

Delcy Wells

From: Drew Digney [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 11:11 PM
To: District; Mayor Swain; Councillor Lerner; Councillor Jones; Councillor Savage; Councillor Mundell
Cc: Drew Digney
Subject: Lavender Road plans

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Dear Mayor Swain and Councillors,

It has come to my attention that a motion is before Council for the October 23, 2024 Council meeting regarding a design and budget approval for changes to the Lavender Road beach access. I was of the understanding that a prior motion has been passed that required consultation (C19-140). I am not aware of any motions that have reversed this. I would like to advise council that has been no consultation to date. Given I just found out about this motion there has not been adequate time to prepare any kind of considered comments or feedback for council.

I am writing today to ask how the relevant stakeholders and those, whose continued use and enjoyment of their properties may be directly affected by this plan, are going to be consulted or have an opportunity to meaningfully comment on the proposed plans? From my brief review, this plan will decrease the present green space in the area which is the opposite of the original motion C19-140. In addition there does not appear to be designated disabled parking and there is likely removal of mature trees. It creates a large and noisy gravel parking lot and roadway and there are a number of other issues that need consultation before any plan is approved. Local neighbours have been discussing options and ways to meet the needs of the beach access without another 'gravelling fiasco' as occurred in 2008.

On a personal note I cannot see how this plan maintains the long standing access to our back gate which is used on a regular basis.

I notice that draft is on this document but if a design and budget are passed then it maybe difficult to make any required changes later on.

I respectfully request that this item be postponed by at least a month to allow for appropriate and considered consultation before a design and budget are approved.

Best Regards,

Drew and Melanie Digney
[REDACTED] Lavender Road

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From: Brian Dempsey [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 8:00 AM
To: District; Glenn Morphy
Subject: Council meeting Oct 24, item 10c
Attachments: CCE_000179(1).pdf

attached are my comments about spending \$125, 000 to remove asphalt and eliminate public parking

Council meeting October 24, 2024

Re agenda item 10 c Lavender Road

It seems ironic to spend **\$125,000** from the roads infrastructure capital reserve to remove asphalt that has not reached its lifespan. The asphalt appears to be in relatively good shape. Meanwhile, we have roads in Lantzville that are literally falling apart and I suggest they would be a much better place to put such funds.

The Lavender road end has been enjoyed for many decades as a spot where people who, may or may not, have mobility issues can sit and look at the ocean (Lantzville's largest park). This is a great place to sit in a vehicle in all weather to enjoy a coffee or snack while taking in the view. I doubt many residents are aware that they will soon lose this opportunity. Do we not have an accessibility committee? Have they been advised that they will have no access to the end of Lavender Road?

There are two options suggested. Perhaps there is a third option and that is to do nothing. Put the funds where they are obviously needed, and deal with road upgrades.

Sincerely,
Brian Dempsey
[REDACTED] Owen Road
Lantzville

Delcy Wells

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 10:29 AM
To: District
Subject: Comment for October 23, 2004 Council Meeting

Re: Agenda item 10c, Lavender Road

I find it difficult to believe that Lantzville has a “spare” \$125,000 to spend on another road end into the foreshore. The proposed improvements are excessive for the current/future use of this road end and the number of new parking stalls is not needed. The planting of more grass means more maintenance work for an already overloaded public works staff. Suggest a hand rail for the steps, connect new culvert to existing for 5 new parking spaces and spread a few loads of driveway chips where needed.

The recent failure of a water main in Lynn Rd. should be a wake up call for Council to address the significant infrastructure decay Lantzville is experiencing. Urban collector roads in Lantzville (Ware, Lantzville, Aulds, Dickinson) have the appearance of the back of an alligator or are pockmarked to look like mortar hits in a war zone. The asbestos cement water lines are leaking and failing, and many drainage courses will once again overflow should another 10 year storm even occur.

This Council needs to start to focusing on necessary infrastructure repair and place the vanity projects on the “back burner”.

Warmest Regards,

Lance Geselbracht

[REDACTED] Spence's Way

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From: Susan Cormie [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:34 AM
To: Mayor Swain; Councillor Savage; Councillor Lerner; Councillor Mundell; Councillor Jones; District
Subject: Existing Park Land Between to Shale Road and Seaside Terrace

October 23, 2024

Mayor and Council

District of Lantzville

Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: Existing Park Land Between to Shale Road and Seaside Terrace

I am writing to express my concern with the above noted park land and the proposed elimination of a future trail. This park land was originally dedicated for the purpose of providing a pedestrian connection between neighbourhoods for the residents of Lantzville and that intended use is obvious based on the shape of the park land and the District's policies concerning this land.

Basically, by removing the trail option and leaving it as a vegetated strip and allowing encroachments from neighbouring properties, the public will not be able to use the park land. In effect, Council will be giving this land to the neighbouring properties and therefore not upholding the public interest, but rather supporting private interest instead. It is noted that this park land was given to the community in good faith with the understanding it would be used as park land for all residents.

Council will also be going against its OCP in that the OCP supports a trail through this park land strip. Is there an OCP amendment application currently underway? Offering a trail alternative for walkers is great. Not everyone wants to walk on sidewalks and roads only.

I note that there has been opportunity for the District to ensure the protection of this park land through the various processes that have taken place on the neighbouring property including an OCP amendment, a zoning amendment, and a subdivision application, yet no protections were put in place that I am aware of.

The protection of this park land and its intended trail use for the residents of this community is in the interest of the public and as Council is the representative of the public and acts in the best interest of the public, it is therefore extremely important that this land be retained as park land with the ability to construct a pedestrian trail for the public to use.

If Council proceeds with removing the trail component and in effect closing the park land to the public, it is taking away the right of the public to use this park land and that is not in keeping with the greater good of the community. For these reasons, I am opposed to this proposal outlined in the corresponding staff report.

Sincerely,

Susan Cormie

 Sebastian Road

Delcy Wells

From: Turnbull Suzanne [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 9:26 AM
To: District
Cc: Councillor Lerner
Subject: goals/consultation process of Lavender rd beach access

Good Morning District of Lantzville staff (whom I understand will forward this to council and mayor in time for tonight's meeting),

I am grateful to Councillor Lerner for following through on his commitment to update myself/neighbourhood re: Lavender rd beach access. The agenda item for tonight was brought to our attention Oct 21st.

My main concern/question to Council is how/why did the process of community consult re: changes to Lavender rd beach end not involve community consult/input?

In 2021 Council voted to postpone until 2023, directing staff to develop a plan to present to council and then council to community for input. And tonight in 2024 there appears to be a firm plan with a motion for approval of a budget for the plan in the drawings attached to tonight's agenda.

Please explain the process of community/neighbour input that arrived at this motion. As far as the nearest neighbours are aware the goals have not been made plain re the use of this beach end and input process has not occurred for the plan Council is being asked to approve a \$ figure for tonight.

As one of the closest neighbours to this beach end that I look directly on and use every day, I believe I have insight as to it's present positive uses which I am concerned may be compromised by the plan brought forward this evening. Myself or my neighbours have not been part of any process and despite bringing up this concern in July 2024 as a delegation to council and being assured **there would be** community input, it does not appear that has occurred.

If the goals were developed and community input process done, Council might greatly enhance this project or determine that there are other safety concerns in our community that the infrastructure monies may be used for.

I look forward to a response.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Turnbull
[REDACTED]