



District of Lantzville Community Update

Municipal Hall Hours, 2020 Property Taxes & HOG, PAP Program, Community Murals, Support Local Business, Planning Award, Thanks Volunteers, Copley Park Closure, FireSmart, Bylaw Reminders

Municipal Hall Partial Opening Hours Expanded

Staff continue to be available to serve you by phone or email and, starting Thursday, July 2, 2020, Municipal Hall will be open 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding holidays, for those who prefer to attend at Municipal Hall in person with property tax or utility questions and payments or to purchase garbage tags. You can also purchase extra tags at www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/extrabagtags. For those who prefer to not attend in person, please continue to pay your utility bill and property taxes by cheque (by mail or drop-box at Municipal Hall), or through on-line or telephone banking. This expansion of the partial opening hours at Municipal Hall is subject to change without notice, dependent on Health orders and guidelines, and customer compliance with posted COVID-19 protocols, including: stay home if you are sick, line up outside, entry/occupancy one customer at a time, follow the one-way traffic flow, and practice physical distancing, sneeze hygiene, and frequent handwashing/ sanitizing. No washrooms are available for the public at Municipal Hall; however, the washroom at Huddlestone Park is open.

Have you claimed your Home Owner Grant?

Property tax payments and completed Home Owner Grant applications (if applicable) are due July 2, 2020. You can claim your Home Owner Grant without making a payment. Postmarks are not accepted as proof of payment. A 5% penalty applies on any outstanding balance at the end of October 1st and November 15th. The municipality has no authority to waive or modify these penalty amounts, which are required by law. 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:



Pre-authorized Payment Program – Are you interested in enrolling in the Property Tax Pre-authorized Payment Program for your 2021 Property Taxes? Sign up by July 29, 2020 for our convenient pre-authorized payment program consisting of ten equal monthly payments from August to May. *Please note, to be eligible for the program, your 2020 property taxes must be paid in full.* Ask about the Pre-authorized Payment Program for Utility bills too! Questions? Visit www.lantzville.ca or contact Municipal Hall at 250.933.8086.

Meet with the Mayor

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

Upcoming Meetings

- **Monday, July 13th** – 7:00 pm Regular Council
 - **Monday, July 27th** – 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 (per COVID Ministerial Order 192 & Council resolution). Submit your input about an agenda item for the public record, by 12:00 Noon on meeting days to district@lantzville.ca, by mail or delivery. Visit the District website to view agenda, minutes, and video recordings of meeting; OR view the agenda posted on the bulletin board at Municipal Hall.

Council Update – In June 2020, Council:

- adopted Cash-in-Lieu of Parking Bylaw No. 234, Village Core Parking Improvement Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 235, Highway Name Change (Foothills Roads) Bylaw No. 238, and Sewer Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 246 and authorized staff to contact owners/occupants of 7871 and 7873 McKercher Road for input on the potential renaming of the section of McKercher Road north of the Island Highway to Aats Road
- authorized publishing call for submissions for community murals and sponsoring a page on the Support Local BC website and other Shop Local promotional initiatives
- postponed any further action on the encroachment onto District property at Sebastion Road until a greenspace plan for the Sebastion Road beach road end has been completed, unless action is needed for the current works
- approved the Community Amenity Contributions document
- approved borrowing from the Municipal Finance Authority per the Ph. III Sewer Loan Authorization Bylaw
- approved until October 31, 2020, all applications to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch for temporary expanded service area authorizations for liquor primary
- approved the licence of occupation agreement template
- authorized staff surveying residents about regulation of dogs on beaches as part of the beach Road End Survey and reporting back to Council on the feedback
- authorized staff to investigate traffic calming measures for a portion of Lantzville Road (200m west of Peterson Road to 200m east of Ware Road) and report to Council
- authorized staff to investigate the cost and feasibility of live streaming Council meetings and report to Council
- received the Terms of Reference for the new Community Safety Standing Committee.

Call for Submissions – Community Murals

The District of Lantzville is seeking local artists, professionals and hobbyists alike, to submit proposals for two community murals by donation in the village core. The successful artist(s) will be reimbursed for the cost of up to \$4,000 in materials, and provided an honorarium of \$500 per mural. Artists are invited to submit their proposals **before July 31, 2020**. For more information and how to apply, visit the District website.

Support Local Gift Card Initiative – Register Today!

As businesses reopen in the wake of COVID-19, the District of Lantzville has sponsored a community page on the Support Local BC website. Lantzville businesses can now register at no cost to offer electronic gift certificates. Gift card purchases provide an injection of cashflow to businesses that have had to temporarily close their doors, or are experiencing reduced revenues as a result of health and safety measures. To participate, go to [SupportLocalBC.com/collections/Lantzville](https://www.supportlocalbc.com/collections/lantzville) to register your business or support your favourite local business and purchase a gift certificate for a friend, family member or for future use! Don't see your favourite local business? Refer them to the Support Local BC page to register for free today!

District Wins for Excellence in Planning

The Planning Institute of BC has announced the District of Lantzville and Vancouver Island University (Master of Community Planning Program) as the Silver Winner of the Excellence in Planning Practice – Small Town & Rural Areas Award, for the District of Lantzville Zoning Bylaw! The District of Lantzville partnered with students from Vancouver Island University's Master of Community Planning Program to create more than 30 illustrations to improve the legibility and accessibility of the District's zoning bylaw for residents and developers. The District was commended for our willingness to invest in student success, and our innovative approach to creating planning documents that are legible and interesting. This Award joins the Canadian Award for Financial reporting the District received in 2018 and 2019 recognizing excellence in governmental accounting and financial reporting, representing a significant accomplishment by a local government and its management. We are proud to be an award-winning community!

Thank You to Community Volunteers!

From committees to clubs, Emergency Social Services to environmental groups, and to the many other organizations and programs that rely on volunteers, volunteers make our community great! Council acknowledges the many volunteers that serve our community, including committee members:

Board of Variance – John Garenkooper, Michelle Jones and Jamie Wallace

Economic Development and Sustainability Committee – Councillor Proctor, Councillor Geselbracht (non-voting), Sarah Wallbank, Deb Melenchuk, Virginia Fenton, Jolynn Green, Derek Riley, Neil Valsangkar and Craig Edwards

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

A Broombuster Thank You – Over 4 weeks, Broombusters spent a total of 256 hours organizing and cutting broom in our community. Thank you Lantzville for your support by keeping your property and street frontage broom-free. Your individual efforts make a huge difference towards Lantzville becoming a broom-free community!

Construction Notice – Copley Park Closure

Starting at 7:00 am on Monday, June 29, 2020, Copley Park is closed to the public temporarily until further notice, due to heavy equipment working throughout the park to facilitate:

- selective tree falling and pipe installation for the Phase III Sanitary Sewer Collection System to expand the District's sewer service to adjacent properties
- removal of playground equipment scheduled for replacement in 2020.

Note: The swing set will also be removed but it will be reinstalled for use as soon as Phase III construction is completed and can be used safely. Installation of the new playground equipment is subject to completing the playground equipment tender process and Phase III construction work. *Schedule subject to change and to weather.* Please visit some of our other community parks during the construction period. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 to view the FireSmart Homeowner's Manual – FireSmart Begins at Home plus information about what to do if you have to evacuate. Take the test to assess your risk and learn some simple risk reduction steps, e.g. clearing dead brush and debris within 10 m of your home, removing trees overhanging your roof, keeping gutters clean and your lawn short, etc. Be FireSmart!

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 – visit our website for details. 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. Watch for notice of a campfire ban if hazards increase. For more information, visit www.lantzville.ca or contact the Fire Chief at nrukus@lantzville.ca & 250.390.2811.

Stage 2 Water Restrictions in Effect – Under the 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.

Visit www.lantzville.ca for more details about Stage 2 water restrictions, including new lawn permits.