

COMMUNITY UPDATE

July 2023



Municipal Hall Hours

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, July 26th – 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 Chambers. 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. 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, 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 of the meeting may vary if a closed portion is required at the beginning of the Council meeting. Please refer to the Council meeting agenda, published the week before the meeting, to confirm the open portion start time.

Council's
Corner



Lantzville and the Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL)

Did you know that Lantzville is a member jurisdiction of the Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) system? As one of 38 member jurisdictions, Lantzville taxpayers contribute to a pooled budgeting system, as mandated by the Library Act.

With this model, VIRL is able to leverage economies of scale, discounted prices on library materials, and a robust eLibrary with the very latest in ebooks, audiobooks, streaming and

downloadable music, movies and TV and online learning opportunities. VIRL uses a floating collection (there are more than 5-million items circulated!), which means that no matter where someone lives, they can request any title in the collection and have it delivered to one of the 39 VIRL branches.

Lantzville is primarily served by the Nanaimo North Branch at 6250 Hammond Bay Road. As part of the ongoing strategic planning of VIRL, there may be more opportunities to bring “non-bricks-and-mortar” library services to Lantzville, such as with a mobile library or travelling outreach services.

There is also a book-by-mail service and an extensive digital collection. A number of different eBook readers are compatible with the VIRL collection. This includes a mobile app called “Libby” which can be found in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store, and enable borrowing of digital collection materials via VIRL (please see <https://virl.overdrive.com>).

Lantzville also has representation at the Board level of VIRL. The current Trustee on the Library Board is Councillor Lerner (who also serves on the Board Executive). The Board policies establish the operational framework for public services and internal administration for the library system, and VIRL has embarked on an ambitious and exciting journey to develop a new strategic plan for 2023-2027, which will officially launch this October. Other projects include the 2024 budget (upcoming in Spring/Summer), a new Facilities Master Plan (adopted June 3rd), and the building of a state-of-the-art new library for Masset (underway).

Please consider reviewing these items at www.virl.bc.ca under “News” and submitting your feedback to info@virl.bc.com.



FREE
ADMISSION
for all!

Come celebrate
our
community!

LANTZVILLE MINETOWN DAY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH 2023



LEGION BREAKFAST: 9:00AM-10:30AM @ LEGION

KIDS BIKE PARADE*: 10:30AM-11:00AM

OPENING REMARKS: 11:00AM TO 11:30AM

MUSIC, GAMES & FOODTRUCKS: 1130-3

HUDDLESTONE PARK

*Bike Parade Participants to marshal Jacks Rd @ Cailliet Rd at 10:00am

Please leave your pets at home and to use parking lot on Lantzville School Road.

NO PARKING on Huddlestone Road or at Huddlestone Park.

Need more info or want to volunteer for the event?

Email lantzvilleMTD@gmail.com

Presented by the Seaside Community Society

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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.

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 July, visit costinhall.com or send enquiries to costinhallrental@shaw.ca.



Seaside Community Society is excited to present the 2023 Lantzville Minetown Day on Saturday, August 12, 2023! A fun day for the families of Lantzville to enjoy food, games, and the annual kids bike parade. The Seaside Community Society’s Lantzville Minetown Day Committee are looking for volunteers to help with set up and take down for the day. They also need a hay ride driver and dunk tank volunteers. For more information or to become an event sponsor or volunteer, please email LantzvilleMTD@gmail.com.

City of Nanaimo (CoN) – June offerings:

- The Concerts in the Park Series is back this summer. For July, there are 6 concerts scheduled, for more information visit: <https://www.nanaimo.ca/parks-recreation-culture/parks-events/concertsinthepark>
- Canada Day celebrations are back again. They take place on Saturday, July 1, 11:00 am-3:30 pm at Maffeo Sutton Park. The event includes live music featuring Doctors of Rock n Roll, Cameron Whitcomb from American Idol and Cross Parallel. There will also be a photo booth, games, face painting and community interactive booths and a community dance stage. There will be free transit to the event thanks to the Regional District of Nanaimo. Visit: <https://www.nanaimo.ca/parks-recreation-culture/parks-events/canada-day-2023-celebrations>
- Lifeguard will be at Westwood Lake Park (first beach) on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holiday Mondays starting July 1st from 11:30 am-5:30 pm.
- The water parks are open daily from 9:00 am-8:00 pm. Locations are Departure Bay Kiwanis Water Park, Deverill Square Water Park, Harewood Centennial Water Park and Mansfield Park.
- The FREE Playground Program is held from July 4th to August 30th. It is designed for kids ages 5 to 12 where a summer leader will help kids with games, arts, crafts and more. This takes place Monday to Friday, 10:00 am-3:30 pm at various parks in the week. For park locations, visit: <https://www.nanaimo.ca/parks-recreation-culture/parks-events/freesummerprograms>
- The second of three Family Fun Nights takes place on Wednesday, July 26th, 4:00 pm-7:00 pm at Mansfield Park. There will be lots of free activities to participate in.
- Come and visit Parks, Recreation and Culture staff at the Downtown Night Market each Thursday along Commercial Street from 5:00 pm-9:00 pm.

Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN)

- RDN Drop-in Fitness passes are back! A great way to try out our classes for only \$12/class. Get your pass at either Ravensong Aquatic Centre or Oceanside Place Arena and spring to it. www.bit.ly/rdnfitness
- RDN Camps: Build friendships, skills and memories that last a lifetime. Register today at www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation.



Emergency Services Message: FireSmart your home and property!

Being FireSmart is all about living with and managing wildfire risk in your area and on your property. FireSmart principles are effective at reducing risk to life and property in the most extreme wildfire conditions across Canada, including here in the Regional District of Nanaimo. Taking FireSmart Actions on your property will influence how a fire approaches your home. Basic yard maintenance, like mowing and watering your lawn and pruning your trees, reduces wildfire fuel sources around your property. Visit getinvolved.rdn.ca/rdn-firesmart to learn how to increase your wildfire resiliency.



REMINDER: Property Taxes Due July 4th

Property tax payments and your completed Home Owner Grant (claimed through the Province of BC, if applicable) are due no later than Tuesday, July 4, 2023 to avoid penalty. Property tax payments can be made through online banking, mail, put in the drop box at Municipal Hall (to the right of the front door), or paid in person at Municipal Hall Monday to Friday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm, excluding holidays. Please do not put cash in the mail or drop box. A 2% penalty will be applied on outstanding amounts on July 5th and a further 8% penalty will be applied on any outstanding balance at the end of day on September 30th. The municipality has no authority to waive or modify these penalty amounts, which are required by law. Postmarks are not accepted as proof of payment. If you qualify for a Home Owner Grant, you can claim your Home Owner Grant online by visiting www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or by phoning 1.888.355.2700 to speak with an agent.

Bylaw Reminders

Total Fire Ban Effective Noon, June 8, 2023

(Prohibition is in effect until October 28, 2023, or until public is otherwise notified)

Outdoor burning (including campfires) is NOT permitted on private or public property in the District of Lantzville. This means Category 1, 2 & 3 open fires and campfires are NOT permitted. (No use of burn barrels, open flame of woody material, backyard burning, incinerators, burn piles, burning grass, fireworks, binary exploding targets, use of tiki torches, sky lanterns (aka Chinese lanterns), etc.

Prohibition of campfires on private or public property, and outdoor fireplaces have been added to the outdoor burning ban issued in April. Only devices using fuel that does not create sparks/embers (propane, natural gas, camp fuel or briquettes) will be allowed. Please be aware that forest conditions are extremely dry. 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. NOTE; Cost recovery fees payable are in addition to any applicable violation fines. At any time, a representative of Lantzville Fire Rescue may demand that a fire be extinguished. 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 fire: Call 9.1.1.

To report a beach fire: 250.390.2811

To report a forest fire: 1.800.663.5555 OR *5555 on a cell

Call RAPP (1.877.952.7277) to report provincial environmental protection law offences, including burning waste, burning industrial or construction waste, burning prohibited materials and smoke related issues.



Stage 3 Watering Restrictions – Effective June 1st Until Further Notice

Under the watering restrictions in Stages 2 and 3, sprinkling is permitted between the hours of 7:00 am-10:00 am OR 7:00 pm-10:00 pm for a maximum of 2 hours every other day on the following days:

- Odd-numbered addresses on odd-numbered days
- Even-numbered addresses on even-number days

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. The following are permitted at any time in Stages 2 and 3: Hand-watering (trees, shrubs, vegetables), drip irrigation, and micro irrigation (check regularly for leaks); 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. In addition, under Stage 3, residents are encouraged to voluntarily reduce their water use on top of the restriction measures that have been in place since May 1st. Stage 3 is implemented as required prior to an enforced lawn watering ban that would come into effect under Stage 4.

Construction Traffic Safety

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

- 6953 Dickinson Road, Monday-Friday, 7:00 am-5:00 pm through July 2023
- Commercial Core Revitalization Phase II Lantzville Road (Dickinson to Tweedhope) construction continues through to August 15th. Properties affected will be notified by the contractor (Windley Contracting Ltd.) and given contact and construction schedule information. Please obey all traffic control; there will be temporary traffic disruptions, detours, and periodic parking restrictions. General questions? Call Jason Clark, Windley Contracting Ltd. Project Manager (250.758.3411). The Seaside Community Society authorizes public use of the parking lot at Costin Hall (subject to further exceptions if additional events booked) on Saturdays and Sundays in June–August 2023, except Saturdays July 29, August 12, August 26, and Sunday, August 27, 2023.
- Oar Road Beach Access – Regional District of Nanaimo’s North Slope Interceptor Erosion Protection Works Project starts July 4th for 6 weeks on the pipe that carries wastewater from Lantzville to the Wellington Pump Station. Pedestrian access maintained with safeguards in place, parking limited, observe all signage and traffic control for the safety of workers and the public. For more information, visit: <https://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/lsi-erosion-protection-works>.

A Broombuster Thank You

Over 5 weeks, Broombusters spent a total of 212 hours organizing and cutting broom in our community. Thank you Lantzville for supporting Broombusters by keeping your property and street frontage broom free. Your individual efforts make a huge difference towards Lantzville becoming a broom-free community.

Curbside Collection Schedule Reminder

Your curbside collection moves until (after the July 3rd Canada Day statutory holiday) to Tuesdays starting July 4th. Sign up for weekly collection reminders and service alerts at <https://rdn.bc.ca/curbside-collection>.