



# District of Lantzville Community Update

2020 Property Taxes, Home Owner Grant, Payments, Upcoming Meetings, Council Update, Property Tax Deferrals, Construction Notice Phase III Sewer, Bylaw Reminders

## 2020 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 8<sup>th</sup>. Completed Home Owner Grant applications (if applicable) are due July 2, 2020. A 5% penalty applies on any outstanding balance at the end of October 1<sup>st</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Home Owner Grant** - 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 [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca) and clicking on this icon:



Home Owner Grant applications must be completed each year to receive the grant. *NOTE: Your bank cannot process your Home Owner Grant application.*

**Payments** - Please pay your utility bill and property taxes by cheque (by mail or delivery through drop-box at Municipal Hall), or through on-line or telephone banking. Starting Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, on Monday to Friday, except holidays, until further notice, *for those who wish to attend at Municipal Hall in person* with property tax or utility questions or payments, we offer the following partial opening hours:

- 8:30 am to 10:00 am – For seniors/vulnerable persons only
- 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm – For all others who wish to attend at Municipal Hall in person, on a first come-first served basis.

This partial reopening of Municipal Hall is subject to change without notice, dependent on Health orders and guidelines, and customer compliance with procedures, including:

- if you are sick, or have a family member confirmed or suspected with COVID-19, do not enter Municipal Hall
- only one customer at a time will be allowed to enter
- no waiting inside Municipal Hall – overflow waiting will be located outside in an uncovered area (open to weather)
- practice physical distancing while in line – observe a minimum 2 metres (6 ½ feet) distance person to person
- customers must enter the building through the front door (Lantzville Rd) – exit through the side door (Dickinson Rd)
- Municipal Hall washrooms are not available for the public
- use hand sanitizer at the stations at the entrance and exit
- customer must stand in the designated location in front of the plexiglass barrier for the cashier open for service
- for those attending to make a payment, please consider paying with debit or cheque (credit cards not accepted) – we do continue to accept cash, if necessary.

## Upcoming Meetings

- **Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** – 6:00 pm Economic Development and Sustainability Committee
- **Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>** – 7:00 pm Regular Council
- **Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>** – 7:00 pm Regular Council

Agendas are posted (District website and bulletin board) by the Friday before the Monday meeting. Until further notice, Council meetings are held electronically and closed to the public; email ([district@lantzville.ca](mailto:district@lantzville.ca)), mail or drop off agenda item input by 12:00 Noon on Council meeting days. 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 view the agenda posted on the bulletin board at Municipal Hall.

## Council Update – In May 2020, Council:

- gave Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 150, 2019, Amendment (Clark/Medd) Bylaw No. 224 first and second readings, and resolved that it is consistent with the Financial Plan and relevant waste management plans
- gave Zoning Bylaw No. 180, 2020, Amendment (Clark/Medd) Bylaw No. 229 first and second readings, and asked the applicant to report back to surrounding neighbourhoods on the outcomes of the October 16, 2019 public information meeting and adjustments made to the application as a result of public input
- resolved that any future projects dealing with the land and road end of Lavender Road be referred to Council for further recommendations
- adopted 2020-2024 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 218, 2019, Amendment Bylaw No. 227
- adopted 2020 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 232
- approved the Lavender Road Beach Road End Design, substantially in the draft form dated April 2020
- gave Zoning Bylaw No. 180, 2020, Amendment Bylaw (7360 Harby Rd E) No. 225 first and second readings
- adopted Sewer Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 66, 2007, Amendment (Rates) Bylaw No. 240
- gave Zoning Bylaw No. 180, 2020, Amendment Bylaw (Lot A Dickinson Road) No. 244 first and second readings
- authorized issuance of Development Permit No. DP20-19 to Lantzville Projects Ltd. for Village South (Ware Road)
- allowed the Economic Development Sustainability Committee and the Parks and Trails Select Committee to hold electronic meetings using Zoom, when required for pressing issues, until after normal municipal operations resume post COVID-19 response, subject to notice.

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## Property Tax Deferrals

### Have you considered deferring your home property taxes?

Tax deferral is a low interest loan program managed by the Province that helps qualified BC homeowners pay their annual property taxes on their principal residence. You may qualify for the Regular Program if you're 55 or older, a surviving spouse of any age, or a person with disabilities OR for the Families with Children Program if you're a parent, stepparent or financially supporting a child. **NEW** – Deferral applications are processed by the Province (not at Municipal Hall). Learn more about the property tax deferral program, including eligibility, at [www.gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferral](http://www.gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferral), 1.888.355.2700 (toll free), or a Service BC Centre. **Note:** *To defer, you will still need to claim your Home Owner Grant first.*

## Under Construction – Phase III Sewer Project

Construction to extend sanitary sewer service to 307 properties in Upper and Lower Lantzville started in April, with a Spring 2021 estimated project completion and connection date. Expect construction noise and temporary traffic disruptions and detours and parking restrictions at times. Motorists are advised to watch for crews and machinery on the road, obey all signage and follow the instructions of traffic control. **NOTE: Beach access is temporarily closed at Sebastion Road until the end of September 2020, during the Phase III Sewer expansion project.** Our community is fortunate to have ten beach accesses! Drop off passengers and gear at one of the other beach accesses, then park at the parking lot on School Road. If parking near beach accesses, make sure that you do not block driveways or impede emergency vehicle access. *New 'no parking anytime' signs are being posted at certain beach accesses, with violators subject to towing.* Thank you for your patience and cooperation. Questions? Contact [fspears@lantzville.ca](mailto:fspears@lantzville.ca) or 250.933.2250.

## FOOD WASTE, GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Your regular collection day continues on Fridays in June, starting with recycling and food waste on June 5, 2020 and changes after a statutory holiday. Therefore, after Canada Day July 1<sup>st</sup>, it resumes with recycling and food waste on Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. For more information, visit [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca).

**Office Closed** – The Municipal Hall will be closed for the statutory holiday on Wednesday, July 1, 2020. Staff will again be available on Thursday, July 2, 2020 starting at:

- 8:00 am to respond to your calls, email or mail
- 8:30 am for seniors/vulnerable persons only, to attend in person at Municipal Hall with property tax or utility questions or payments
- 10:00 am (to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm) for all other customers to attend in person at Municipal Hall with property tax or utility questions or payments.

Call 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.

### Meet with the Mayor

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

## BYLAW REMINDERS

**Burning Ban in Effect** – Category 2 OPEN FIRES are PROHIBITED, including burn barrels, backyard burning, incinerators, 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 to extinguish the fire
- ensure campfire is completely extinguished and ashes are cold to the touch before leaving the area
- be considerate of 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
- NO LANDCLEARING FIRES ARE PERMITTED AT ANY TIME OF THE YEAR – except for ALR lands.

The Fire Protection Service Bylaw prohibits Open Air burning (fire piles on the ground) and Incinerator Fires from April 16<sup>th</sup> to October 14<sup>th</sup>. Watch for notice of a Campfire ban if hazards increase. For more information, visit [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca) or contact the Fire Chief at [nrukus@lantzville.ca](mailto:nrukus@lantzville.ca) & 250.390.2811.

## Stage 2 Watering Restrictions – Effective May 1<sup>st</sup>

Under the watering restrictions, in Stage 2, 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. 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.

## COVID-19 Response

The District of Lantzville continues to follow the directives of the health officials during the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit our webpage for details on how services are impacted, facility closures, and steps we are taking to minimize risk and protect our community, customers and employees.