

## HOME OWNER GRANTS

The Home Owner Grant (HOG) reduces the amount of your principal residence's property tax up to \$770 or \$1,045 for veterans, residents 65 or older, and residents with disabilities, and is subject to reduction on higher-valued properties. **HOG applications must be completed each year and be received by the District no later than July 2, 2020. DO NOT CLAIM YOUR HOME OWNER GRANT AT YOUR BANK.**

The HOG program is administered by the Ministry of Finance. For additional information, contact the Province of BC's Home Owner Grant Administration Branch:

- Toll free in BC 1.888.355.2700
- [www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/rpt](http://www.sbr.gov.bc.ca/rpt)

## CLAIM YOUR HOME OWNER GRANT ONLINE

To claim your HOG, please visit [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca) and click on 'Apply for your Home Owner Grant', icon located on the District's main webpage. **To claim your grant, you will need your property tax notice including your roll number and personal access code located in the upper right hand corner.** If you do not have a tax notice, please contact the Municipal Hall at 250.933.8086.

## PROPERTY TAX DEFERMENTS

The BC Tax Deferment is a low-interest loan program that allows you to defer your annual property taxes on your primary residence if you meet certain criteria. There are two types of deferment programs:

- Families with Children
- Regular Program (55 years+, surviving spouse, person with a disability)

To qualify you must also be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident who has lived in B.C. for at least one year immediately prior to applying for tax deferment benefits. For additional information, contact the Property Tax Deferment Administration at:

- Toll free in BC 1.888.355.2700
- [www2.gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment)

## STATUTORY HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Municipal Hall will be closed on Wednesday July 1, 2020 for Canada Day.

## COVID 19 UPDATE—OFFICE OPERATIONS

The District of Lantzville is, on a daily basis, monitoring the Province of British Columbia's COVID-19 updates, and adhering to all Provincial directives, orders and guidelines. The Municipal Hall will be re-opening with reduced hours effective June 1, 2020, for the sole purpose of property tax or utility questions or payments.

Monday to Friday, except holidays:

8:30 am to 10:00 am	Seniors and vulnerable persons only
10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Property tax / utility customers
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Closed
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Property tax / utility customers
8:00 am to 4:00 pm	Staff continue to be available by phone, e-mail, or regular mail regarding all other municipal Services

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# 2020 Property Tax Information



## District of Lantzville

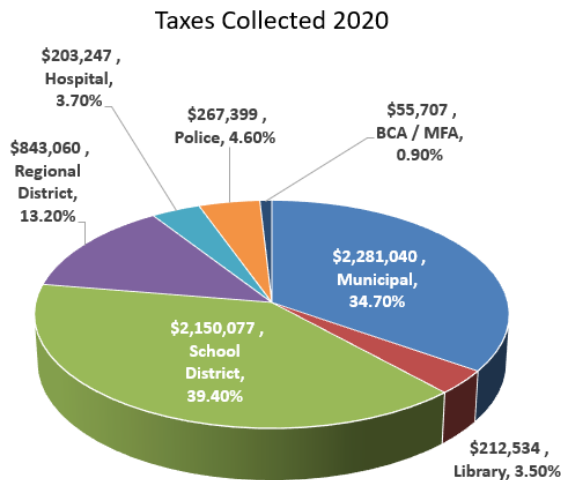
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## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Aulds Road Reservoir Replacement (2018-2020)
- ◆ Copley Park Upgrades (2019)
- ◆ Economic Development Officer (2019-2020)
- ◆ Emergency Operations Centre Communication, Equipment and Training (2018-2019)
- ◆ Joy Way Culvert (2019)
- ◆ Municipal Asset Management Program (2018-2019)
- ◆ New Fire Tender Truck in Service (2019)
- ◆ Peterson Road Reconstruction and Walking Path (2018-2019)
- ◆ Sewer Phase 3 Construction (2019-2021)
- ◆ Streetscape Design for Village Core (2019)
- ◆ Subdivision and Zoning Bylaw Review (2018-2019)
- ◆ Water and Sewer SCADA Upgrade (2019)
- ◆ Watermain Replacement Sebastion Road (2020)
- ◆ Website upgrade (2018-2020)

## WHERE YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO

Although your property taxes are payable to the District of Lantzville, only 35% of your tax dollars are retained for District purposes. The District collects taxes on behalf of these other organizations:



## Mayor's Message

Dear Lantzville Property Owners,

At this point in 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic has undoubtedly impacted all of our lives and created many challenges. Council has approved a number of initiatives to help support you during this challenging time. For example, property tax penalty dates have been extended to October 1<sup>st</sup>, utility billing penalties have been waived for billings from January 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>, and budget cuts were made to the 2020 Financial Plan. We will continue to navigate these unprecedented times with your best interests in mind.

In January 2020, Council completed a Strategic Planning update, which has helped to reinforce the priorities and objectives for our term.

The upcoming year holds many projects for the District, with the largest capital project being the Sanitary Sewer Phase 3 Local Area Service, bringing Sewer Service to 307 properties. This year will also see replacement of the Aulds Road reservoir, a watermain and road replacement at Sebastion Road, and design work on Village Core improvements.

On behalf of Council we are honoured to serve the people of Lantzville and look forward to the progress being made this year.

Public engagement and resident input is always encouraged. During the COVID-19 crisis, members of the public can submit written comments by e-mail to [district@lantzville.ca](mailto:district@lantzville.ca), or mail or drop off correspondence at Municipal Hall. Currently, Council meetings are being held electronically and are recorded and posted on the District's website.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

Mark Swain, Mayor

## TAXES ARE DUE ON JULY 2, 2020

In order to ease the burden of paying your Property Taxes by July 2, Council has extended the penalty due dates. This means that a 5% penalty will be applied on unpaid balances after October 1, 2020, and a further 5% penalty applied on unpaid balances after November 15, 2020.

As of January 1, 2021, all outstanding current taxes and penalties will be transferred to taxes in arrears and interest will begin to accrue on a daily basis.

The Municipal Hall will be partially re-opening with reduced hours effective June 1, 2020. Please see the Special Edition of the Community Newsletter and our District website at [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca) for further conditions. We encourage the public to use other payment options offered by the District, rather than in-person at the Municipal Hall.

## DROP SLOT

There is a drop slot located in the window to the right of the front door of Municipal Hall.

## BY MAIL

By mail to the District of Lantzville, PO Box 100, 7192 Lantzville Road, Lantzville, BC V0R 2H0. Please do not send cash in the mail.

## ONLINE OR TELEPHONE BANKING

Payments may be made through your bank using your ONLINE banking or TELEPHONE banking.

Payment tips for online banking:

- Search for payee: Lantzville, Property Taxes
- Your account # is your 11 digit roll #, located at the top right corner of your property tax notice.

## PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT PLAN

Sign up for the 2021 property tax pre-authorized payment program consisting of 10 equal monthly payments from August to May to begin making equal payments towards your 2021 property taxes. Please visit [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca) or call 250.933.8086 for more information.