



COMMUNITY NOTICE

The District of Lantzville Council is considering adoption of a **Business Licence Bylaw.**

Establishing a Business Licence Bylaw is a Council strategic priority and a foundational action in the District's Economic Development Strategy (2018).

What is a Business Licence Bylaw?

A Business Licence Bylaw enables a local government to ensure that all businesses operating in Lantzville have a business licence. Local governments have the authority to regulate businesses under the *Local Government Act* and *Community Charter*.

Why is a Business Licence Bylaw Important?

- Licensing allows the District to create an inventory of businesses that can be used in the event of an emergency.
- Licensing will assist Lantzville Fire Rescue Services in completing required safety inspections and responding to fire incidents.
- Licensing allows the District to collect statistics about trends in the local economy. This information can support grant applications for economic development funding.
- Licensing supports public safety by providing a way to regulate businesses that contravene building and fire codes, land use regulations, and health and safety requirements.
- Licensing will enable creation of a list of Lantzville businesses for the public seeking services or shopping local.



What do I need to know about the new Business Licence Bylaw?

If you are a business operator or have an interest in the Business Licence Bylaw, it is recommended that you review the entire proposed Business Licence Bylaw and background information at www.lantzville.ca/businesslicensing.

Here are some important things to know:

- A business is defined as “the carrying on of a commercial or industrial activity of any kind or nature or the providing of professional, personal or other service for the purpose of gain or profit but does not include any activity carried on by the government, its agencies or government owned corporations.”
- Businesses operating within the District will be required to have an approved Business Licence in place for **January 1, 2022**.
- Businesses will need to renew their Business Licences annually (at no cost for Lantzville-based businesses) to ensure that the District has an up-to-date record of operating businesses.
- The Business Licence Bylaw differentiates between Lantzville-based and non-Lantzville-based businesses.
- The Business Licence Fee will be \$100 for regular businesses and \$50 for Home Based Businesses. Renewal will be free if renewed by December 31st each year, except for non-Lantzville-based businesses, for which renewal will cost \$50.
- The District will not be participating in the Vancouver Island Inter-Community Business Licensing Program.
- Business Licences are not required for several activities, including registered societies or charitable organizations and fundraising.

When is Council considering the new Business Licence Bylaw?

Council will consider the new Bylaw at its regular meeting at **6:00 pm** on **Wednesday, July 21, 2021**.

The meeting will be held electronically by Zoom and will be livestreamed.

How Can I Provide Input?

If you believe your interests will be affected by the proposed Business Licence Bylaw, you can submit input in two ways:



Written Input

Written input must include your name and civic address and can be submitted by:

email: district@lantzville.ca

fax: **250.390.5188**

in person: **drop box at Municipal Hall, 7192 Lantzville Rd**

mail: **District of Lantzville, 7192 Lantzville Rd,
PO Box 100, Lantzville, BC V0R 2H0**

All written submissions MUST be received by **12:00 Noon** on **Wednesday, July 21, 2021**, and will become part of the public record, be shared with Council and be posted at www.lantzville.ca.



Verbal Input

You can provide verbal input remotely using the Zoom Webinar platform (via telephone or using your computer, tablet, or smartphone) for agenda item 8. Public Input Period by registering in advance. To join the **July 21, 2021 Council meeting** online, register in advance by following the Zoom Webinar “link” provided at www.lantzville.ca for this Council meeting event.

Please note: submissions received after the close of the meeting will not be considered by Council.



Have Questions?

If you have questions, please contact **Kyle Young**,
Director of Planning & Community Services,
at **250.933.8083** or kyoung@lantzville.ca.

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