

## Council's Corner



### April 20, 2023: Community Workshop with Green Shores

This workshop includes the Green Shores Level 1 course. Participants receive an overview of shoreline ecology and governance. The course reviews methods for waterfront properties to mitigate the effect, on their properties, from rising sea levels, high tides and floods. (Note: Effects are based on a projected 1 m rise in sea level).

This is an all-day workshop with an interactive classroom session in the morning held at the Lantzville Legion. The afternoon takes participants to Lantzville's foreshore for an opportunity to apply learnings through on-site analysis and discussion on how to implement key concepts on properties affected by sea level rise.

**Registration:** Registration is through the University of Victoria Continuing Studies website. The course has a limit of 20 participants. Registration can be done by phone, call 250.472.4747, or online at:

<https://continuingstudies.uvic.ca/science-and-the-environment/courses/green-shorestm-training-program-level-1-workshop/>

**Program:** Green Shores Level 1 course. Instructor Kelly Loch, Green Shores Project Coordinator

**Date:** Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Location:** The Lantzville Legion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hall, 7227 Lantzville Road

**Participants:** Limited to 20

**Cost:** No charge

**Lunch:** Bring your Own

### Resources

- Green Shores home page: <https://stewardshipcentrebc.ca/green-shores-home/>
- RDN Flood Management Program: <https://www.rdn.bc.ca/flood-management-program>
- RDN Coastal Flood Hazard Map Atlas: Maps 10 and 11 showing projected Flood Construction Levels assuming a 1 metre sea level rise: [https://www.rdn.bc.ca/sites/default/files/inline-files/RDN\\_Regulatory\\_Coastal\\_Floodplain\\_Map\\_25Oct2022\\_0.pdf](https://www.rdn.bc.ca/sites/default/files/inline-files/RDN_Regulatory_Coastal_Floodplain_Map_25Oct2022_0.pdf)

*Thanks to the District of Lantzville for support of this Green Shores course through cost sharing of the space rental at the Lantzville Legion. This course is available free of charge with funding from Environment and Climate Change Canada's Climate Action and Awareness Fund through project "Resilient Coast for Salmon" – a collaboration between the Pacific Salmon Foundation and the Stewardship Centre for British Columbia.*

## Regional District of Nanaimo Coastal Flood Hazards

Coastal flooding and erosion is a natural geological process, which can become a coastal hazard when shoreline change threatens coastal properties and infrastructure. The major causes of coastal hazards are storm surge, erosion and sea level rise. As coastal communities, the RDN and member municipalities recognize the importance of coastal flood hazards and the potential risk they pose to property, people, the local economy and the natural environment. To help local governments and citizens prepare for and respond to our changing environment the RDN has developed several resources, including coastal flood hazard mapping and overview report. This information and more can be found on the RDN webpage here: [www.rdn.bc.ca/flood-management-program](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/flood-management-program) and/or by contacting the RDN Planning Department at [askplanning@rdn.bc.ca](mailto:askplanning@rdn.bc.ca)

## Cut the Broom when it is Blooming!

The District of Lantzville has partnered with the Broombusters Invasive Plant Society again this year to assist in controlling the alien invasive plant Scotch broom in our community. Help protect our environment from this invasive, alien plant and enjoy some time with fellow residents. The first cut of the season is scheduled for: Galloway Marsh, Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am - 11:30 am. More cuts will be added as the blooming season progresses. Watch for signs in your neighbourhood. Contact Sharon at [sahokas@shaw.ca](mailto:sahokas@shaw.ca) for further details, to borrow loppers, or add your name to the email list. For more info, check out the Broombusters' website (including a 'How to Cut Broom' video) at [www.broombusters.org](http://www.broombusters.org).

Cuts are held rain or shine – loppers are provided!



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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

## April 2023



### Municipal Hall Hours

Monday to Friday (Closed April 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, reopening on Tuesday, April 11, 2023) 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

After-hours Public Works emergency call 1.888.826.8271

All other emergencies dial 911



## Upcoming Meetings

**Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** – 6:00 pm Regular Council

**Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** – 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole

**Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 pm-8:30 pm Tree Survey Info @ Legion

**Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** – 6:00 pm Regular Council

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 Chamber. 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](http://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](http://lantzville.ca).

*For meeting information, including meeting livestreaming and electronic participation, visit [lantzville.ca](http://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 is Seeking Your Input about Tree Protection & Management!

The District of Lantzville is conducting a survey to inform the development of a new Tree Protection and Management Bylaw. The survey will provide an opportunity for the community to share wants, needs, and concerns regarding tree cutting on developed and/or undeveloped properties. A copy of the survey will be mailed to properties in early April. Additional paper copies will be available at Municipal Hall, OR complete the online version at [lantzville.ca/treebylaw](http://lantzville.ca/treebylaw). Questions about the survey? Contact the Planning Department at [planning@lantzville.ca](mailto:planning@lantzville.ca), call 250.933.8093, or attend the information session at the Royal Canadian Legion Seaview Centennial Br. 257 Hall at 7225 Lantzville Road from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm on Thursday, April 13, 2023. Please return your completed survey before 4:00 pm on Friday, April 21, 2023 by:

**Email:** [planning@lantzville.ca](mailto:planning@lantzville.ca) **Fax:** 250.390.5188

**In Person:** Place in the drop box by the entrance to Municipal Hall (7192 Lantzville Road, Lantzville)

**Mail:** District of Lantzville, 7192 Lantzville Road, PO Box 100, Lantzville, BC V0R 2H0

**Online:** [lantzville.ca/treebylaw](http://lantzville.ca/treebylaw)

## May 1, 2023 Updates to the BC Building Code: BC Energy Step Code Requirements

The Province is amending the BC Building Code effective May 1, 2023, to require most new construction to be 20% more energy efficient than the base 2018 BC Building Code:

- Part 9 buildings (including buildings smaller than 600 m<sup>2</sup> and less than 3 storeys) must be constructed to meet Step 3 of the BC Energy Step Code.
- Part 3 buildings (including buildings larger than 3 storeys or 600 m<sup>2</sup> in area) must be constructed to meet Step 2 of the BC Energy Step Code.

These changes will apply to building permits applied for on or after May 1, 2023. Additional information about the BC Energy Step Code can be found at <https://energystepcode.ca>. If you have any questions, please contact the District of Lantzville Planning Department at [planning@lantzville.ca](mailto:planning@lantzville.ca) or by phone at 250.933.8093.



# 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.

## Lantzville Community Facilities

For what’s happening at Costin Hall for the month of April, visit [costinhall.com](https://www.costinhall.com).

- April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Earth Day concert with Bobs and Lolo! Two shows, one at 11:00 am and the other at 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$12 and you can find the link to purchase on the Costin Hall Lantzville Facebook page.
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, Spring FREE Clothing Swap and Shop. Come by on April 22<sup>nd</sup> between 4:00 pm-6:00 pm to drop off your clean and gently used clothes. Then on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 am-12:00 pm to do some FREE shopping. You don’t need to donate to shop!

**City of Nanaimo** – We are celebrating Water to Earth Month with a variety of partners, including the Regional District of Nanaimo.

Participate in a variety of activities starting March 22<sup>nd</sup> with a final event held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> as the world celebrates Earth Day.

<https://www.nanaimo.ca/parks-recreation-culture/parks-events/watertoeearthmonth>

- Good Friday Everyone Welcome Skate will be held on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm-3:00 pm at Frank Crane Arena.
- Good Friday Everyone Welcome Swim will be held on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm-4:00 pm at Nanaimo Aquatic Centre.
- Easter Monday Everyone Welcome Swim will be held on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm-4:00 pm at Nanaimo Aquatic Centre.
- Youth Spare Blox Drop-in has expanded to include more ages and held at various locations every weeknight.
- Glow in the Dark Skate held Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm-4:30 pm at Cliff McNabb Arena.
- April is Poetry Month. Look for poetry initiatives throughout the month and throughout the community.
- The Harbour City Seniors is open to members 60 years and older. Annual membership (\$46) can be purchased at recreation centres, is valid for the calendar year, provides access to several free programs (arts, crafts, cards, games, music, dance, special interest, fitness, yoga and tai chi) with Parks, Recreation and Culture. To see the latest newsletter full of all the program details, please visit <https://www.nanaimo.ca/docs/about-nanaimo/seniorsnewsletter.pdf>.

**Regional District of Nanaimo** – Registration for spring programs is open and registration is ongoing. Register today at [www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation](http://www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation). Registration for summer programs, camps and lessons will open on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

- Be sure to enter your Spring Play Passport for a chance to win a private swim rental at Ravensong Aquatic Centre. Visit REC Connect at [www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect).
- Youth Week May 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, local organizations are hosting events in celebration of our young people. Visit REC Connect at [www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect](http://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect).
- Golden Shoe Hunt, the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Golden Shoe Hunt is back and starts April 14<sup>th</sup>. Clues and instructions will be posted weekly to [getinvolved.rdn.ca/golden-shoe](http://getinvolved.rdn.ca/golden-shoe), RDN Facebook, RDN Twitter and RDN Instagram.



**Ready, Set, Learn** – Funding is provided by the Ministry of Education. Pizza and play for Preschoolers.

Registration not required. It’s Free. Come drop-in at Huddlestone Park, 7080 Huddlestone Road, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm, May 2, 2023. This is a family-orientated drop in play time where you and your children age 3-5 years old will take part in a variety of play-based activities including a Story Walk and enjoy some pizza too.

## If an Emergency Happened Today, Would YOU be Ready?

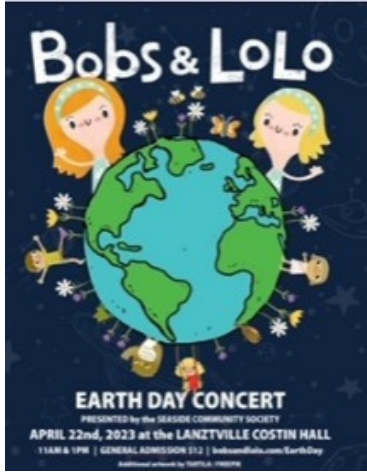
Learn more at: [rdn.bc.ca/emergency-preparedness](http://rdn.bc.ca/emergency-preparedness)

### Be Grab and Go Ready

- Store items in an easy to carry bag (e.g., backpack or duffle bag). Consider creating a few small bags for a large family as opposed to one heavy one.
- Store your kit in an easy to access place (e.g., near an entrance, in a safe outbuilding or in your vehicle).
- Ensure everyone in your family knows where the kit is.

### Some Items to Include:

- Bottled water
- Non-perishable food
- Radio
- Whistle
- Emergency blanket
- Flashlight
- Small first-aid kit
- Personal medications and toiletries
- Garbage bags, moist towelettes and plastic ties
- Phone charger and battery bank
- Blanket, seasonal clothing and footwear
- Cash in small bills
- Pet food, leashes and carriers
- Copies of your emergency plan and important documents



# 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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> - Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Effective April 16<sup>th</sup> Burning Ban in Effect Until October 14<sup>th</sup>** – 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:

- must be contained in a device or fixture
- campfire must be away from combustible materials and campfire must not exceed 0.61 m in size
- only propane, natural gas, charcoal or clean organic wood can be used; no branches, yard waste or construction materials
- responsible person must be in attendance at the campfire at all times, with a hand tool or at least eight litres of water available to properly extinguish the fire
- ensure campfire is completely extinguished and ashes are cold to the touch before leaving the area
- be considerate of neighbours when planning a campfire.

For more information, visit [lantzville.ca](http://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](mailto:nrukus@lantzville.ca).

### Stage 1 Watering Restrictions – Effective April 1<sup>st</sup>

Under Stage 1 watering restrictions, sprinkling is permitted on any day between the hours of 7:00 pm - 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](mailto: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.

## Annual Watermain Flushing

Routine fire hydrant maintenance and waterline flushing continues until April 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 are limited to evenings or the weekends during this period.



## Curbside Collection Schedule Reminder

Your curbside collection continues on Thursdays in April until after the Good Friday statutory holiday when it moves to Fridays starting April 14<sup>th</sup>. Sign up for collection reminders and service alerts at [rdn.bc.ca/curbside-collection](http://rdn.bc.ca/curbside-collection).

## Construction Traffic Safety

Construction continues at 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
- Commercial Core Revitalization Phase II Lantzville Road (Dickinson to Tweedhope) construction is scheduled for April - June. Properties affected will be notified by the contractor (Windley Contracting) and given contact and construction schedule information. Please obey all traffic control; there will be temporary traffic disruptions, detours, and periodic parking restrictions.

## Salish Sea Gull Project & Call for Gull Sightings Report

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) is conducting a 5-year project on the health and movement of Gulls in the Salish Sea. ECCC recently completed another successful year of research! In the coming months, ECCC will share a field report describing this year’s research. ECCC highlighted that they continued to colour-band adult and juvenile Glaucous-winged Gulls throughout the Salish Sea, and any sightings can be reported in this online form: <https://forms.office.com/r/i9PG9zHCfs> (feel free to share).

