

Business Licence Bylaw No. 167, 2021

The District of Lantzville intends to establish a business licensing program - one of Council's strategic objectives/priorities for 2021 and a foundational action in the Lantzville Economic Development Strategy. Council gave two readings (the readings required before considering amendments) to the “District of Lantzville Business Licence Bylaw No. 167, 2021” for the licensing and regulation of businesses. Council also gave instruction for amendments to the Bylaw. Council will consider the updated Bylaw at a future meeting before the advertised opportunity for those affected to make representations to Council. After a one-month public input period, third reading and, at a separate meeting, adoption, businesses can apply for a business licence that would be in effect for 2022.

Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 200, 2021

Another Council strategic objective/priority is to develop and adopt District of Lantzville bylaws. Council gave two readings to the “District of Lantzville Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 200, 2021”, a bylaw that will replace the Regional District of Nanaimo noise, unsightly premises and nuisances bylaws in effect since Lantzville incorporated in 2003, and add other requirements. Council will continue with Council's review, amendment and development of Bylaw No. 200 starting at a special Council meeting April 19th, and at a subsequent meeting will consider the amended Bylaw. Visit lantzville.ca to check out the report and the draft Bylaw in the March 29, 2021 Council agenda, for a greater understanding of the process for bylaw adoption, history of Good Neighbour Bylaws, and Provincial establishment of enforcement and fines options.

Animal Control

The District of Lantzville has entered into a contract with Coastal Animal Control Services of BC Ltd. (Coastal) to continue to provide animal control services for Lantzville (previously provided through the RDN with the same contractor). Coastal contract services include responding to dog control complaints and enforcement issues (except barking) and providing a 24/7 toll free telephone complaint line (1.888.754.1397) or email cacs@telus.net for residents of the District of Lantzville. Dogs picked up are examined for tattoos and microchips and are kenneled at their Duncan facility until an owner is located. Arrangements can be made with Coastal to transport dogs directly back to their respective homes. For complaints about dogs barking, please continue to contact our contracted Bylaw Enforcement services through Municipal Hall at 250.933.8092 or bylaw@lantzville.ca.

Got a Junker to Donate?

The Lantzville Fire Department is looking for junk cars for extrication training. Vehicles donated will be picked up by Nanoose Towing free of charge. Call the Firehall at 250.390.2811 or email jmarment@lantzville.ca.

Census 2021

The 2021 Census of Population is Canada's 23rd national census. It collects information on the demographic, social and economic situation of people across Canada, as well as on the dwellings we live in. Your responses are vital for community planning services. Census Day is May 11th, however, with the COVID-19 pandemic, starting on May 3rd, you can complete your census questionnaire online. It is an easy, secure and convenient option that can be used anywhere, anytime. No pre-registration or lengthy download processes are required. For more information, please access their website: <https://census.gc.ca/resources-ressources/supporters-partenaires-eng.htm>

Fire Hall Siren



Have you ever heard the fire siren that is located at the Fire Hall on Superior Road? This siren sounds every Thursday night at 7:00 pm as part of the test of the firefighter paging system. The siren operates 7 days a week during the day to let the on-call firefighters know there is an emergency and for the public to be aware that firefighters are responding to the station and that the fire trucks are going to be responding to an emergency situation. From time to time the siren during the night can come off its automatic timer - we apologize for these disruptions.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

April 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

Closed Friday, April 2nd and Monday, April 5th for Easter
After-hours Public Works emergency call 1.888.826.8271
All other emergencies dial 911

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, April 19th - 6:00 pm Special Council
Wednesday, April 21st - 6:00 pm Regular Council

The start time of the open portion/livestreaming of the April 21st meeting may vary if a closed portion 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 and click on the meeting date on the calendar to access the meeting agenda package, minutes and video recordings.

Lantzville Commercial Core Revitalization Project Update

The Lantzville Commercial Core Revitalization Project started in 2013/ 2014 with the preparation of a Village Commercial Core Improvement Plan (the Plan) to establish a vision to create a functional, safe and visually attractive commercial core area, extending from Caillet Road to Tweedhope. Council endorsed the Plan in 2019 as the first step to fulfill one of the fundamental goals of the Official Community Plan: Strengthen the Village Primary Commercial Core. Following engagement with businesses and the community in 2019, a design was created. Improvements between Caillet and Dickinson Roads are planned for 2021, at a projected cost of \$515,389; with funding from the Federal Community Works Fund (Gas Tax) and a generous contribution of \$133,000 from Island Coastal Economic Trust (no funding from property taxation). The 2021 improvements include separated multi-use pathway for pedestrians and cyclists, street trees, raingardens, banner poles, seating areas, and shared onstreet parking areas.

Social Needs Assessment Survey Open Until April 9th

Help improve social well-being in our community and the region. The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) and partners (Lantzville, Qualicum Beach, Nanaimo, Gabriola Island) would love to hear your experiences (the good and the bad!) with housing and housing supports, programs for families, children and youth, access to healthy food, transportation, social supports and stigma and discrimination. Your feedback will help to shape the region’s first Social Needs Assessment & Strategy. Complete the survey (closes April 9th) at https://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/social-needs-strategy/survey_tools/survey Or scan the QR Code on the right. Participants may choose to enter a draw to win a \$200 grocery gift card! Paper Copy? Pick one up at Municipal Hall. Questions? Phone 250.390.4111 or email planning@rdn.bc.ca. This survey is funded by a grant through the Union of BC Municipalities Poverty Reduction Planning & Action Grant Program.



COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Vaccine call centres for seniors are open. To determine when you are eligible to book your appointment, please refer to COVID-19 Vaccine Island Health <https://www.islandhealth.ca/learn-about-health/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine>.

Subscribe for Updates by Email

Register at lantzville.ca to receive your Council Updates delivered to your inbox after each regular Council meeting – receive the monthly Community Update by email too! If you missed registering in time to receive the updates after March Council meetings, visit lantzville.ca to view.

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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.



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 until April 16th are limited to evenings or the weekends.

Interface Wildfire - Be Fire Smart

The best protection against loss, damage or injury due to wildfire is prevention! Use the [FireSmart Begins at Home Manual](#) and [mobile app](#). Here are some simple steps for evaluating your home ignition zone and making it a deterrent to the progress of a wildfire:

- Use fire-resistant construction materials, building design and landscaping
- Clean up the build up of pine needles and leaves from the base of your house and any connecting structures which could otherwise ignite the siding
- Create a 1.5 m non-combustible zone and a 1.5 m - 10 m fire resistant zone on all sides of your home, free of materials that could easily ignite from a wildfire
- Clear trees and shrubs of dead material and keep them pruned, and space trees and shrubs far enough apart to slow the spread of an approaching wildfire
- Choose deciduous trees and shrubs, rather than evergreens for planting - evergreens burn fiercely - plants that shed leaves annually burn more slowly
- Regularly care for your property to keep it free of dead leaves, needles and debris.

Watch for more tips next month and read the [Community Wildfire Protection Plan 2020](#) - see Table 12 for FireSmart priority neighbourhoods at [lantzville.ca](#)

Spring Recreation Opportunities

The District of Lantzville is not large enough to have our own recreation department or facilities, but we facilitate recreation services for residents through partnerships, e.g. with the RDN and the City of Nanaimo (Lantzville pays a portion of costs as part of the RDN's Recreation Sharing Agreement with the City), with Seaside Community Society (Lantzville leases Community Use Building A (Costin Hall) and B (former church) to the Society for community use), etc.

Nanaimo's spring programs are available in their Activity Guide link at [recreation.nanaimo.ca](#) or 250.756.5200, and the Summer Activity Guide will be available online starting April 30th, with registration for summer camps and programs beginning on May 5th. All of Nanaimo's drop-in swimming, skating, drop-in sports and weight rooms must be registered up to 72 hours in advance by calling 250.756.5200, or through their online platform. From April 1st to 9th, there is a StoryWalk at Knowles Park, Mansfield Park and Linley Point Gyro Park. This is a drop in any time, self-guided event where participants read "Pete the Cat – Big Easter Adventure".

For Regional District of Nanaimo recreation opportunities, visit [rdn.bc.ca/recreation](#) and [getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect](#) for:

- Free fitness videos from local fitness instructors
- Registration for online and in-person programs
- FAQs about the pool, arena and recreation programs
- Links to resources to keep you active
- Creative ideas you can do at home
- Monthly Active Living Newsletter, Fitness Walking Handbook, and more!



Costin Hall has been a great place in our community (pre-COVID-19) to hold meetings, dances, and weddings, provide day care services, and a variety of recreation opportunities. The Seaside Community Society sponsors drop-in activities, is responsible for bookings and would be pleased to provide quotes for rentals in the building. Currently, Costin Hall is running a reduced calendar of activities pursuant to current Public Health Orders and restrictions. Visit [www.costinhall.com](#) to find out more about programs like chair yoga, carpet bowling, and line dancing.

2021 Water to Earth Month Event Series

The RDN's Team WaterSmart along with community partners (including the District of Lantzville) have organized a series of events for the 5th Annual Water to Earth Month celebrations. Mostly virtual in format, the events and activities that run between World Water Day on March 22nd and Earth Day on April 22nd focus on building awareness about local water resources and environmental stewardship. The events are fun and informative for all ages, visit <https://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/team-watersmart> for all the details and registration information.

Cut the Blooming Broom!

The District of Lantzville has, again, partnered with the Broombuster Invasive Plant Society to assist in controlling the alien, invasive plant, Scotch Broom, in our community. Broombusters will be loaning loppers to those who would like to cut broom on their own or in socially distanced small groups. If you have an hour or two, the Broombusters could use your help! Contact Sharon at sahokas@shaw.ca to make arrangements for loppers and areas to cut or to receive progress emails. Weekly updates are posted on the Broombuster website (including a 'How to Cut Broom' video) at [www.broombusters.org](#).

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](#)) 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. Effective April 16, 2021, **Burning Ban in Effect**. Category 2 OPEN FIRES (burn barrels, backyard burning, incinerators, burn piles, burning grass, fireworks, binary exploding targets, sky lanterns, outdoor burning, etc.) are NOT permitted on private and public property in the District of Lantzville. Small campfires used for cooking, heating or ceremonial purposes are allowed (except on beaches) subject to conditions. Watch for notices banning campfires due to drying conditions. For more information, visit [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.

Stage 1 Watering Restrictions – Effective April 1st

Under Stage 1 watering restrictions, sprinkling is permitted on any day between the hours of 7:00 pm and 7:00 am. Sprinkling includes watering lawns, ornamental shrubs, flowers and trees and use of pop-up spray, rotors and sprinklers. Putting in a new lawn? Apply for a new lawn watering permit by emailing district@lantzville.ca.

The following are permitted at any time in Stage 1: hand-watering, drip irrigation, and micro irrigation; washing vehicles, boats, and houses (siding) if using a hose with a shutoff device; filling fountains, pools, or hot tubs; pressure washing walkways, driveways and siding. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from all watering restrictions but watering in the early morning or in the evening is recommended – less evaporation. Private wells are not subject to municipal watering restrictions, but conservation is encouraged because water is a shared resource.

Huddlestone Park Update

Under the current COVID-19 restrictions, the District is not accepting bookings for the use of Huddlestone Park or the pavilion. The playground equipment and the Park, however, are open subject to compliance with the following:

- Anyone sick should not enter the Park
- Physical distancing of 2 metres must be maintained
- Practice good hygiene etiquette - coughing or sneezing into your arm or a tissue, washing and sanitizing hands frequently
- No overcrowding (Groups of 10 or less persons may gather at a park - stick to the same people in your group and continue to wear masks and maintain physical distancing)
- Park users are responsible for cleaning and disinfecting all equipment, facilities, tables, washroom facilities, etc. before and after use.

Should you choose to use the Park, and/or the pavilion during this time, remember there is limited parking at the entrance, and parking is NOT permitted on Huddlestone Road; additional parking is available at the Municipal parking lot on Lantzville School Road.



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 early April as the contract for road upgrades on Lantzville Road between Dickinson and Caillet Roads was awarded to David Stalker Excavating Ltd. Properties affected were notified by the contractor and given 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.