

2022 Business Licence Required by January 1st

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 Miscellaneous Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 26 establishes the business licence fee (\$100/each premise in Lantzville for non-Lantzville-based and Lantzville-based business except Home based business where fee is \$50.00) and renewal fees.

Did you miss the deadline? Apply now for your 2022 business licence!

For more information, visit lantzville.ca to view Bylaw No. 167 or Bylaw No. 26, and to obtain a business licence application.

Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) Survey

What are your priorities for the future growth of the region? The Regional District of Nanaimo is updating the RGS and would like your input on a range of topics, including land use, transportation, housing and climate mitigation and adaption. Join the conversation by completing the RGS Survey and a chance to win a \$50 local gift card. Survey closes March 25th.

www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/RGSreview

Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel

An assessment roll for the purpose of levying 2022 parcel taxes to recover debt servicing costs associated with long term borrowing for construction and implementation of the Phase III Sanitary Sewer Collection System, has been prepared for the Parcel Tax Review and Authentication process. As part of the legislative requirements under the Community Charter, notice has been given that the parcel tax roll for the following service is available for review:

- Phase III Sanitary Sewer Collection System (Municipal Finance Authority Debt Repayment)

The Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel will meet electronically on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 5:30 pm (public may view in the Council Chamber, per the Community Charter and the Council Procedure Bylaw) to consider any written complaints received about the roll and to authenticate it. This meeting will be recorded and may be viewed at lantzville.ca. The Parcel Tax Assessment Roll is available for inspection at Municipal Hall, 7192 Lantzville Road, Lantzville BC, starting February 23rd, Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm, excluding holidays, or at lantzville.ca. Visit lantzville.ca for more information (notice, reasons to request a correction, how to submit, etc.) if you are an owner of property within the Phase III sewer Local Area Service who wishes to request a correction to the roll in respect to your own property.

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 14th to April 14th are limited to evenings or the weekends.

Curbside Collection Schedule Reminder

Your curbside collection continues on Wednesdays through March until April 21st 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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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 2022



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

After-hours Public Works emergency call 1.888.826.8271
All other emergencies dial 911

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, March 9th - 6:00 pm Regular Council
Wednesday, March 23rd - 5:30 pm Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel
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Until further notice, Council members will be participating electronically (or hybrid with some members in person if conditions permit) via Zoom Webinar (per the Community Charter and the Council Procedure Bylaw). Public attendance is permitted in the Council Chamber to watch and hear the meeting electronically; however, due to ongoing health concerns, the public is encouraged to view the open portion of the meeting via the live-stream, and to provide verbal public input on agenda items by registering in advance using the Zoom Webinar link provided for the Council meeting event at lantzville.ca. Prior to attending Municipal Hall, please self-assess to ensure you are healthy and do not attend if you are ill. Members of the public must wear a mask at all times, and remain seated unless invited to address Council. Proof of vaccination is not required for essential government activities and services, including Council meetings. 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.

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.

Municipal Election 101

- 2022 General Local Election Voting Days are at Costin Hall: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, October 5th & 12th & Saturday, October 15th or Vote by Mail, to elect your new five-member Council for a four-year term that starts at the Inaugural Council meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm, Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at Costin Hall.
- Thinking about running for Council in the general local election this fall? Statutory record keeping requirements started January 1, 2022 when the Election Period began. There are new campaign financing and advertising rules for the 2022 General Local Elections for candidates, elector organizations, and third party advertisers. Visit electionsbc.ca for information about local elections campaign financing, disclosure and election advertising rules administered by Elections BC under the Local Elections Campaign Financing Act.
- Pick up a Nomination package at the Municipal Hall (beginning in July) to file with the local Chief Election Officer (CEO) during the Nomination Period from 9:00 am, Tuesday, August 30, 2022 until 4:00 pm, Friday, September 9, 2022.
- To be eligible to run for office in the election you must: ✓ be age 18 or older on October 15th; ✓ be a Canadian citizen; ✓ have been a resident of BC for six months immediately prior to filing nomination documents; AND ✓ not be disqualified under the Local Government Act, or any other enactment from being nominated for, elected to or holding the office, or otherwise disqualified by law. For information about legislation governing municipal elections, visit www.gov.bc.ca/localelections.

Questions about voting in the general local election or running for office in Lantzville? Watch for articles in the Community Update newsletter and visit lantzville.ca as it will be updated with information regularly, or contact the CEO at vote@lantzville.ca or 250.933.8082.

Census 2021

Did you know that the population numbers recently released from the Statistics Canada May 2021 Census reported that the District of Lantzville grew by an estimated 5.9% from the 2016 Census (3,605) to 3,817 – an increase of 212 residents?! This reflects a slower rate of growth than our neighbours: Nanaimo (10.3%) and Parksville (9.5%), but close to Ladysmith (5.3%). Other highlights from the Census includes Lantzville now has 1,568 private dwellings, of which 1,520 are primary residences (the home where you live and doesn't include investment and/or recreational properties). It also reported a population density per square kilometer of 137.9 for Lantzville, compared to Nanaimo (1,104), Parksville (939.5) and Ladysmith (746.5).

Recreation Opportunities

The District of Lantzville partners with the City of Nanaimo, Regional District of Nanaimo, and Seaside Community Society to provide recreation opportunities for the residents of Lantzville.

- City of Nanaimo - A new and improved trail has opened up at Bowen Park. The trail is wider, newly paved and has new lighting to help keep users of the trail feeling safe.
- Spring program registration begins on March 2nd. The Spring Activity Guide is available for viewing on Friday, February 25th by clicking this link: <https://www.nanaimo.ca/parks-recreation-culture/recreation-facilities-schedules/activity-guide>
 - The Winter Wellness Walking Challenge is underway and goes until March 17th. Participants can start at any time. Walkers just go to the City recreation website to record their steps for a chance to win weekly prizes and the grand prize of a \$200 pair of runners from New Balance in Nanaimo. To log steps, click here: <https://www.nanaimo.ca/parks-recreation-culture/parks-events/walk-on-winter-wellness-challenge>
 - Spring Break is just around the corner, and Parks, Recreation and Culture is offering a variety of camps and programs during the school break. Registration is open now by clicking here: <https://www.nanaimo.ca/parks-recreation-culture/register-for-a-program> or by calling 250.756.5200.
 - During Spring Break, check out the new “Pop-Up Playgrounds”! These are free and geared for families with children ages 5 to 12. It will consist of games, arts, crafts, sports and more. Held at Mansfield Park on March 15th & 18th and at Maffeo Sutton Park on March 22nd & 25th.
 - Parks, Recreation and Culture is looking for local entertainers for the Concerts in the Park Series. Interested artists can apply online until March 7th <https://www.nanaimo.ca/parks-recreation-culture/culture/concertsinthepark>
 - The City of Nanaimo, Regional District of Nanaimo and other partners are collaborating to celebrate Water to Earth Month for both March and April with events starting March 22nd to celebrate World Water Day.
 - The Nanaimo Aquatic Centre Weight Room is open again. Book your 1-hour session online by clicking here: <https://www.nanaimo.ca/parks-recreation-culture/register-for-a-program> or by calling 250.756.5200.

- Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) - There’s still space to register in Basketball, Volleyball, Go Wild and Dance Spring Break Camps. Register today at www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation.
- Registration for spring and summer programs including swim lessons and day camps will open on Monday, March 7th at 8:00 am.
 - Participate in the Spring Break Play Passport and enter to win a private swim rental at Ravensong Aquatic Centre. Download a passport on REC Connect at www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect.
 - RDN facilities are open and programs are running in accordance with current Public Health Orders. Visit the RDN recreation website to register for programs and to access the REC Connect webpage where you can subscribe to the RDN Active Living Guide and find free activities and resources.



Seaside Community Society - Costin Hall (Community Use Building ‘A’) and the adjacent Community Use Building ‘B’ (CUB ‘B’), both in the heart of the community, at 7232 and 7244 Lantzville Road, are District-owned facilities that are leased to the Seaside Community Society which is responsible for facility rentals and building maintenance. The Society is a registered non-profit society with a volunteer President and management board (all of whom are Lantzville residents), and over 100 members. A broad range of recreation and social activities are provided at the facilities. A daycare operates in CUB ‘B’, and the Lantzville Boys and Girls Club rents the Costin Hall lounge off the main hall. Costin Hall is also used for carpet bowling, short mat bowling, yoga, Zumba and Brownies. COVID regulations have limited activities and rentals over the last two years; however, it is hoped that previous activities, including the Tidesmen chorus, Probus Club meetings, etc., will resume their use of Costin Hall soon. For rental or other enquiries, please contact costinhallrental@shaw.ca or visit costinhall.com.

Tsunamis – Know Your Zone

On January 15, 2022 a Tsunami Advisory was issued for Zones A, B, C, and D. Do you know your Zone? The District of Lantzville is in Zone E and is identified as low risk for a tsunami with an estimated wave height of less than 2 metres above normal sea levels. Make sure you know what tsunami notification zone you live in and when travelling on the Island, know what zone you’re travelling to, what alerts you could receive and how the local authority will share information. To receive emergency notifications for the District of Lantzville and RDN, register for Voyent Alert at <https://www.rdn.bc.ca/voyent-alert>. To learn more about tsunamis and the types of tsunami alerts go to www.preparedbc.ca/tsunamis and <https://www.rdn.bc.ca/be-tsunami-savvy>.



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 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. To report a burning complaint please call Lantzville Fire Rescue at 250.390.2811 and select the option to be connected to Dispatch. They will take your complaint and dispatch the Duty Officer.

Help keep our streets and rights of way safe for everyone
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. 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 and intersection sightlines. 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.

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 from past Ware Road to near Sabrina 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 12th - 27th) 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

Clark Crescent Watermain Replacement Project - Leuco Construction Inc. commenced construction of watermain replacement on December 13, 2021 along Clark Crescent for the District of Lantzville. The duration of work is estimated to take three (3) months. During construction, Clark Crescent will be closed to the public to accommodate construction. Access for local traffic only will be permitted. Construction signage, barricades, cones, etc. will be in place to create awareness and ensure safety for traffic, pedestrians and cyclists. During construction, driveway access will be interrupted, as required in order to complete installation of the upgrades. Notification 24-hours in advance will be provided for any driveway interruptions in order for alternate arrangements to be made, as necessary. Working hours will be Monday-Friday from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm. We apologize for any inconvenience that construction may cause and appreciate your patience. In the event that you have any questions or concerns, please contact William Cottrell, Leuco Construction President, at 778.997.6482.

Metro & Mart Paving Improvements Project – In February IWC Excavation Ltd. started construction of road improvements and paving along Mart Road and Metro Road. The project is expected to be complete by the beginning of May 2022. Necessary accommodations will be made throughout the course of construction allowing residents and businesses continued access to their driveways. Traffic control personnel will be available to safely assist traffic through the construction zone during the day. Roads and driveways will be restored at the end of each working day allowing traffic to safely travel through the construction zone while crews are not on site. Although it is the contractor’s full intention to minimize any impact, disruption of water services as well as redirection of traffic may apply in construction areas for the duration. Please follow the direction or advisement of traffic control signage and or personnel. If any changes arise, notification of changes will be distributed. Please use caution around the construction areas. Working hours will be Monday-Friday from 7:00 am - 5:00 pm, with no work being done on weekends or statutory holidays. Thank you for your patience and co-operation. If you have any concerns, please contact the IWCE Project Manager, Jason Clark, at 250.585.0492.

Remember to Spring ahead...and check your smoke alarms!

When you set your clock to spring forward (2:00 am, Sunday, March 13th) by 1 hour, 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.

