



District of Lantzville Community Update

Municipal Hall Hours, Home Owner Grants, Beach Road Accesses Survey, Lost & Found, Council Update, Construction, Trail Access Limited, COVID-19, Salish Sea Gulls Research, Bylaw Reminders

Municipal Hall Hours

The Municipal Hall is open Monday to Friday (except during holidays), with staff available to serve you by phone or email from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, 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. The Municipal Hall will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2021 for the statutory holiday (Family Day). To report any after-hours Public Works emergency, please dial **1.888.826.8271**. For all other emergencies, dial **911**.

Province to Administer Home Owner Grants

The Province is taking over the full administration of the homeowner grant program, effective 2021. Homeowners in all BC municipalities will now submit their applications directly to the Province instead of through their municipal office. Similar to previous years, applications will open in May when the majority of property tax notices are mailed. While the application process has changed, program details and eligibility requirements have not changed. The 2021 Home Owner Grant threshold is set at \$1.625 million. For more information, visit www.gov.bc.ca or call **1.888.355.2700**.

Beach Road Accesses Planning Survey

At its November 2, 2020 regular meeting, Council initiated a planning, engagement and design process for the beach accesses in Lantzville. The District has engaged Vancouver Island University's Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Research Institute (MABRRI) to undertake engagement and design.

Please visit the District's website to learn more about the beach road accesses planning project and to participate in the survey. Scan the QR Code on the right for quick and easy access to the survey when it opens February 1, 2021.



LOST & FOUND

Have you lost something in the last few years? Visit us at Municipal Hall to identify and claim your items! We have car keys, house keys, entire sets of keys, glasses, cell phones and earrings that have been found and turned in at Municipal Hall.

Meet with the Mayor

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

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, February 3rd – 6:00 pm Regular Council, includes

Zoning Bylaw No. 254 (7091 Caillet Rd) Public Hearing

Friday, February 5th – 9:00 am Continuation of January 20th Special Council

Wednesday, February 10th – 2:30 pm Special Council

Wednesday, February 17th – 6:00 pm Regular Council

Note that if it is required that a portion of the regular Council meeting be closed to the public, the meeting will start at 6:00 pm with a motion to close, and the open portion of the meeting will start at the time listed in the agenda, e.g., 6:30 pm or 7:00 pm. If a motion to close is not required, the regular Council meeting will start at 6:00 pm. The Public Health Order restricts the public from attending Council meetings in person. For meeting information, including meeting livestreaming and electronic participation, visit 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 January 2021, Council:

- reconsidered and refused issuance of Temporary Use Permit No. TUP20-1 for 7193 Lantzville Road for temporary commercial use for storage in shipping containers
- authorized issuance of Development Permit No. DP20-36 for 7360 Harby Road East to facilitate a 7-parcel subdivision
- adopted Zoning Bylaw Amendment (6953 Dickinson Road) No. 244 establishing a new Residential 5 Zone to facilitate subdivision of the property
- gave Zoning Bylaw Amendment (7091 Caillet Road) No. 254 first two readings, to consider a new Residential 6 Zone to facilitate construction of a second house (Public Hearing scheduled for 6:00 pm, February 3, 2021)
- adopted Miscellaneous Fees and Charges Bylaw Amendment No. 255 for new utility rates and other fees, including a new \$20 fee for Huddlestone Park bookings
- authorized applying for Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program COVID-19 Resilience grant funding for the Lantzville Road multi-use pathway project
- endorsed the Regional District of Nanaimo applying on behalf of the District of Lantzville to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for an Emergency Support Services partnership project \$35,000 grant (training & modernization)
- authorized staff to apply to ICET for additional funds for the Village Core Streetscape Improvements project
- authorized staff to meet with owners of listed commercial properties on Lantzville Road to discuss the potential of a comprehensive development plan for their properties.

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Construction Notice - Phase III Sewer Project

Construction continues until completion (Spring 2021). Motorists are advised to follow the instructions of traffic control. Questions? Contact IWC Excavation Ltd. (Upper Lantzville) at 250.668.4630 or Knappett Industries (Lower Lantzville) at 250.390.3022. **Copley Park & Sebastion Road Closures** are extended until further notice. Please visit other community parks and beach accesses during closures.

Copley Ridge Recreation Trail Access Limited

The District of Lantzville has a Partnership Agreement with the Province for the District to maintain the 8.6 km. Copley Ridge Recreation Trail for non-motorized public recreation within the productive working forest (Woodlot Licence W1475). The Woodlot Licensee began harvesting cut block 20-01 on January 24, 2021, near portions of the Copley Ridge Recreation Trail within Woodlot 1475. Access may be limited. For your safety and the safety of others, please adhere to all posted safety and trail closure signage in the area posted by the Woodlot Management. Visit www.lantzville.ca.

Island Health Needs Your Help to Slow the Spread

COVID-19 cases in the Central Island continue to rise. Island Health has issued a reminder asking people across our region to double down on their efforts to help stop the spread of the virus. Work on the fundamentals of defeating this virus. Limit your social interactions to your immediate household; for those who live alone, limit to one or two people in your frequent bubble. The fewer you see, the less chance of exposure. Wash your hands LOTS, keep at least two metres apart, wear a mask in public indoor spaces, and stay home and get tested if feeling unwell. It is also so important to limit your travel between communities and outside of the Province, unless it is absolutely essential for work or medical care. Visit www.islandhealth.ca/covid19 for more information.

Automated Curbside Collection Service Issues?

Who do you call? The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) manages the regional contract for the collection of your garbage, recycling and food waste. Visit the RDN Portal at www.rdn.bc.ca/curbsideonline to request a change of your cart sizes or additional carts, or to report a missing or damaged cart. NOTE: You will need your utility account number which can be found on your Utility Bill. Collection program questions can be directed to the RDN at 250.390.6501 or curbside@rdn.bc.ca. The District of Lantzville provides building inspection services and has a Curbside Collection Cart Selection form (available on our website or at Municipal Hall) to be completed within 7 business days of receiving final inspection on a new single-family residence. The District also issues the Utility Bill that includes your garbage service. Email finance@lantzville.ca or call 250.933.8087 with utility bill questions. Waste Connections of Canada is the RDN's curbside collection service contractor, owns and maintains the specialized carts, and is the office to contact if you experience a missed pickup. Call Waste Connections at 1.250.248.8109, email customerservice7312@wcnx.org, or visit www.wasteconnectionscanada.com/parksville.

BYLAW REMINDERS

Discourage playing in the ditches! Although ditches can appear harmless, it's important to teach your children that ditches are not a safe place to play. The purpose of ditches is to move runoff from roadways and private property. At times of heavy rainfall, the water in ditches can move very quickly! Whether dry or filled with water, many ditches contain garbage or debris that could pose a hazard. And when filled with water, the banks of ditches are very slippery – if someone falls in, they can't easily get out! Encourage your children to find a safe place to play.

No Water Restrictions in effect until further notice.

Open Burning – From October 15, 2020 to April 15, 2021, residents are only permitted to burn 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) is 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.

Gulls of the Salish Sea Research

As part of an ongoing study on the health of the Salish Sea, you may see researchers from Environment and Climate Change Canada and Simon Fraser University at our local beaches in January and February. They are conducting temporary capture and release of Glaucous-winged Gulls to assess their diet, habitat use and pollution exposure. The Salish Sea is a critical wintering site for marine birds and this research will provide insight into the impacts of anthropogenic activities in this ecosystem. The project is a collaboration between Environment and Climate Change Canada, Simon Fraser University, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and the University of Lethbridge. To minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19, please maintain physical distance if you encounter the research team. They are operating under federal animal care, banding, and all other required permits, as well as local and federal health guidelines, to protect humans and animals alike. If you would like more information, please email nik.clyde@canada.ca.

Curbside Collection Schedule Change Reminder

Your regular collection day changes to Wednesdays with the garbage and food waste collection on February 17th (after the statutory Family Day holiday February 15th) and continues on Wednesdays until April 8th when it moves to Thursdays.