2019 BC Family Day is on February 18, 2019. The 2019 Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) curbside collection schedule shows the holiday on Monday, February 11, 2019 which is an error. **The RDN will be collecting as per the collection day shown on the curbside collection schedule.** Therefore, after the garbage and food waste collection on the Monday, February 4, 2019, your regular collection day will change to Tuesday on **February 12, 2019** with recycling and food waste collection, and continues on Tuesday until after the Easter statutory holiday in April when it switches to Wednesday.

**Automated Curbside System** – After a public consultation process, the Board of the Regional District of Nanaimo (who manages our garbage, recycling and organics collection) has voted to proceed with a Request for Proposal for an automated service (starting Fall 2020) with variable garbage and organic cart sizes. The RFP will request prices with and without yard waste so the RDN can consider both options. In an automated curbside system, a collection truck with a mechanical arm is used to retrieve standardized carts, generally operated by one person who remains in the cab at all times. Watch for more information as it becomes available after the RFP closes. The RDN has extended the Waste Connections of Canada agreement to September 30, 2020.