

# 2021 Water Protection & Conservation Rebates

2021 rebates and incentives are open for applications! Access funds to assist with rainwater harvesting, well water testing, wellhead upgrades or irrigation upgrades and soil improvements to improve water efficiency of residential landscaping. Act early to avoid disappointment – funds are limited and provided on a first-come, first-served basis through the Regional District of Nanaimo. For more information visit [www.rdnrebates.ca](http://www.rdnrebates.ca), email [watersmart@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:watersmart@rdn.bc.ca), or call 250.390.6560.

## COVID-19 Key Messages from Island Health

- As of February 24th there were 245 active COVID-19 cases in the Island Health region (39 in the South Island, 150 in the Central Island and 56 in the North Island).
- The 7-day average number of contacts identified per case has been increasing, rising from 2.6 a week ago to almost 4. On average 10-20% of cases are community acquired (which means they have no known source).
- Get tested early if you have any symptoms of COVID-19. If you are feeling sick, stay home, self-isolate and call 1.844.901.8442 (8:30 am - 8:00 pm daily) to book a test. If you are uncertain if you need a test, visit [bc.thrive.health](http://bc.thrive.health) or review the symptoms on [Island Health's website](#). Island Health is screening every COVID positive case for the presence of the variants of concern.

**Vaccine Key Messages**

- Within Island Health, 91% of residents in long-term care and 94% in assisted living have received their first dose of the vaccine
- Immunization clinics are being established in communities across Island Health
- The provincial government provided more details on Monday, March 1st about the vaccination roll out for people over the age of 80 and Indigenous people over the age of 65
- Visit [BC Centre for Disease Control \(BCCDC\)](#) for more information about COVID-19 vaccines.

## Fire Rescue Safety Messages

- Please make it easy for emergency responders to find your house – install reflective or illuminated house numbers. Drive by your own house in the dark – is your house number visible from the street, driving from both directions?
- Safety Tip: Your earthquake preparedness kit should last you one week. Don't forget to include medications!
- When you set your clock to spring forward (March 14th), check your smoke alarms and change worn devices and batteries right away. Every home in BC is required by law to have a working smoke alarm. Test your smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button, and maintain and replace following the manufacturer's instructions.

## Census 2021

Every five years, Canadians are invited to participate in the census to help paint a portrait of Canada's diverse population and the places where we live. The Census of Population provides high-quality information on key socioeconomic trends and analysis that helps Canadians make important decisions that affect our families, our neighbourhoods and our businesses. Did you know that the next Census takes place in May 2021 and Census Day is May 11th? For more information, please access their website: <https://census.gc.ca/resources-ressources/supporters-partenaires-eng.htm>

## Curbside Collection Schedule Reminder

Your regular collection continues on Wednesdays in March until April 8th when it moves to Thursdays. Forget your garbage day no more! Visit the [District](#) or [RDN website](#) for your schedule and What Goes Where (recycling) or download the RDN Curbside app.

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## Keep Your Bikes Safe from Theft



The Nanaimo RCMP Bait Bike program helps deter theft but do your part too! Always lock your bike and ensure it is registered at Project 529. To find out more about this effective bike registry program currently used by many police agencies, go to Project 529 at <https://project529.com/garage>. Register. Report. Recover! Keep your bikes safe in the 529 Garage, the largest community-powered bike recovery service. Free registration.

**Do you Want to Speak With the Mayor?**

Call the Municipal Hall at 250.390.4006 if you wish to book an appointment to speak with Mayor Swain.

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

March 2021



**Municipal Hall COVID-19 Hours**  
Monday to Friday  
By phone or email: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
In-person service (payments only) 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

## Updates by Email

Exciting news!!! Register at [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca) to receive your Community Updates and Council Updates direct to your email in box!

## Upcoming Meetings

- Wednesday, March 3rd** - 6:00 pm Regular Council
- Wednesday, March 10th** - 6:00 pm Special Council (Closed to the public)
- Wednesday, March 24th** - 6:00 pm Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel, if required
- Wednesday, March 31st** - 6:00 pm Regular Council

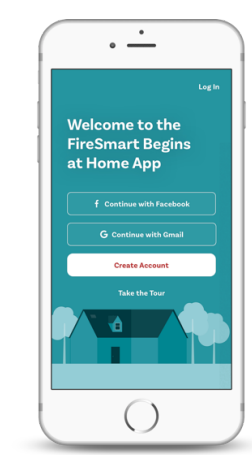
March 31st meeting (open portion) start time may vary if a closed meeting is required at the beginning of the regular Council meeting. Please refer to the specific Council meeting agenda to confirm the open portion/livestream start time.

The current Public Health Order on Gatherings and Events restricts the public from attending Council meetings in person. For meeting information, including meeting livestreaming and electronic participation, visit [lantzville.ca](http://lantzville.ca) and click on the meeting date on the calendar to access the meeting agenda package, minutes, and video recordings.

## Wildfire Planning – Be FireSmart!

### Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Visit the District's website to check out the [Plan](#) approved by Council February 17th, view the February 10th Council meeting recording of the [consultant's presentation](#), and watch for the implementation plan. The presentation concluded the high priority to promote and implement FireSmart throughout the community and to ensure all new development is FireSmart.



See the links on the District website to:

- [British Columbia FireSmart](#) to read about the seven FireSmart disciplines that help address the various aspects of wildfire threat
- FireSmart Canada for the [FireSmart Begins at Home app!](#)

### Interface Wildfire Development Permit Area Guidelines Update

The District is updating the interface wildfire protection Development Permit Guidelines. We are seeking feedback on the draft Guidelines, which will be available on the District's website in early March.





### Annual Watermain Flushing

It's that time of year again for routine fire hydrant maintenance and waterline flushing. No chemicals are used during the process and the quality of your drinking water is not affected. Beware, however, that your tap water may be discoloured so we recommend your laundry times from March 15th to April 16th are limited to evenings or the weekends.

## Council Update – In February 2021, Council:

- approved an additional \$112,040 from Gas Tax funding for the Village Core Streetscape Improvements capital project
- resolved to submit a resolution for consideration by the Association of Vancouver Island & Coastal Communities and the Union of BC Municipalities to propose amending provincial legislation to authorize development cost charges to fund local government facilities
- established 6:00 pm, March 24th for the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel to meet, if required, to consider complaints regarding the 2021 parcel tax roll
- approved the Lantzville Boys and Girls Club of Central VI Grant In Aid request (\$500) for outdoor play equipment
- gave Sewer Connection and Regulation Bylaw No. 265, 2021 first three readings
- approved the District of Lantzville Community Wildfire Protection Plan 2020 and staff to provide a report with implementation recommendations
- resolved to advise the Regional District of Nanaimo that the District of Lantzville will provide no comments on the proposed Regional Growth Strategy amendment for the Nanaimo Airport Lands.

Starting in March, Council Updates will be provided in the new email distribution (remember to sign up at [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca)) and on the District's website after each regular Council meeting.

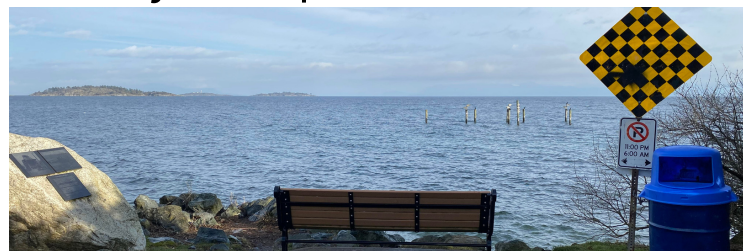
## Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel

Public notice has been given that a Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel will be held electronically on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 6:00 pm, if required, to hear complaints from persons who own a parcel included on the parcel tax roll that request that the roll be amended respecting a matter referred to in Section 205(1) [complaints to review panel] of the Community Charter, but only in relation to the person's own property, for one or more of the following reasons:

- there is an error or omission respecting a name or address on the parcel tax roll
- there is an error or omission respecting the inclusion of a parcel
- there is an error or omission respecting the taxable area or the taxable frontage of a parcel
- an exemption has been improperly allowed or disallowed

The Parcel Tax Roll is available for inspection at the Municipal Hall during COVID-19 hours of 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday excluding holidays. For the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel to consider a complaint, the complaint must be received in writing, not later than 4:00 pm, Monday, March 22, 2021 to the attention of the Director of Financial Services. For more information, visit [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca).

## Beach Road Access Planning Survey Completed



"Beach road ends" are a unique public amenity in the District of Lantzville boasting beautiful views and beach access to share. Collaboratively with Vancouver Island University's Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Region Research Institute, the District is compiling data on the 12 beach road ends to inform future plans and to develop two concepts beginning with Lavender Road and Harper Road. Thank you to those who provided data through the Beach Road Accesses Planning Engagement & Design Survey that closed on February 22, 2021. Watch for more information as it becomes available!

### Neighbourhood Small Grants for Lantzville

The Nanaimo Foundation is excited to announce the 2021 Responsive Neighbourhood Small Grants (R-NSG) program that has been adapted from previous years to bring neighbours together while following physical distancing guidelines. Applications for grants up to \$500 are open to anyone living in Ladysmith to Lantzville, and out to Gabriola Island. R-NSG Project Ideas include care baskets for seniors, online information sessions featuring educational speakers or authors, community gardens, virtual language or dance classes, and neighbourhood scavenger hunt.

Applications are accepted from March 1st until April 15th. For more information, or to register for an information session on March 10th at 6 pm, or March 11th at 12 pm, visit [nanaimofoundation.com](http://nanaimofoundation.com)

## Bylaw Reminders

### Open Burning

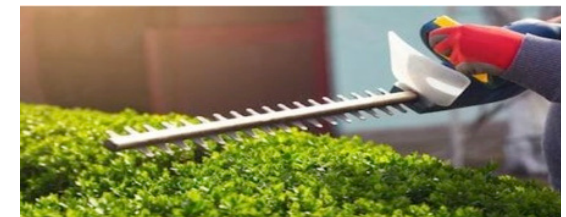
From October 15, 2020 to April 15, 2021, residents are only permitted to burn IF every reasonable alternative has been pursued first. Burn only clean, dry organic materials, subject to conditions and requirements, e.g. less than 1.2 metres high by less than 1.8 metres in diameter, and subject to venting index. Call 1.888.281.2992 or visit the Ministry website ([www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/epdpa/venting](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/epdpa/venting)) and search the daily Ventilation Index for CNTRL VAN ISLD at the bottom of the page to confirm if burning is GOOD, otherwise burning is prohibited. NO OPEN FIRES ARE PERMITTED ON ANY BEACH AT ANY TIME OF THE YEAR - only portable propane campfire apparatus (CSA or ULC approved) are permitted on the beach between the hours of 11:00 am to 8:00 pm. NO LAND CLEARING FIRES ARE PERMITTED AT ANY TIME OF THE YEAR – except for ALR lands. For more information, visit [www.lantzville.ca](http://www.lantzville.ca) to view [Fire Protection Services Bylaw No. 185, 2019](#), print the [Outdoor Burning brochure](#) from the website or pick-up a copy at Municipal Hall, or contact the Fire Chief at [nrukus@lantzville.ca](mailto:nrukus@lantzville.ca).

### Help keep our streets and rights of way safe for everyone

The trees, hedges and gardens that you plant on your property along municipal streets enhance the beauty of our community. The District needs your help to make sure vegetation is maintained to allow people to walk by safely, and to ensure cyclists and drivers have a clear view. If your trees, hedges or gardens overtake the road or walkway, or obstruct visibility, it creates a safety hazard – and it is a bylaw offence. It's always the District's goal to work in cooperation with residents with public safety as a priority, but to reduce the need for staff to issue a warning or reminder – please maintain or remove your vegetation.

### Keep rights of way clear of trees and hedges!

Planning to plant a hedge or garden bed in your front yard? Check your property lines, then plant it well back from the walkway and consider slower growing plants that you can easily maintain.



### Speed limits keep our neighbourhoods safe

The speed limit on streets in Lantzville is 50 km/h except where posted otherwise, e.g. portion of Lantzville Road is 30 km/h. Remember to SLOW DOWN in residential areas and near school zones, crosswalks, and posted Children Playing signs. Please be cautious on streets at all times but especially during Spring Break (March 15th -26th) and in school zones when children return to school. When a school is in session, a 30 km/h school zone speed limit is in effect from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm every school day.

## Construction Notices

### Phase III Sewer Project

Construction continues throughout the Phase III Local Area Service until completion (Spring 2021). Motorists are reminded to follow the instructions of traffic control. Questions? Contact IWC Excavation Ltd. (Upper Lantzville) at 250.668.4630 or Knappett Industries (Lower Lantzville) at 250.390.3022.

### Lantzville Commercial Core Revitalization Project On Lantzville Road between Dickinson Road and Caillet Road

Construction will be starting during March as the contract for road upgrades on Lantzville Road between Dickinson and Caillet Roads has been awarded to David Stalker Excavating Ltd. Properties affected will be receiving a hand delivered notification from the contractor with contact and construction schedule information. Please obey all traffic control; there will be temporary traffic disruptions, detours, and periodic parking restrictions.

For more information on the Lantzville Commercial Core Revitalization Project design, please contact Kyle Young, Director of Planning and Community Services by phone: 250.933.8083 or by email: [kyoung@lantzville.ca](mailto:kyoung@lantzville.ca).



### Copley Park

New playground equipment installation is complete! Unfortunately ribboned off sections remain CLOSED until further notice. Thank you for your patience.

