

2023 Business Licence Required by January 1st

It’s time to get your 2023 Lantzville business licence! 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 whose fee is \$50.00) and renewal fees.

NOTE: For those businesses licensed for 2022, if you submit the form for your licence renewal by December 31, 2022 for your 2023 business licence, the annual business licence renewal fee is \$50/each premises for non-Lantzville based business and FREE for Lantzville-based or Lantzville home business renewal - there is no fee.

If your renewal is NOT submitted by December 31st, the late annual business licence renewal fee is \$100/each premises for non-Lantzville based business and \$50 for Lantzville based business and \$25 for Lantzville home business would apply until January 31, 2023. If renewal forms are not submitted by January 31, 2023, regular business licence fees apply.

For more information, visit lantzville.ca to view Bylaw No. 167 or Bylaw No. 26, and to obtain a business licence application. Indicate on the application “Renewal” if applicable. Remember: Municipal Hall is closed during the period December 24, 2022 to January 2, 2023, inclusive, so be sure to apply for your business licence or business licence renewal as soon as possible.



November to January has some of the highest risk times for extreme weather, specifically power outages, snow events and local flooding. If there is a flood watch or warning issued, watch for rising water. A great place to get the most current weather information is on the Environment Canada and the River Forecast Centre websites which will have accurate weather alerts posted. To be alerted about important emergency information like flood warnings in your area, register for the Regional District of Nanaimo’s Voyent Alert Service rdn.bc.ca/voyent-alert



Scan Me!

Scan this QR code to learn what should be in your go bag!

If flood waters get too close to your home, it may become unsafe to stay and you’ll need to leave quickly. This is easier and quicker if you build a grab-and-go bag in advance. Fill backpacks or carrying bags with supplies everyone in your household will need while away from home.

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Lantzville Fire Rescue Santa Drive-By December 3rd



Santa Claus is coming to town! Lantzville Fire Rescue will drive and accompany Santa through the District of Lantzville on the evening of Saturday, December 3, 2022, leaving the Fire Hall at 5:30pm. See Santa’s route and estimated times published on the District website. Mark the date on your calendar, and expect to hear sirens and Christmas music heralding Santa’s arrival in your neighbourhood on December 3rd. Please keep your pets indoors, and forewarn your household so no one is alarmed by the sirens.

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

December 2022



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



Closed Monday, December 26, 2022 to Monday, January 2, 2023 inclusive, reopening on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

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

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, December 7th – 3:00 pm Regular Council
Monday, December 12th – 6:00 pm Special Council (Closed)

Council members may attend in person, or electronically (except for the Mayor) for a hybrid meeting, or via Zoom Webinar for an Electronic Meeting (per the Community Charter and the Council Procedure Bylaw). The Council Procedure Bylaw defines an Electronic Meeting as a meeting where all attendees participate electronically. Participation will be managed electronically via Zoom, operated from the Council Chambers. Public Hearings are held electronically (per the Local Government Act) to provide greater access, transparency and convenience. Zoom also offers the option to dial in by phone. For Electronic Meetings (e.g., meetings with Public Hearings), in accordance with the Community Charter, the Council Chamber is open (with limited seating) for those unable to participate electronically to attend and a designated municipal officer must be in attendance. For in person and hybrid meetings the Council Chamber is also open for the public to attend. Due to limited seating, the public is encouraged to view the open portion of the meeting via the livestream (advance registration is not required), and to provide verbal public input on agenda items by registering in advance using the Zoom Webinar link provided for each Council meeting event at lantzville.ca OR written comments by noon the day of the meeting. Prior to attending at Municipal Hall, please self-assess to ensure you are healthy and do not attend if you are ill. Members of the public must remain seated unless invited to address Council. Meetings recorded by the District of Lantzville may be viewed at lantzville.ca.

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 meeting 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.

Council Adopts Tree Protection Bylaw No. 331, 2022

Effective November 5, 2022, the cutting of trees on parcels of land greater than one (1) acre in size is prohibited. The intent of Bylaw No. 331 is to prohibit the cutting down of trees with a trunk greater than 20 centimetres while Council develops a more comprehensive bylaw to present to the community. Over the next two to three months, it is anticipated Bylaw No. 331 will be replaced with a bylaw to include additional regulations, such as, but not limited to, provisions for the cutting down of trees and reviewing the minimum parcel size to which the Bylaw applies. In the meantime, the District of Lantzville Council considers it is in the public interest not to permit the logging and clear-cutting of treed parcels of land. The Bylaw defines “tree” as a woody perennial plant of any size with a trunk greater than 20 centimetres measured at a height of 1.4 metres above the undisturbed grade of the land where the tree is located. The Bylaw does not apply to:

- Trees identified for cutting by the Ministry of Forests due to disease or pest infestation
- Dangerous trees presenting an imminent hazard to the safety of persons or to the public or to private property, as identified by a certified arborist, trained in tree risk assessment
- Trees required to be cut down to meet any BC Hydro or Workers’ Compensation Board safety regulations
- Trees required to be cut down to allow the creation and maintenance of a public service corridor or highway
- Municipal employees, or their agents, during the discharge of duties that involve maintenance, surveying or the creation and upkeep of walkways and trails
- British Columbia land surveyors during the discharge of their duties
- Trees authorized to be removed in accordance with a Development Permit issued by the District
- Trees on Crown land or land subject to the Private Managed Forest Land Act.

For additional information regarding “District of Lantzville Tree Protection Bylaw No. 331, 2022” contact Frank Limshue, Director of Planning & Community Services at 250.933.8083 or flimshue@lantzville.ca.

Recreation Opportunities

The District of Lantzville partners with other local governments and agencies to provide recreation opportunities for the residents of Lantzville.

Lantzville Community Facilities – Here’s what’s happening at Costin Hall for the month of December!

The Seaside Community Society would like to thank all the great volunteers that helped decorate the inside and outside of Costin Hall for the holiday season. It is very much appreciated and looks wonderful!

- Saturday, December 10th the Rotary Club of Lantzville is hosting their annual Breakfast with Santa. Doors open at 9:00 am. Look for the social media posts from the Rotary Club of Lantzville for more information.

Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) – Register for winter programs today at www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation.

- Winter Wonderland on Ice is back December 13th-27th. Enjoy a skate in a winter wonderland of trees, lights and displays. View swim and skate schedule at www.rdn.bc.ca/swim-and-skate-schedule.
- New Year’s Eve Free Family Celebration is December 31st from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Free tickets are available on December 9th at Oceanside Place Arena.
- Register for winter programs today at www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation.
- Give the gift of recreation. Gift certificates make great gifts all year round. Purchase at either Ravensong Aquatic Centre or Oceanside Place Arena.



City of Nanaimo – Winter program registration is underway for programs from January to March, 2023. View the Winter Activity Guide available online: <https://www.nanaimo.ca/parks-recreation-culture/recreation-facilities-schedules/activity-guide>

- New schedules for pools, arenas, gymnasiums and pottery begin starting January 3rd. Be sure to check the online schedules before you come to a drop-in session, as they are subject to change. <https://www.nanaimo.ca/parks-recreation-culture/register-for-a-program>. Go to “Drop in” on the menu and then choose the Activity (skating, swimming, etc.)
- Winter Wonderland is back this year from December 24th, 26th, & 30th at Frank Crane Arena. The arena will be transformed into a Snow Globe with FREE skating sessions available for the community. Session times will be posted online by December at <https://www.nanaimo.ca/parks-recreation-culture>.
- Skate with Santa on Wednesday, December 21st, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm at Frank Crane Arena or on Thursday, December 22nd, 6:15 pm-7:45 pm at Nanaimo Ice Centre.
- Come to our first ever Snowball Swim on Sunday, December 18th, 9:00 am-12:00 pm at Beban Park Pool for lots of winter-themed fun.
- New Year’s Eve Skates at Frank Crane Arena: 10:45 am-11:45 am (Stick ‘n’ Puck), 12:00 pm-2:00 pm (Everyone Welcome) 6:00 pm-8:00 pm (Everyone Welcome)
- New Year’s Day Skates at Frank Crane Arena: 12:15 pm-1:45 pm (Everyone Welcome), 2:00 pm-3:30 pm (Everyone Welcome), 3:45 pm-5:00 pm (Everyone Welcome)
- Finale Swim held Saturday, December 31st, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at Nanaimo Aquatic Centre
- Activate 2023 is our first ever New Year’s Day event. It will be held from 12:00 pm-5:00 pm at Beban Park and will have activities for the whole family, including swimming, skating, games, crafts, sports, bouncy castles, a StoryWalk on the ice and more. Get tickets at Beban Park at the door on the day of the event or in advance at Beban Park. They are 5 for \$35 or a single ticket for \$10.

Curbside Collection Schedule Reminder & Severe Winter Weather Procedures

Watch for the 2023 Collection Schedule, published soon by the Regional District of Nanaimo, in your mailbox and at lantzville.ca. A friendly reminder that curbside days bump ahead for each statutory holiday and carts should be placed out at the curb by 8:00 am. Your collection days in December are on Mondays, except after the statutory holiday when it moves to Tuesday, December 27th.

During severe winter weather every effort is made to collect the curbside materials. If a regular collection day is missed due to weather or road conditions, the following procedure will apply:

- Take your material in for the night, this will help to deter pests.
- Have your material back at the curb by 8:00 am. Collection staff will attempt to pick up the missed material in the two days following the missed collection.
- If road conditions continue to prevent collection on the subsequent two (2) days, including weekends, the missed material will be collected on the next corresponding collection day.

For more information, visit the RDN Curbside Collection page at: www.rdn.bc.ca/curbside-collection.



Bylaw Reminders

Open Burning - Until April 15, 2023, 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.ca 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 - 8:00 pm. At any time, a representative of Lantzville Fire Rescue may demand that a fire be extinguished. Every person who ignites, or permits to be ignited, any fire, is responsible for that fire and is liable for all expenses incurred by the District to respond to that fire. 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.

Fireworks Restricted - The District of Lantzville prohibits setting off fireworks, except on Halloween. No person under the age of 18 is permitted to possess fireworks. The sale of fireworks and use of firecrackers are prohibited in Lantzville. Fines start at \$150. For more information, view [Fireworks Regulation Bylaw No. 39, 2005](#) at lantzville.ca.

Stage 1 Watering Restrictions Remains In Effect

Under Stage 1 watering sprinkling is permitted on any day between the hours of 7:00 pm - 7:00 am. Visit lantzville.ca for Stage 1 watering restriction details. Vegetable gardens and fruit trees are exempt from all watering restrictions. Conservation by those with private wells is also encouraged because water is a shared resource.

Community Water System Maintenance

The District’s fire hydrants annual maintenance will continue during December. 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.

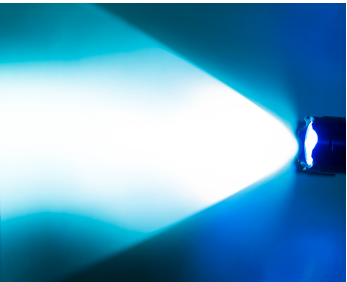
Construction Traffic Safety

Construction continues at a couple of locations requiring drivers and pedestrians to be alert and follow traffic control instructions:

- 6953 Dickinson Road, Monday to Friday, 7:00 am - 5:00 pm through December 2022
- Lantzville Road at Sabrina through December 2022

Traffic Safety - Be bright @ night!

Shining the spotlight on safe travel after dark. Please dress and drive to suit the conditions. Be visible. Carry a flashlight. Did you know? Officials say distracted driving, failure to yield the right of way and weather conditions are the top contributing factors for drivers in crashes involving pedestrians.



Are you prepared for winter weather?

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

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.

Help keep your community safe this winter!

Keep catch basins and storm drains around your property clear of leaves and debris. Clear the snow and ice adjacent to your property – Please remember that every owner or occupier of land adjacent to a boulevard or highway must remove, or cause to be removed, snow, ice or rubbish from every sidewalk that borders on their land within 24 hours of it being deposited.

Report Street Lights Requiring Repair

These dark winter nights, if you notice a street light on a wooden pole that is not working properly, please submit a repair request to the District of Lantzville and we will contact BC Hydro on your behalf. BC Hydro will strive to complete your repair request within 10 business days. When submitting the street light repair request (email district@lantzville.ca), please provide as much detail as possible including:

- Address, location or nearby cross street where the street light is located
- Pole serial number, if known, and nature of the problem (for example, street light out, cycling on and off, dim).