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For Immediate Release

District of Lantzville - COVID-19 Pandemic

Lantzville, BC – 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 remains “open for business” with staff working on site, but is temporarily closed to the public. Residents are encouraged to contact District staff during regular business hours concerning any Municipal-related business or information that may be needed. Information is presently received and disseminated via email, telephone and the municipal website.

“Public engagement is a key component of our governance model, but COVID-19 has forced us to re-evaluate how we will responsibly carry out our business over the next few weeks and possibly longer,” advised Mayor Mark Swain. “We are asking members of the public to stay home and watch the Council meetings once they are posted on the Municipal website. This will allow us to adhere to the Province’s social distancing orders while conducting our business within the confines of a small Council Chamber,” he added.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to continue to provide Council with their input on Council agenda items either by email or mail, or drop their comments in the mail slot at the Municipal Hall by 2:00 pm on Council meeting days. “We appreciate the public’s patience while we navigate through this difficult time,” said Mayor Swain. We are committed to carrying out our work in the best interests of our community, but must not compromise the health and safety of our residents, our staff or our community.”

The public is encouraged to follow the Province’s guidelines to help reduce the transmission of COVID-19:

- use hand hygiene,
- maintain social or physical distancing, and
- stay at home if you are sick or at high risk for serious illness.

According to the Government of British Columbia’s website, the Provincial Health Officer has orders in place restricting travel, mass gatherings and operations of bars and clubs, in addition to requirements for social distancing in restaurants and indefinite suspension of school classes. The orders are a last measure to protect British Columbians and slow the transmission of this virus. More information on COVID-19 can be found at: www.gov.bc.ca/covid19, or by calling 1-888 COVID-19 (1-888-268-4319).

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