



# District of Lantzville Community Update

Municipal Hall Hours, Property Assessment, 2021 Grants In Aid Applications, Fireworks Prohibition, Upcoming Meetings, Council Update, Holiday Spirit, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Schedule

## Municipal Hall Hours

Except during holidays, the Municipal Hall is open Monday to Friday, with staff available by phone or email from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm to answer your questions, and open from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm for in-person service for payments only. Per Public Health and Ministerial Orders, masks are mandatory except for those who cannot wear, put on or remove a mask and children under the age of twelve. Municipal Hall will reopen from the holiday closure on Monday, January 4, 2021. To report any after-hours Public Works emergency, please dial **1.888.826.8271**. For all other emergencies, dial **911**.

## Watch for your Property Assessment in the Mail!

BC Assessment sends assessment notices to all BC property owners in January each year. You can search [e-ValueBC](#) to compare your assessment with neighbouring properties to get a sense of the values in your area. Review your notice carefully and contact BC Assessment immediately if you feel your assessment is incorrect. The deadline to appeal your assessment to BC Assessment is January 31, 2021. Property taxes are calculated based on the assessment values set by BC Assessment Authority (BCAA). Your property taxes are based on this formula: Net Assessed Property Value/\$1,000 multiplied by Property Tax Rate equals Property Tax Bill.

## 2021 Grants in Aid Applications

Early in 2021, Council of the District of Lantzville will consider applications for discretionary Grants in Aid for the 2021 calendar year. Funds available for grants are limited and subject to budgetary constraints. The primary purpose is to provide financial assistance to an organization for a specific project or event that benefits the residents of the District of Lantzville. The organization should be registered as a Society (or belong to a parent Society) under the laws of BC and/or Canada. Preference will be given to locally based organizations whose efforts are community based in nature. Council will not grant monies to a 'for profit' organization. Applications must be completed and submitted to the Municipal Hall, no later than **Monday, February 1, 2021**. Visit Municipal Hall or [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca) for an application form and policy.

## Bylaw Reminder - Fireworks Prohibition

The District of Lantzville prohibits setting off fireworks, except on Hallowe'en. No person under the age of 18 is permitted to possess fireworks. The sale of fireworks and the use of firecrackers are prohibited in Lantzville. Fines start at \$150. For more information, view Fireworks Regulation Bylaw No. 39, 2005 at [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca).

## Upcoming Meetings

**Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>** – 6:00 pm Regular Council (Closed) reopens to the Public (via Zoom) 6:30 pm

**Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** – 9:00 am Special Council (Closed) continues Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

**Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>** – 6:00 pm Regular Council

For meeting information, including meeting livestreaming and electronic participation, visit [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca) and click on the meeting date on the calendar to access meeting agenda, agenda package, meeting minutes, and video recordings.

## Council Update – In December 2020, Council:

- adopted Council Procedure Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 252; 2021-2025 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 261; and four Reserve Fund Amendment Bylaws (257, 258, 259, and 260)
- gave third reading to Zoning Bylaw No. 180, 2020, Amendment (6953 Dickinson Road) Bylaw No. 264
- added a general discussion of the Official Community Plan (review timing) to the 2021 strategic priorities planning session
- approved the District of Lantzville Age-friendly Plan
- authorized District staff to work with the Snaw-Naw-As (Nanose) First Nation to develop a draft Memorandum of Understanding for Council consideration
- approved the Fire Department driving Santa around the Snaw-Naw-As (Nanose) First Nation on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Thank You Lantzville for Your Holiday Spirit!

Thank you to our community volunteers and citizens:

- for your understanding of why volunteers had to cancel traditional community events (Santa breakfast, tree lighting, polar bear swim, etc.) to comply with Public Health Orders prohibiting public gatherings/events
- for the donations of the strings of lights and a special thanks to Santa's helpers who decorate Huddlestone Park each holiday season
- for your generous donations for the Lantzville Food Drive, particularly those who collected the donations
- and the Fire Department for your help on the food hamper sorting and delivery, and for driving Santa throughout the community sharing the holiday spirit.

Surplus lights or outdoor tree decorations? Contact Municipal Hall to arrange to drop off your donation to help light up Huddlestone Park during the holiday season next year.

### Mayor's Office Hours

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



## District of Lantzville 2021 Council Meeting Schedule

Date		Time	Subject	Location
January	6	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting	
	20/21	9:00 am	Special Meeting (Closed)	<b>Costin Hall - 7232 Lantzville Rd</b>
	27	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting	
February	3	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting	NOTE: Meetings are held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Hall, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, 7192 Lantzville Road, unless indicated otherwise.
	17	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting	
March	3	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting	
	31	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting	
April	7	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting	
	21	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting	
May	5	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting	
	19	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting	
June	2	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting	
	16	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting	
July	7	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting	
	21	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting	
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September	1	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting	
	22	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting	
October	4	6:00 pm	Special (Financial Plan), if required	
	6	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting	
	20	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting	
	27	6:00 pm	Special (Financial Plan), if required	
November	3	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting	
	8	6:00 pm	Special (Financial Plan), if required	
	17	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting	
	24	6:00 pm	Special (Financial Plan), if required	
December	1	6:00 pm	Regular Meeting	

**Schedule is subject to change** – View the calendar at [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca), or contact the Municipal Hall to confirm.

By the Friday before each Wednesday Council meeting, a copy of the agenda cover is posted on the Public Notice Board outside of the Municipal Hall at 7192 Lantzville Road and the complete agenda package is posted at [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca) (access by selecting the meeting date on the calendar) and is also available for viewing in a binder at the Municipal Hall front counter. Questions regarding Council or committee meetings? Contact the Director of Corporate Administration at [tcoates@lantzville.ca](mailto:tcoates@lantzville.ca) or **250.933.8082** or **250.933.8081**.