



District of Lantzville Community Update

2019 Property Tax Notices, ESS, Phase III Sewer Project Update, Lantzville Rd Design Open House, Volunteer Recognition, Landscaping, Burning Ban, Stage 2 Water Restrictions

2019 Property Tax Notices Have Been Mailed!

Contact Municipal Hall at [250.933.8086](tel:250.933.8086) if you have not received your property tax notice by June 7th. Property tax payments and completed Home Owner Grant applications (if applicable) must be received no later than July 2, 2019 to avoid penalty. Postmarks are not accepted as proof of payment. A 5% penalty applies on any outstanding balance at the end of July 2nd and September 30th. The municipality has no authority to waive or modify these penalty amounts, which are required by the *Community Charter*. After you receive your property tax notice and if you qualify for a Home Owner Grant, you can also claim your Home Owner Grant online by visiting the District's website at www.lantzville.ca and clicking on this icon:



Emergency Support Services

Come visit the Lantzville Emergency Support Services (ESS) volunteer team to learn more about how ESS supports your community! The ESS team will be holding a mock Reception Centre on Thursday, June 20th at the Lantzville Legion. ESS is a community based group of volunteers who assist people displaced by an emergency or disaster. Services ESS can provide include lodging, food, clothing and family reunification.

When: Thursday June 20th, 7:00pm

Where: Upstairs (door at back) at the Lantzville Legion

Phase III Sanitary Sewer Collection System Project

With the acquisition of rights-of ways (ROWs) completed, final design and tendering the project has been delayed due to new investigation requirements from the Archeological Branch. The Branch has authorized a permit for the preliminary investigation (under way the first week in June), after which they will advise if a larger more in-depth investigation is required or if we can proceed. We are set to finalize the design, hold the Sebastion Road residents meeting, and then proceed to tender the project as soon as the Archeological Branch permits come through. Thank you to the property owners within the Phase III Sanitary Sewer Project Local Area Service for your patience.

Mayor's Office Hours

Fridays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

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

Upcoming Meetings

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

Thursday, June 20th – 6:00 pm Parks and Trails Select Committee

Monday, June 24th – 7:00 pm Regular Council including Public Hearing for Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 150, 2019

For more information, visit www.lantzville.ca and click on the meeting date on the calendar or visit Municipal Hall.

Lantzville Road Streetscape Concept Design

Final Open House June 25th at Costin Hall

Thank you for those of you who participated in the first open house on May 9th! On Tuesday, June 25th we will be holding a final public open house to share the Lantzville Road Streetscape Concept Design and seek feedback. This will be a drop-in event from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm at Costin Hall.

Council Update – In May 2019, Council:

- approved the audited 2018 Financial Statements
- reconsidered and approved a ban on open beach fires
- adopted 2019 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 169; Regional Parks and Trails Parcel Tax and Assessment Roll Preparation Bylaw No. 56, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 191, 2019; and DCC Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 192, 2019
- instructed staff to make amendments to OCP Draft #3
- approved Code of Conduct Policy No. 3002-1
- amended the Parks and Trails Select Committee Terms of Reference
- appointed members to the Parks and Trails and Economic Development and Sustainability Select Committees
- amended the Lantzville Council Strategic Priorities/ Objectives 2019-2023 Worksheet
- adopted Fire Protection Services Bylaw No. 185
- adopted seven reserve fund-related bylaws and gave first three readings to thirteen more
- gave first two readings to Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 150 and three readings to Development Approval Information Bylaw No. 183
- issued Development Permit No. DP16-4 (Amend) with variance for 7144 Eby Road existing pedestrian bridge
- appointed Kyle Young, Director of Planning as Deputy Approving Officer
- authorized inviting input from neighbours about the Legion Branch 257's Liquor Licence Amendment
- instructed staff to prepare a Street Naming Policy
- authorized sending a letter about public access to land adjacent to the Nanaimo Rifle Range
- authorized Minetown Day Parade Lantzville Road (Ware to Huddleston) closure 9:45-11:00 am September 7th

Thank You to Community Volunteers!

From committees to clubs, ESS to environmental groups, and to the many other organizations and programs that rely on volunteers – you are what makes our community great! Council acknowledges the many volunteers that serve our community, including Council committee members whose service ended last year (members of the former Economic Development Strategic Plan and Community Branding Select Committee; OCP Review Select Committee, and Parks and Recreation Commission), current Board of Variance members (John Garenkooper, Michelle Jones and Jamie Wallace), and those appointed to the two new committees.

Economic Development and Sustainability Committee –

Members: Councillor Proctor/Alternate Councillor Geselbracht, Sarah Wallbank, Deb Melenchuk, Virginia Fenton, Jolynn Green, Derek Riley, Neil Valsangkar and Snaw-Naw-As appointee Craig Edwards.

Parks and Trails Select Committee – Members: Councillor Savage /Alt. Councillor Geselbracht, John Dunn, Liette Masse, Doug Nutt, Julia Ohly, Wendy Phillips, and Gerarde Sullivan.

Planning a New Garden or Landscaping?

Conserve water in your new garden with ‘xeriscaping’ – specifically designed for minimal watering! It saves you some work and reduces water demands during the summer. This style of garden features native plants and shrubbery, cacti, succulents, ornamental grasses, and drought-tolerant turf grasses. Other things to consider when planning a new garden or landscaping:

- confirm your property line to ensure your works are not encroaching on your neighbours’ land or a right of way
- reduce wildfire risk within wildland/urban interface – reduce fuel (e.g. brush)
- confirm if your property is in a Development Permit Area for steep slope or sensitive ecosystem protection. Contact the Director of Planning at [250.933.8083](tel:250.933.8083).
- implement Zero Waste landscaping and composting. Visit www.rdn.bc.ca for more information.

Remember each property owner is responsible for disposing of your own grass clippings and yard waste on your own property through composting, contracting with a private recycling service to pick-up, or taking it to the landfill. It is illegal to dump your yard waste on rights of ways, public property or private property owned by others.

FOOD WASTE, GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Your regular collection day in June is Thursday, starting with recycling and food waste on June 6, 2019 and changes after a statutory holiday. Therefore, after the Canada Day long weekend, it resumes with recycling and food waste on Friday, July 5th. For more information, visit www.lantzville.ca.

Office Closed – The Municipal Hall will be closed on Monday, July 1, 2019 for the Canada Day holiday. Our regular office hours (8:00 am - 4:00 pm) will resume on Tuesday, July 2, 2019. Please call [1.888.826.8271](tel:1.888.826.8271) to report any after-hours Public Works emergency, and they will contact on-call staff on your behalf. For other emergencies, dial [911](tel:911).

BYLAW REMINDERS

Burning Ban in Effect – Category 2 OPEN FIRES are PROHIBITED, including burn barrels, backyard burning, incinerators (all permits cancelled), burn piles, burning grass, fireworks, binary exploding targets, sky lanterns, outdoor burning, etc. and are not permitted on private and public property in the District of Lantzville. Small campfires used for cooking, heating or ceremonial purposes are allowed (except on beaches) subject to conditions:

- must be contained in a device or fixture
- campfire must be away from combustible materials and campfire must not exceed 0.61 m in size
- only propane, natural gas, charcoal or clean organic wood can be used; no branches, yard waste or construction materials
- responsible person must be in attendance at the campfire at all times, with a hand tool or at least eight litres of water available to property extinguish the fire
- ensure campfire is completely extinguished and ashes are cold to the touch before leaving the area
- be considerate of any neighbours when planning a campfire
- NO OPEN FIRES ARE PERMITTED ON ANY BEACH
- Only portable propane campfire apparatus (CSA or ULC approved) are permitted on the beach between the hours of 11:00 am to 8:00 pm

Due to the drying conditions, campfires could be banned at any time. Visit www.lantzville.ca or contact the Fire Chief at nrukus@lantzville.ca or [250.390.2811](tel:250.390.2811) for more info.

TO REPORT a FIRE: Dial 9-1-1

a FOREST FIRE: Dial 1.800.663.5555

Or on a Cell Dial *5555

a BEACH FIRE: 250.390.2811

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 (trees, shrubs vegetables), drip irrigation and micro irrigation (check regularly for leaks); 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. Watering 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!