

Salish Sea Gull Project 2023 Fieldwork Outreach

If you are visiting our parks and beaches this winter, you may see researchers from Environment and Climate Change Canada studying gulls (often commonly referred to as “seagulls”) between January and March. These scientists are measuring the habitats, diets, and contaminant levels of gulls across the Salish Sea in support of assessments of the health of this important ecosystem. Glaucous-winged Gulls and California Gulls will be temporarily captured to band, sample, and attach GPS tracking devices. Each gull will receive a unique colour band combination as a method to measure age-specific survival and track movements through time. You can support this work by reporting sightings of colour-banded gulls using this form: bit.ly/3vIthW3. The project is a collaboration between Environment and Climate Change Canada, Simon Fraser University, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and the University of Lethbridge. All work will be conducted under the appropriate federal permits and federal health guidelines, to protect humans and animals alike. If you would like more information, please send an email to Nik.Clyde@ec.gc.ca.



Electric Vehicle Charging Station at Municipal Hall Available for Public Use



Thanks to funding through a grant to the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) from the Provincial CleanBC Communities Fund to install 10 new public electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in the RDN, the District of Lantzville has a new Level 2 EV charging station in the Municipal Hall parking lot available for public use! The District gratefully acknowledges the financial support for this project from the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation through the CleanBC Go Electric Public Charger Program.

The new ChargePoint EV charging station at Municipal Hall (LANTZVILLE MUN HALL 1) is part of a larger investment in EV chargers across mid-Vancouver Island to help fill existing gaps in the area’s charging network and to expand zero emission transportation options for residents, businesses and visitors. Electric vehicles greatly reduce vehicle-related greenhouse gases.

New to ChargePoint? To get started, sign up in the ChargePoint App. Call 1.888.758.4389 or go to chargepoint.com from your mobile device to get the latest info while on the go. Currently, there is no fee to use the EV charging station at Municipal Hall, 7192 Lantzville Road (access parking lot off Dickinson Road).

Lantzville Fire Rescue Has a New Rescue Mini-Pumper

Rescue 3 is now in service and responding to calls in Lantzville!

Rescue 3 is a 2022 F550 4x4 mini rescue pumper. This truck has a 1,250 gpm fire pump and a 239-gallon water tank. Rescue 3 will be used as a first responder vehicle for medical calls and will respond to motor vehicle incidents. This truck was designed to be more maneuverable than our larger fire engines so that it could get into some of the limited access driveways we have in the District. It also will be a great asset in the winter to reach emergencies that may occur where a 4X4 vehicle is required. This unit will be going around the community identifying limited access driveways to be entered into our dispatch system, so we can ensure the appropriate response.



Volunteer Vacancy

The District of Lantzville is seeking a volunteer to serve, without remuneration, to fill a vacancy on the Board of Variance for a three-year term. Visit lantzville.ca or Municipal Hall to view the notice, the regulations that outline the structure, duties and responsibilities of the Board (Bylaw No. 10 & Local Government Act excerpt), and Council Committee System Policy No. 3000-12 (including volunteer application form). To be considered for appointment by Council to the Board of Variance, please submit a Committee Volunteer Application form, no later than 4:00 pm, Friday, February 10, 2023 to: Director of Corporate Administration, District of Lantzville, 7192 Lantzville Road, PO Box 100, Lantzville, BC V0R 2H0 or tcoates@lantzville.ca.

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Do you Want to Meet With the Mayor?

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

COMMUNITY UPDATE

February 2023



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, February 20, 2023, for Family Day, reopening on Tuesday, February 21, 2023

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

Upcoming Meetings

- Wednesday, February 1st**

Monday, February 6th

Wednesday, February 8th

Monday, February 13th

Wednesday, February 22nd
- 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole (COTW), if required

– 6:00 pm Special Council (Financial Plan)

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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.

Tree Protection Bylaw No. 332 Under Development

The *Community Charter* provides that a local government is allowed to prohibit and/or regulate the cutting of trees by bylaw. On Wednesday, January 11, 2023, Council gave “District of Lantzville Tree Protection Bylaw No. 332, 2022” first reading and referred the motion for second reading to a special Council meeting. Bylaw No. 331 was adopted last November to prohibit the cutting of trees with a trunk greater than 20 centimetres, on parcels of land greater than one (1) acre in size, while the District developed a more comprehensive bylaw to present to the community. Bylaw No. 332 is intended to repeal and replace “District of Lantzville Tree Protection Bylaw No. 331, 2022” that was adopted November 5, 2022. Council plans to propose edits for Bylaw No. 332 at the 6:00 pm January 30th special Council meeting before scheduling public input that would be in addition to the public input provided at each Council meeting.

Five Year Financial Plan 2023 - 2027

Council’s review of the 2023 - 2027 Financial Plan continues at special Council meetings February 6th and 13th, working towards bylaw adoption. The public is invited to provide feedback either in writing or by providing public input in person or remotely during the Council meetings. Members of the public who wish to provide input regarding agenda items can submit written comments by email to district@lantzville.ca, mail or drop off at Municipal Hall, and MUST be received before 12:00 noon on the Council meeting date, providing your name, address, agenda item number/name, and comment. Council does not accept anonymous submissions (this includes e-mails with an e-mail address only). All written submissions, including names and addresses, will become part of the public record, be shared with Council, and posted at lantzville.ca.



Recreation Opportunities

Lantzville Community Facilities – For what’s happening at Costin Hall for the month of February, visit costinhall.com.

- Costin Hall Movie Night, Friday, February 10th, doors open: 5:45 pm, “The Bad Guys” movie starts: 6:00 pm. Come in your pjs and bring something cozy to sit on! Entrance by donation. Pre-packaged snacks available for purchase. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



City of Nanaimo – Family Day info: Check this schedule for times and registration, if required:

<https://www.nanaimo.ca/parks-recreation-culture/parks-events/family-day-activities-2022>.

- Family Day FREE events at Oliver Woods Community Centre:
 - Fam Jam 2023 – February 20th consisting of an open gym time, an obstacle course, games, face painting and Story Time (free but please register for the Story Time starting on February 18th)
 - A StoryWalk will be up in Oliver Woods Park from February 18th - 26th where families can read “A Handful of Buttons” by Carmen Parets Luque
 - Drop-in Sports of Pickleball, Badminton, Basketball and Volleyball
 - A Scavenger Hunt where families search for 1 of 6 tickets within the park to win great family prizes.
- Family Day Public Drop-in (with paid admission):
 - Everyone Welcome Swim, 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm at Nanaimo Aquatic Centre
 - Stick ‘n’ Puck, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at Frank Crane Arena
 - Everyone Welcome Skate, 1:15 pm - 3:15 pm at Frank Crane Arena.
- 2023 Spring and Summer Activity Guide:
 - Will be available for online viewing on Friday, February 24th with registration beginning on Wednesday, March 1st. It will be full of activities for all ages and abilities, as well as have information on Summer Camps and Programs. Find the online guide at Activity Guide (nanaimo.ca).
- Public Swimming, Skating, Drop-in Gymnasium Sports:
 - To see the latest schedules, check out online schedules at recreation.nanaimo.ca and then choose “Register for a Program” and then “Drop in”.
- Lion’s Sponsored Free Skates:
 - Held every Sunday until March 26th, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm at Frank Crane Arena.
- Harbour City Seniors Membership:
 - Is open to those 60 years and older and is valid for the calendar year. Membership is only \$46 per year and includes access to free programs in arts, crafts, language, cards, games, music, dance classes, socials, fitness, yoga, tai chi and sports. For more information, see the Harbour City Seniors Winter Newsletter: https://www.nanaimo.ca/docs/recreation-parks/recreation-facilities-and-schedules/seniorsnewsletter_winter.pdf.

Regional District of Nanaimo – Registration for spring programs including swim lessons and spring break camps will open

on Tuesday, February 14th at 8:00 am at rdn.bc.ca/recreation

- Free BC Family Day Swim and Skate are on Monday, February 20th Ravensong Aquatic Centre 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and Oceanside Place Arena 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Session maximums will be in place.

Emergency Planning

Stormy season is here! Wind and snow can knock down branches and powerlines. Downed powerlines may still be electrified and can be very dangerous. If you see a downed powerline, you should:

- 1.Stay back at least 10 metres (that’s about 35 feet, or the length of a transit bus) from the power line, and any object that the line touches;
- 2.Call 9-1-1 to report the downed powerline; and
- 3.Keep others at least 10 metres away from the downed line.

Here’s a few tips to help you and your family prepare for power outages:

- Have a battery-operated radio so you can listen in to local radio stations for warnings and instructions
- Stow flashlights with extra batteries somewhere easy to grab
- If you have a wood or gas fireplace, regularly inspect your chimney or flue to ensure smoke and other potentially harmful gases are properly ventilated
- Never use barbecues or camp stoves indoors. These can give off harmful gases that can hurt you if not properly ventilated
- Register for Voyent Alert, to keep up to date with emergency alerts and information, by visiting www.rdn.bc.ca/emergency-alerts.

Don’t forget, you can always check out www.bchydro.com/safety-outages.html for more information on power outages and electrical safety!



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. Check out the Ventilation Index Forecast widget at lantzville.ca BEFORE you burn! The forecast is issued every morning by the Province. 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.

No Water Restrictions in effect until further notice.

2023 Business Licence Required

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

Discourage Playing in the Ditches!

Although ditches can appear harmless, it’s important to teach your children that ditches are not a safe place to play. The purpose of ditches is to move runoff from roadways and private property. At times of heavy rainfall, the water in ditches can move very quickly! Whether dry or filled with water, many ditches have garbage or debris that could pose a hazard. And when filled with water, the banks of ditches are very slippery – if someone falls in, they can’t easily get out! Encourage your children to find a safe place to play.

Fire Rescue Safety Message

This month’s Fire Rescue message: 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!

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 May 2023
- Lantzville Road between Huddlestone and Peterson through May 2023
- Lantzville Road at Sabrina through February 2023.

More Thanks for Community Holiday Spirit!

In the January 2023 edition of the Community Update, we recognized the community’s generous donations for the Lantzville Food Drive, particularly the Lantzville Fire Fighters Association and Lantzville Rotary who teamed up to collect and sort the donations and deliver the food hampers. This is a special thank-you to Knox Contracting Ltd. who donated the space to store and sort the food hampers. It takes a village! Remember, if you have surplus lights or outdoor tree decorations, contact Municipal Hall to arrange to drop off your donation to help light up Huddlestone Park during the holiday season next year.

Food Waste, Garbage & Recycling Schedule

Watch for the 2023 Collection Schedule posted at lantzville.ca and published by the RDN and mailed to households. A friendly reminder that curbside collection days bump ahead after each statutory holiday and carts should be placed out at the curb by 8:00 am on collection days. Curbside collection continues on Wednesday through February until after Family Day (February 20th) when it resumes on Thursday, February 23, 2023, with Recycling and Food Waste collection.