

# District of Lantzville Council Strategic Priorities 2023 – 2026



**Mission Statement:** Provide efficient, effective and environmentally and economically sustainable services and good governance for the public while managing growth of the community and respecting Lantzville's diverse character and charm.

## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT



- **High-quality neighbourhood planning:** innovative/green technology (build a show case house or building); fire smart; energy efficient; social cohesion; sustainable growth.
- **Environment first:** acquisition of parkland and greenspace; green infrastructure; environmental asset management.
- **Affordable housing:** develop responsible housing policy (i.e. subsidized housing, co-op housing, tiny homes, small single-family homes for young families and seniors).
- **OCP / zoning review:** develop neighbourhood plans for Future Study Areas.
- **Acquire as much land as possible through development.**
- **Energy Step Code as advanced as possible.**

## PARKS & ENVIRONMENT



- **Trees for future generations:** develop a Tree Management and Protection Bylaw; enhance tree canopy and biodiversity; establish Future Old Growth (FOG) zones.
- **Pierce Woods Marine Park:** open to the public in 2024 and form a Waterfront Park Committee.
- **Beach Road Ends:** design and complete Harper, Lavender and Jack's Roads.
- **Invasive plants:** removal on all District owned land including parks and road ends.
- **Local food production enhancement.**
- **Develop a Parks, Trails, Green Space and Active Transportation Plan.**

## GOVERNANCE & FINANCES



- **Continuance of Committees:** Community Safety; Parks and Trails.
- **Establish new committees/working groups:** Pierce Woods Marine Park; Foothills Park; Green Foreshore Management and Biodiversity; Executive Committee of Council
- **Asset Management:** inclusion of natural assets.
- **Continuance of Lantzville / Snaw-Naw-As joint council meetings.**
- **Regional District of Nanaimo:** Lantzville Foothills 'Regional Park'.
- **Financial Planning:** Council develop a financial master plan and minimize tax burden to residents.

## INFRASTRUCTURE GREEN & GREY



- **Ensure adequate water standard for municipal connections:** protect the municipal aquifer, and develop a resilient well field system; keep water affordable.
- **Road upgrades:** review of bylaw and road standards; engage residents to assess needs.
- **Drainage:** develop bylaw; high environmental standards to mitigate effects of development.
- **Water expansion:** implement the \$6M grant for Winds water expansion and expand service to other unserved neighbourhoods.
- **Sewer expansion:** work with other un-served neighbourhoods for service expansion.
- **Promote Rainwater Harvesting.**

## RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT



- **Continuance of monthly Community Update:** add 'Council Corner' highlighting workshops or municipal services to the community.
- **Promotion of open and transparent communication with residents:** round table meetings; town hall meetings; explore and engage in new and innovative methods to collect resident input on key issues.
- **Volunteer built bus shelters:** develop a process including funding.
- **Rest areas on walking routes:** artisan benches and greenery.
- **Redesign of District of Lantzville website.**
- **Establish a Volunteer in Parks Program.**

## SERVICES



- **Community amenities for pets:** dog park; public water bowls.
- **Fire Safety Rebate Program** (i.e., reflective street numbers).
- **Beach Fires:** pilot community fire pits.
- **Community Library:** bring library outreach services and opportunities to Lantzville residents.
- **Memorial Posts:** a legacy program to dedicate a plaque as a way to pay tribute to an individual or group.