



District of Lantzville Community Update

2019 Property Taxes, Utility Billing, Pre-authorized Payment Program, Minetown Day, FireSmart, Home Improvements, Bear Smart, Burning Ban and Stage 2 Watering

REMINDER: Property Taxes Due July 2nd

Property tax payments and completed Home Owner Grant applications (if applicable) were due no later than Tuesday, 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*. 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:



Contact Municipal Hall at **250.390.4006** if you have any questions.

Utility Bill Payments Due July 30th

The quarterly utility bills will be mailed to property owners in early July and are due July 30, 2019. If you have not received your bill by July 15, 2019, please contact the Municipal Hall.

Are you interested in enrolling in the Property Tax Pre-authorized Payment Program for your 2020 Property Taxes?

Sign up by July 31, 2019 for our convenient pre-authorized payment program consisting of ten equal monthly payments from August to May. Questions? Visit www.lantzville.ca or contact Municipal Hall at 250.933.8086. *Please note, to be eligible for the program, your 2019 property taxes must be paid in full. Ask about the Pre-authorized Payment Program for Utility bills too!*

Minetown Day – Saturday, September 7th



Mark your calendars to join us for family fun on September 7th! Members of the District's Parks & Trails Select Committee and Minetown Day volunteers are busy planning a full day of activities for all ages. The day kicks off with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 257 putting on its Pancake Breakfast at the Legion, followed by the 10:30 am Minetown Day parade and fun in Huddlestone Park from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Kids: start planning now how to decorate your bike to ride in the parade! If you are interested in being involved in any part of the day, please contact:

Vendors dori@telus.net
 Parade mayor.swain@lantzville.ca
 General Info julia.ohly@gmail.com
 Municipal Hall jslater@lantzville.ca or 250.933.8084

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, July 8th – 7:00 pm Regular Council

Monday, July 22nd – 7:00 pm Regular Council

Summer Schedule: No regular meetings in August. The next regular Council meeting is Monday, September 9th.

For more information, visit www.lantzville.ca and click on the meeting date on the calendar to access agendas, agenda packages, meeting minutes, and video recordings.

Council Update – In June 2019, Council:

- adopted thirteen reserve fund-related bylaws
- approved closure of Lantzville Road from School House Road to Huddlestone Road from 10:00 am to Noon, Monday, November 11th and use of Huddlestone Park for the Remembrance Day service
- adopted Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 150, Development Approval Information Area Bylaw No. 183 and Municipal Ticket Information Bylaw Amendment No. 188 for Fire Protection Services Bylaw tickets
- authorized the responses for staff to submit to the Forest and Range Practices Act Improvement Initiative: Renewal and Resilience Discussion Paper
- approved the 2018 Statement of Financial Information and the 2018 Annual Municipal Report [view on website]
- approved the list of appointments for staff to request meetings with Ministers at the Union of BC Municipalities' Convention, regarding Woodlot 1475, status of the District's \$5 million water grant application, and acquisition of Crown lands for municipal facilities.

Keep Your Home Safe from Fire – Be FireSmart!

With the hot, dry weather of summer, a wildfire is a real risk! Visit www.firesmartbc.ca and stop by Municipal Hall to pick up a FireSmart Homeowner's Manual – FireSmart Begins at Home plus information about what to do if you have to evacuate. The Manual includes a test to assess your risk and learn some simple steps to reduce your risk, including:

- clear all dead brush, dry debris and other combustibles within 10 metres around the outside of your home, clean your gutters and keep your lawn short
- make sure there are no trees overhanging the roof of your house
- clean and maintain your barbecue before using it, and don't leave it unattended while cooking.

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.

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Thinking about home improvements?

With summer...comes home improvement projects such as sundecks, small retaining walls, fences and garden sheds! When planning these projects, the details need to be well thought out, including issues such as setbacks from property lines, underground utilities (Call before you Dig!), and right-of-way easements that need to be considered. Some projects may require a building permit. The District of Lantzville contracts with the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) to provide building inspection services, including receiving your building permit application. Contact 250.390.6530, building@rdn.bc.ca or visit 6330 Hammond Bay Road with building permit questions. It is always a good idea to contact the Director of Planning at kyoung@lantzville.ca prior to submitting your application at the RDN, to confirm if you will require a Development Permit.

FOOD WASTE, GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Friday is Collection day in July! Here are some Bear Smart Tips from the RDN about Garbage and Food Waste:

- Vancouver Island bears are most active between early spring and late fall.
- Store your garbage can and green food waste collection bin in a secure, locked location such as a garage or sturdy garden shed.
- Ensure your garbage can is sealed with a tightfitting lid and the lid of your green bin is securely closed.
- Put your garbage can or green bin at the curb on the morning of your collection day. Don't leave them at the curbside overnight.
- Use a spray bottle filled with a bleach solution to deodorize the lid and exterior of your green bin to prevent food odours from attracting bears and other wildlife.
- Collect fruit from fruit trees as it ripens. Unpicked or ripe fruit left on the ground may attract bears or wildlife to your property and to your garbage can and green bin.
- Don't put meat, fish, cooked foods, bread, fruit, cereal etc. in your backyard composter.
- Sprinkle your compost with garden lime. Lime aids the composting process and reduces odours that might attract bears or wildlife.
- Bears may also be attracted to outdoor bird feeders (especially suet), barbecue grills and domestic pet food. During bear season, keep barbecue grills clean, avoid hanging bird feeders, and store pet food inside your house.

If You See a Bear in a Residential Area

- Stay calm. Usually the bear is just passing through the area and if no food is available it will move on.
- Keep away from the bear and warn others to keep away. Bring children and pets into the house.
- If the bear appears to be threatening, persistent or aggressive call the Conservation Officer at 1-877-952-7277.

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
- a 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 properly 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) is 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 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 Continue

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!