



District of Lantzville Community Update

Property Tax Deferment Program, Spring Cleanup Days, Neighbourhood Small Grants, LVFA Garage Sale, Clear Rights of Way, Annual Watermain Flushing, Watersmart Rebates, Bylaw Reminders

Changes to the Property Tax Deferment Program

Municipalities will no longer be responsible for accepting property tax deferment applications. The Province of BC will now be accepting all Property Tax Deferment applications via an online application service, or via paper-based applications. Online applications can be made at:

www.gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment. The property tax deferment program itself has not been changed, and the eligibility requirements will remain the same. Property owners will still apply for their Home Owner Grant and make outstanding utility payments to the municipality.

Spring Cleanup Days!

Are you ready to get your hands dirty, and show some community pride? The Economic Development and Sustainability Committee is seeking volunteers to participate in a number of "Spring Cleanup" days beginning in April. Bring your friends, family or local community group for a day of brush clearing, weeding and small-scale beautification projects around the Village Core. The District of Lantzville will provide trees and decorative flowers. Participants are asked to bring their tools, energy and enthusiasm. For dates and availability, please contact Andrew Hutchison at **250.933.8085** or email ahutchison@lantzville.ca.



Neighbourhood Small Grants for Lantzville

In 2020, the Nanaimo Foundation will be providing Neighbourhood Small Grants in the communities of Lantzville, Harewood, Ladysmith and Gabriola Island. Projects can be anything from block parties, to potlucks, art making, storytelling, neighbourhood walks or cleanups, invasive plant removal, scavenger hunts, clothing or book swaps and much more. Applications by individuals will be accepted by the Nanaimo Foundation March 15 to April 30, 2020 for grants from \$50 to \$500 to support projects that bring people together, share skills and knowledge, build a sense of belonging and responsibility, and respect and celebrate diversity. For more information, or to volunteer on the Neighbourhood Small Grants Committee, visit www.nanaimofoundation.com or call **250.734.3971**.

Meet with the Mayor

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

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, March 3rd – 6:00 pm Economic Development and Sustainability Committee

Monday, March 9th – 7:00 pm Regular Council

Thursday, March 19th – 4:45 pm Parks and Trails Select Committee

Monday, March 30th – 7:00 pm Regular Council

Questions? Visit www.lantzville.ca and click on the calendar to access agenda packages, minutes, and video recordings of meetings; OR visit the Municipal Hall to view the agenda binder which is available by the Friday before the meeting.

Council Update – In February 2020, Council:

- adopted Phase III Sanitary Sewer Collection System Local Area Service Establishment and Loan Authorization Amendment Bylaws No. 220 and No. 221, and authorized the project to continue
- adopted Subdivision and Development Works and Services Bylaw No. 175, Water System Amendment Bylaw No. 226, and Miscellaneous Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 223
- consented to the RDN adopting Southern Community Transit Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1230.06
- approved Secondary Suites and Carriage Houses Policy No. 3004-4
- authorized applications to the Union of BC Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for Emergency Support Services and Emergency Operation Centre supplies and equipment grants
- approved Grant In Aid requests for Broombusters Invasive Plant Society (\$400) and ETRA Equestrian Therapeutic Riding Association (\$1,200)
- established 6:00 pm, March 30, 2020, for the Parcel Tax Review Panel to meet, if required to consider complaints respecting the 2020 parcel tax roll
- gave Council Procedure Bylaw No. 141, 2020 first, second and third reading
- instructed staff to research temporary shelter regulations and develop a bylaw for Council's consideration
- authorized an Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program grant application for water system expansion in the Winds residential area, with the District's share of the project cost subject to the establishment of a local area service by Council initiative, subject to petition against; and to reapply for a grant for the Clark Drive area if the current Clark Drive area application in process is unsuccessful.

Lantzville Volunteer Firefighters Assoc. Garage Sale

Saturday, April 25th 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Location - To Be Announced

Support the LVFA by shopping at the garage sale and by donating clean, saleable items! No paint. No propane cylinders. Email Lvffa1955@gmail.com or leave a message at **778.269.2998** to schedule a donation pick-up to occur Mon-Wed-Fri, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm, April 6-24, 2020.

Keep rights of way clear of trees and hedges!

Planning to plant a hedge or garden bed in your front yard? Check your property lines, then plant it well back from the walkway and consider slower growing plants that you can easily maintain.



Help keep our streets and rights of way safe for everyone.

The trees, hedges and gardens that you plant on your property along municipal streets enhance the beauty of our community. The District needs your help to make sure vegetation is maintained to allow people to walk by safely, and to ensure cyclists and drivers have a clear view. If your trees, hedges or gardens overtake the road or walkway, or obstruct visibility, it creates a safety hazard – and it is a bylaw offence. It's always the District's goal to work in cooperation with residents but to reduce the need for staff to issue a warning or reminder – please maintain or remove your vegetation. With public safety as a priority, there may be times when the District is required to step in and take action to clear the walkway or roadway, as outlined in bylaws.

Annual Watermain Flushing

Between March 16th and April 17th the District's water system will undergo annual routine maintenance, including flushing of waterlines to remove sediment and maintain good water quality, as well as fire hydrant maintenance. Flushing is achieved by releasing water in the mains through fire hydrants and stand pipes. This causes a bubbling of air which may discolour the water. No chemicals are added to the system. While this maintenance work should not affect the quality of drinking water, we recommend that laundry be done on weekends or evenings to avoid possible discolouration of clothes, etc. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

Water Protection & Conservation Rebates

The District of Lantzville is a partner in the Regional District of Nanaimo's (RDN) Drinking Water & Watershed Protection program that offers region-wide rebates to assist residents in protecting and conserving water. Each rebate requires application to the RDN, and pre-approval, so apply early directly to the RDN as programs often fill up and funds are limited. Access funds to assist with rainwater harvesting, well water testing, wellhead upgrades, or irrigation upgrades and soil improvements to improve water efficiency of residential landscaping. For more information visit www.rdnrebates.ca, email watersmart@rdn.bc.ca or call **250.390.6560**.

BYLAW REMINDERS

Open Burning – From October 15, 2019 to April 15, 2020, residents are permitted to burn only IF every reasonable alternative has been pursued first. Burn only clean, dry organic materials, subject to conditions and requirements, e.g. less than 1.2 metres high by less than 1.8 metres in diameter, and subject to venting index. Call 1.888.281.2992 or visit the Ministry website (www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/epdpa/venting) and search the daily Ventilation Index for CNTRL VAN ISLD at the bottom of the page to confirm if burning is GOOD, otherwise burning is prohibited. **NO OPEN FIRES ARE PERMITTED ON ANY BEACH AT ANY TIME OF THE YEAR** - 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. **NO LANDCLEARING FIRES ARE PERMITTED AT ANY TIME OF THE YEAR** – except for ALR lands. For more information, visit www.lantzville.ca to view Fire Protection Services Bylaw No. 185, 2019, print the Outdoor Burning brochure from the website or pick-up a copy at Municipal Hall, or contact the Fire Chief at nrukus@lantzville.ca.

Speed limits keep our neighbourhoods safe – The speed limit on streets in Lantzville is 50 km/h except where posted otherwise, e.g. portion of Lantzville Road 30 km/h. Remember to **SLOW DOWN** in residential areas and near school zones, crosswalks, and posted Children Playing signs. Please be cautious on streets at all times but especially during Spring Break and in school zones when children return to school. When a school is in session, a 30 km/h school zone speed limit is in effect from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm every school day. School Spring Break is March 13-30, 2020.

Traffic and Parking Regulations Bylaw No. 28 prohibitions – Did you know? Bylaw No. 28 prohibits the following on streets (includes the road right of way): parking an unlicensed vehicle; parking a trailer when not attached to a motor vehicle; leaving an excavation or obstruction without sufficient fencing, barricading or warning lights; operating a tracked vehicle without authorization; placing fuel, lumber, merchandise, etc.; placing leaflets on the windshield of parked motor vehicles; parking a vehicle or trailer to display it for sale, for advertising, to display signs or selling flowers, fruits, vegetables, seafood or other products; and parking a trailer or motor home for accommodation purposes.

Remember to Spring ahead...and check your smoke alarms – Set your clock forward one hour for the time change at 2:00 am on Sunday, March 8, 2020 to start Daylight Saving Time! Please check your smoke alarm too and change worn devices and batteries right away. Every home in BC is required by law to have a working smoke alarm. Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button, maintain and replace following the manufacturer's instructions.

FOOD WASTE, GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Your regular collection day in March is Wednesday, starting with garbage and food waste on March 4, 2020 and changes after a statutory holiday. Therefore, it does not change until after the Easter long weekend when it moves to Thursday on April 16, 2020. For more information, visit www.lantzville.ca.