



District of Lantzville

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District of Lantzville Foothills Development - Facts and FAQs

Lantzville, BC – In an effort to provide clarification on the preservation of parkland and specific sites in the Foothills development, the following information is being provided.

In January of this year, the Foothills developer, Lone Tree Properties, transferred 731 acres of land to the District of Lantzville for park as a condition of registration of the first 95 lots in Phase 1 of the development. Phase 1 of the development is not yet complete. Phase 1C, consisting of 26 lots, has yet to be finalized by the developer and considered by staff. There will be additional discussions with the developer regarding completion of Phase 1 and community amenities.

This new dedicated parkland represents nearly 11 percent of Lantzville's total land base and contains a number of environmentally sensitive areas, viewpoints and informal hiking trails. An additional 170 acres of parkland will be transferred to the District as the development proceeds, that will prioritize the acquisition and protection of remaining features and areas that are important to the whole community. The Official Community Plan, Development Agreement (covenant) and the 2014 Memorandum of Understanding between the developer and the District will continue to guide development of the Foothills and the location of parkland. Council's 2019-2023 Strategic Priorities identify two priorities related to the Foothills including negotiating a Phased Development Agreement and achieving a partnership with the Regional District of Nanaimo for Foothills Park as a regional park.

“Council is committed to achieving the goals and objectives of the Official Community Plan and the 2014 Memorandum of Understanding. There will be future opportunities for public input on the parkland boundaries and amenities prior to the adoption of the Phased Development Agreement for the Foothills project,” noted Mayor Swain.

Residents and business owners are encouraged to contact the Municipal Hall at 250.390.4006, if they have any questions regarding their community.

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FOOTHILLS DEVELOPMENT FACTS AND FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

1. What is the term of the Phased Development Agreement?

The Developer is requesting a 20-year term which will require Provincial Government approval.

2. What is the current status of the Phased Development Agreement?

Negotiations have just begun and will be ongoing for the next several months.

3. Will the public have any say on the Phased Development Agreement?

Yes. The Phased Development Agreement (PDA) will be subject to a Public Hearing at which time the public will be invited to provide comments. In addition to the statutory Public Hearing, the PDA review and approval process will include one or more public engagement events.

4. The Official Community Plan identifies areas in the Foothills that should be preserved for the community. Which sites will be preserved?

Staff is currently working to ensure that the following and other important areas be included as part of the Foothills parkland:

- Bald Mountain
- Hekeila Creek
- The Lookout
- The climbing rocks

5. How long will it take the District to acquire all of the sites?

The Foothills development will be a long-term phased development (Phase 1 is not yet complete), therefore it will take a considerable number of years to achieve all community amenities that will be negotiated as part of the Phased Development Agreement.

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