

RDN Transit Services Survey Closes Wednesday November 3rd

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) is inviting feedback on proposed changes to transit services in the region. Residents can view and provide comments on the substantial changes being considered for the RDN’s routes, services and infrastructure on the RDN Get Involved website at getinvolved.rdn.ca/trs or in person at the RDN transit office until November 3, 2021. The feedback is part of phase 2 of the Transit Redevelopment Strategy public engagement process that has been underway since June of this year.

Lantzville Fire Rescue Santa Drive-By Sunday December 5th

Santa Claus is coming to town! Lantzville Fire Rescue will drive and accompany Santa through the District of Lantzville on the evening of Sunday, December 5, 2021, starting at approximately 5:00 pm. Watch for Santa’s route and estimated times to be published closer to the date. Mark the date on your calendar, and expect to hear sirens and Christmas music heralding Santa’s arrival in your neighbourhood on December 5th. Please keep your pets indoors, and forewarn your household so no one is alarmed by the sirens.

Annual Lantzville Food Drive Sunday December 12th

Lantzville Rotary volunteers will be picking up canned, dry and baby food donations and hygiene products at your house on Sunday, December 12th between 10:00 am and 12:00 Noon. Please leave your donation so volunteers can see it from the street. Thank you for your generosity and a special thanks to Lantzville Rotary volunteers for picking up your donations, and Lantzville Volunteer Firefighters Assoc. for delivering the hampers to those in need. There is also a “drop-off” bin at Municipal Hall.

2022 Business Licence Required by January 1st

It’s time to get your 2022 Lantzville business licence! With the July 2021 adoption of Business Licence Bylaw No. 167, 2021, effective January 1, 2022 it is unlawful for a person to engage in or carry on a business within Lantzville unless that person holds a valid business licence issued by the District of Lantzville. The requirement to hold a District of Lantzville business licence includes non-Lantzville-based business operators who also hold a licence in the municipality where their business has an office, business address or is normally based.

The Bylaw also:

- includes general exemptions where a business licence is not required, regulations for specific types of businesses, and that incomplete applications or without payment of the non-refundable licence fee will not be considered.
- requires the licensee to notify the District in writing of any change or correction to the information on the business licence application, e.g. location, operator, or any condition related to size, volume, number or other limit or restriction noted in the licence. The new operator must, within 30 calendar days, notify the municipality in writing of the change.
- requires the business operator to post the licence in a conspicuous place and manner in part of the business premises to which the public has access or in a central location that is readily visible.
- offers discounted or free business licence renewal in subsequent years subject to renewal by December 31st.
- the Miscellaneous Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 26 establishes the business licence fee (\$100/each premise for non-Lantzville-based and Lantzville-based business except home based business whose fee is \$50.00) and renewal fees. Subject to annual submission of renewal form by December 31st for the next licensing period, the annual business licence renewal fee is \$50 for non-Lantzville based business and no fee for Lantzville-based or home business.

For more information, visit lantzville.ca to view Bylaw No. 167 or Bylaw No. 26, and to obtain a business licence application. Remember: Municipal Hall is closed during the period December 24, 2021 to January 3, 2022, inclusive, so be sure to apply for your business licence starting in November.



Fall leaves are fun but messy, and potentially damaging! Help prevent slips, falls and drainage problems – please keep leaves clear from streets and culvert inlets!

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.

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

November 2021



Municipal Hall COVID-19 Hours - Masks Mandatory

Monday to Friday
By phone or email: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
In-person payment and document drop-off: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Call or email for appointments for other services

Closed Thursday, November 11th for Remembrance Day
After-hours Public Works emergency call 1.888.826.8271
All other emergencies dial 911

Upcoming Meetings

- Wednesday, November 3rd** - 6:00 pm Regular Council
- Monday, November 8th** - 6:00 pm Special Council (Financial Plan), if required
- Wednesday, November 17th** - 6:00 pm Regular Council
- Wednesday, November 24th** - 6:00 pm Special Council (Financial Plan)

Until further notice, Council meetings are presided over in-person by the Mayor with Councillors participating electronically or in-person (per the Community Charter and the Council Procedure Bylaw). The public is encouraged to view the livestream of the open portion of the meeting online via the District’s website. Members of the public attending in the Council Chamber must remain seated unless invited to address Council. Under current Provincial Health Orders, masks are required in indoor public settings for all people aged 12 and older, and proof of vaccination is not required for essential government activities and services, including Council meetings. Prior to attending, please self-assess to ensure you are healthy and do not attend if you are ill. Meetings recorded by the District of Lantzville may be viewed at lantzville.ca. The public is prohibited from recording Council meetings unless authorized by Council.

Remembrance Day Service Parade Cancelled

In consideration of public safety and their vulnerable members, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 257 will not be holding a parade to the 11:00 am Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph in Huddlestone Park on Thursday, November 11th and there will be no access to the Legion (except by invite). Due to limited seating at the cenotaph and ongoing health concerns, you may wish to watch one of the televised or virtual Remembrance Day ceremonies on-line. If you are attending at Huddlestone Park, please ensure that you respect the spaces reserved for Veterans, stand within Huddlestone Park, and do NOT stand on the road or in the right of way. Parking is available on Lantzville School Road. For more information, contact the Legion at 250.390.2108. Honour and remember Canada’s fallen Veterans in other ways and help ensure Canadians never forget. Support the annual Poppy campaign, and take a moment to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy.

Five Year Financial Plan 2022-2026

Council will continue its review of the 2022-2026 Financial Plan in November for consideration of bylaw adoption in December and invites public feedback either in writing or by providing public input in person or remotely during the 6:00 pm Special Council meeting on Wednesday, November 24th. Submit written comments by mail, email to district@lantzville.ca, or drop off at Municipal Hall, before 12:00 noon November 24th, providing your name, address, agenda item number / name, and comment, to become part of the public record, be shared with Council and posted to www.lantzville.ca. Visit the District website 1) to register in advance to provide your public input remotely during the Public Input on agenda items section, via your computer or smartphone, or 2) to view the livestream or recording. Public input regarding personnel matters, legal action, nominated political candidates, applications for grants in aid or public hearing topics (except during the official public hearing) will not be included or will be severed. The District does not accept anonymous submissions (this includes emails with an email address only) so please include your name and civic address.

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. The start time of the open portion/livestreaming of the meetings may vary if a closed portion is required at the beginning of the regular Council meeting. Please refer to the Council meeting agenda, published the week before the meeting, to confirm the open portion/livestream start time.

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 October Council meetings, visit lantzville.ca to view.

District Acquires Waterfront Land for Marine Park

Did you hear the good news? In October, the District of Lantzville purchased 8306 Sabre Road, the largest waterfront property in the District, to be designated a marine park. This purchase is a historic accomplishment, realizing one of Council’s strategic priorities. The new park is named Pierce Woods Marine Park and, at 8 acres (approximately 3 ¼ ha.), is the District’s second largest park. The community has benefitted from the foresight of the family who registered the Trust Agreement on title in 1996 that provided for a reduced purchase price, subject to the lands being kept available to the public as a marine park. The property was purchased for \$1,401,750 (funded from development cost charges and reserve funds) without impacting property taxes. The public is asked not to visit the new marine park just yet. This is because the District, as the new owner, must now assess any existing liabilities on the property, consider parking/access improvements, and prepare the property for future public access. The District looks forward to welcoming you to the new Pierce Woods Marine Park in the future once it is opened! Visit lantzville.ca for the media release.

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 Regional District of Nanaimo (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.

The **City of Nanaimo** Winter Activity Guide will be available for viewing on Friday, November 17th at recreation.nanaimo.ca with registration open on Wednesday, November 24th. Register by calling 250.756.5200, by visiting Bowen Park, Beban Park, Oliver Woods Community Centre or Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, or through the website at <https://www.nanaimo.ca/parks-recreation-culture/register-for-a-program>.

Special activities for November are:

- Tuesday, November 2nd, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm - Glow in the Dark Skate, Frank Crane Arena
- Thursday, November 11th, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm - Remembrance Day Skate, Frank Crane Arena
- Sunday, November 21st, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm - Starlight Skate, Nanaimo Ice Centre
- Every Sunday in November, Lions' Sponsored FREE Skates from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm, Frank Crane Arena

The **Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN)** winter recreation programs will be available for viewing on Friday, November 26th, at rdn.bc.ca/recreation with registration open on Monday, November 29th.

If you are 13 to 17 years of age and want to learn valuable leadership skills and earn volunteer hours, applications are open until November 15th for Youth Recreation Advisors.

All RDN recreation facilities are open and programs are running in accordance with current Public Health Orders. Visit the REC Connect web page at getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect to subscribe to the Active Living Guide and find free activities and resources.

Getting Winter Ready

The cool weather is starting to roll in, which means we need to get ready for winter! We see a lot of extreme weather during the winter months. Here’s how you can prepare for cold snaps and windstorms:

Extreme Cold

- Build and re-stock your home emergency preparedness kit with snow salt or melting medium, snow shovels, additional fuel sources and warm clothing and blankets
- Winterize your home by mending weather stripping, adding insulation, clearing rain gutters and inspecting your chimney
- Prepare a winter vehicle kit with food and first aid kit, extra blankets, shovels, windshield scrapers and don’t forget your winter tires!

Extreme Wind

- Trim dead branches and cut down dead trees to reduce the danger of falling debris
- Secure items that may be blown around
- Re-stock your home emergency kit and review your emergency preparedness plans
- Familiarize yourself with BC Hydro webpages (<https://www.bchydro.com/power-outages/app/outage-map.html>) and call 1.800.224.9676 or *49376 to report an outage.

The District of Lantzville contracts with the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) to provide emergency planning services. For more tips, go to the RDN’s extreme weather page at <https://rdn.bc.ca/extreme-weather>.

Don’t forget to register for the RDN Voyent Alert System for the District of Lantzville (www.rdn.bc.ca/voyent-alert) to receive warnings about upcoming severe weather events. You can always learn more about how to be prepared for emergencies in the RDN by visiting www.rdn.bc.ca/emergency-preparedness.



Bylaw Reminders

Open Burning

Until April 15, 2022, Open Air and Incinerator fires are permitted ONLY IF every reasonable alternative for reducing, reusing or recycling debris has been pursued first to minimize the amount of debris to be burned and subject to Bylaw No. 185 regulations and the Ventilation Index. No prohibited materials may be burned (e.g. no demolition waste, household waste, treated lumber, etc.). Burn only clean, dry organic materials in a fire less than 1.2 m high by less than 1.8 m in diameter and subject to the venting index. Visit env.gov.bc.ca/epd/epdpa/venting/ or call 1.888.281.2992 to confirm the Ventilation Index category for the CNTRL VAN ISLD the day you wish to burn to confirm if venting is GOOD, otherwise burning is prohibited. NO LANDCLEARING FIRES ARE PERMITTED AT ANY TIME OF THE YEAR except registered burns on ALR lands Oct 15th-Nov 15th. Small campfires used for cooking, heating or ceremonial purposes are allowed (except on beaches) subject to conditions. 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. For more information, visit www.lantzville.ca to view Fire Protection Services Bylaw No. 185, 2019 and the Outdoor Burning brochure or contact the Fire Chief at nrukus@lantzville.ca.

Effective November 1st – No water restrictions in effect until April 2022.

Are you prepared for winter?

At this time of year, we have maximum darkness, rain, and sometimes slippery or snowy conditions.

Pedestrians and drivers: Please dress and drive to suit the conditions. Be visible. Carry a flashlight. After a snowfall, expect minor delays, allow extra travel time and park off the road to allow plows and emergency vehicles space to pass. Don’t abandon your car if it gets stuck. Our contract with Windley Construction identifies which roads receive priority clearing during heavy snowfall. The first priority is to clear ‘Primary’ roads:

- 1.**Primary Roads** – Aulds, Dickinson, Lantzville, Superior and Ware (regional transit, school, and emergency access required).
- 2.**Secondary Roads** – Examples of secondary roads are Caillet Road, Harwood Drive and Southwind Drive.

If snowfall is ongoing, the contractor will return to those Primary roads if snow continues to accumulate and, as a result, may not make it to Secondary roads, cul-de-sac and side roads for twenty-four hours. If possible, stay off the roads during a snowfall and for safety reasons, do not use the roads as playgrounds. Report unsafe conditions on municipal roads to the Municipal Hall at 250.390.4006 or after-hours Public Works emergency number: 1.888.826.8271. To report Hwy 19 road and safety hazards, call Mainroad Mid-Island (Provincial maintenance contractor) 24-hour hotline at 1.877.215.6006.

Parking when it snows Please park off the road when it is snowing, to allow plows and emergency vehicles space to pass. If residents on the following roads are unable to park in their own driveways, please park on the south side of the road (if possible) and as far onto the shoulder as possible: Northwind Drive, Clark Crescent, Southwind Drive, Fernmar Road, and Andrea Crescent. This will allow our snow removal crew to provide better service to our neighbourhoods.

Unsightly Premises

Don’t wait until Spring to clean up your property! It is a bylaw offence to allow:

- rubbish, noxious, offensive or unwholesome matter to collect on your property
- rubbish to overflow from a container on your property
- an infestation of mice, rats or other pests to remain on your land.

The best way to prevent a rodent infestation is to remove the food sources, water and items that provide shelter for rodents. Clean up! Seal up! Trap up!

Remember to ‘Fall Back’ & Check Your Smoke Alarms!

When you set your clock back one hour to end Daylight Saving Time (2:00 am on Sunday, November 7, 2021) remember to check your smoke alarm too! Working smoke alarms save lives! Change worn devices and batteries right away. Every home in BC is required by law to have a working smoke alarm. Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button, maintain and replace following the manufacturer’s instructions (at least every 10 years).

Community Water System Maintenance

The District’s fire hydrants annual maintenance will continue during the first three weeks in November. Discolouration of water may result and, while this should not affect the quality of the drinking water, we recommend that laundry be done on weekends or evenings to avoid discolouration of clothes, etc.

