## Minetown Day

Thanks to the Seaside Community Society for coordination and delivery of the 2023 Minetown Day event! The Society extends their appreciation to the dedicated team of volunteers (both students and adults), sponsors and donors who made this family-fun event a success. Special thanks to:



#### **Sponsors:**

District of Lantzville Koers & Associates Engineering Ltd.
The Lantzville Pub VI Canvas & Upholstery

Donors & Supporters:

Breakthrough Academy Camas Restaurant 4 Cats Nanaimo

## Del Norte Kennel Neighbours Band

Lantzville Volunteer Fire Department
Katerina's West Coast Taverna

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Woodgrove Centre
Lantzville Legion 257

Lantzville Rotary Keller's Jewellers Central Drugs Lantzville Regional District of Nanaimo

If you're an individual or local company interested in volunteering or contributing to next year's event, please send an email to <a href="mailto:LantzvilleMTD@gmail.com">LantzvilleMTD@gmail.com</a>. We look forward to planning another great day for the community!

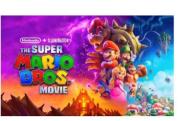


#### Costin Hall Movie Night Friday, September 8th

Keller's Drywall

Jack de Jong

Nanaimo Tidesmen



Doors open: 5:45pm Movie starts: 6:00pm

\*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

# Orange Day in The Bay National Holiday for Truth & Reconciliation

Join us, by donation, from 11:00 am-6:00 pm on Saturday, September 30th in Huddlestone Park (hosted by Peter Hudson). Donations go to tthuw mukw' mulstimuxw (Seetut) whose goal is to bring back cultural practices to our youth (canoe building, language classes, scholarships, art & music). Brought to you by MJPC family, Snaw-naw-as community members. For event info, search Facebook.

## Accessibility Survey Community invited to provide input into Accessibility Plan

In 2021, the Province of British Columbia passed the Accessible BC Act. This legislation requires municipalities to establish an accessibility committee, develop an accessibility plan, and create a process for receiving comments from the public on the plan and on barriers individuals face in the District of Lantzville or interacting with the organization. The first step in developing the plan is identifying how we can improve accessibility going forward. Please complete the online survey at <a href="mailto:lantzville.ca/accessibility">lantzville.ca/accessibility</a> by September 29th or pick up a paper copy at Municipal Hall. The survey was designed with accessibility in mind; however, because not all people access information the same way, if you need help completing this survey or require an alternative format, please email <a href="mailto:planning@lantzville.ca">planning@lantzville.ca</a> or phone 250.933.8093.

## Construction Traffic Safety

Commercial Core Revitalization Phase II Lantzville Road (Dickinson to Tweedhope) construction continues through to September 11th. 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). Public parking is available at Municipal Hall (access via Dickinson Road) after office hours and at all times in the municipal parking lot on Lantzville School Road.





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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**

September 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

Closed Monday, September 4th for Labour Day &

Monday, October 2nd for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

After-hours Public Works emergency call 1.888.826.8271

All other emergencies dial 911

## **Upcoming Meetings**

**Wednesday, September 6th** − 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole

**Wednesday, September 13th** – 5:00 pm Regular Council

Wednesday, September 27th - 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).

For meeting information, visit <u>lantzville.ca</u> 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.

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 <a href="lantzville.ca">lantzville.ca</a> 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 <a href="lantzville.ca">lantzville.ca</a>

## Property Taxes Were Due July 4th

Property tax payments and your completed Home Owner Grant application (must be claimed through the Province of BC, if eligible) were due no later than 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 was applied on July 5th and a further 8% penalty applies on any outstanding balance at the end of day on October 3rd. 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.

## Tax Sale on Monday, September 25, 2023

Property tax accounts with three years of unpaid taxes as of the last Monday in September must be sold at tax sale which, if required, will take place in the Council Chambers, Municipal Hall, 2nd Floor, 7192 Lantzville Road, Lantzville, BC on Monday, September 25th at 10:00 am. Properties scheduled to go to tax sale will be advertised in the newspaper during September. September 5th is the deadline for payment to avoid a property address and legal description being included in the tax sale advertisement.

## Volunteer Vacancies – Call for Applications from Residents

The District of Lantzville is seeking five more volunteers to serve, without remuneration, on the new Accessibility Advisory Committee – an advisory Committee with up to seven members that will support accessibility planning in Lantzville by identifying barriers and advising on how to remove and prevent barriers faced by individuals with disabilities who interact with the District. Member criteria: Half should be persons with disabilities, or individuals who support or are from organizations that support persons with disabilities; at least one Indigenous person; reflect the diversity of persons in BC; and are Lantzville residents with no conflict of interest. The Committee will review and make recommendations to support the development of a District Accessibility Plan that considers how the principles of inclusion, adaptability, diversity, collaboration, self-determination and universal design can be implemented in Lantzville. For more information and an application form, visit Municipal Hall or <a href="mainto:lantzville.ca/accessibility">lantzville.ca/accessibility</a>. This posting will remain open until all positions on the Committee have been filled.

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

- We're BACK! Please join us for our first movie night back from summer break! Costin Hall Movie Night, Friday, September 8th, doors open: 5:45 pm, The Super Mario Bros. Movie starts 6:00 pm. Come in your pjs and bring something cozy to sit on, entrance by donation, and there will be a small, cash only, concession of little treats for everyone with kid-friendly prices. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- FREE Clothing Swap will be taking place on Sunday, September 10th, 10:00 am-2:00 pm at Costin Hall. Please drop off your clean and gently used donations at Costin Hall on Saturday, September 9th, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm.

#### City of Nanaimo (CoN)

- Check out the Fall Activity Guide for programs available. Registration is ongoing. Fall 2023 Activity Guide (nanaimo.ca).
- Nanaimo Aquatic Centre is closed until Sunday, September 17th for the annual maintenance shutdown. Beban Pool will be open for extended hours during this time. See the modified schedule: bebaninterimschedule.pdf (nanaimo.ca).
- On Thursday, August 31st, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm, there is an End of Summer Splash special swim at Beban Pool with games and other activities for the whole family.
- There will be a variety of public skates from September 5th-10th as part of the "Welcome Back" Skates. See page 11 in the CoN Fall Activity Guide for details.

• Tuesday, September 5th will be our first fall "Glow in the Dark" skate held at Frank Crane Arena 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. Regular admission rates apply.

- On Sunday, September 10th, attend the Oliver Woods Community Centre Open House 10:00 am-2:00 pm for fitness samplers, drop-in sports, preschool crafts, seniors' program info, a demo at the Wellness Park, a StoryWalk and more.
- Sunday, September 17th will be the first of the season "Starlight Skate" 4:00 pm-6:00 pm at Nanaimo Ice Centre.
- · There will be some activities on Saturday, September 30th for National Truth and Reconciliation Day. Details will be posted on the City of Nanaimo website.
- There will be a Will & Estate Planning Seminar on Tuesday, September 12th, 5:00 pm-7:00 pm at Bowen Park Complex. Register in advance for this free seminar using Course ID# 106735.
- There will be an Online Safety Seminar for Seniors on Wednesday, September 20th, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm at Bowen Park Complex. Register in advance using Course ID# 106555 for this free seminar.

#### Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Recreation

- Fall registration is OPEN. Register today for fitness classes, swim and skate lessons, afterschool programs and more at www.rdn.bc.ca/recreation
- · Ravensong Aquatic Centre will re-open September 10th. RDN staff look forward to seeing all the swimmers back in the pool.
- Terry Fox Run is Sunday, September 17th. Volunteers are needed contact kvalade@rdn.bc.ca or call 250.248.3252. Register for the run today at <a href="https://run.terryfox.ca/28969">https://run.terryfox.ca/28969</a>
- The next deadline for Oceanside Services Recreation Grants is September 29th, www.rdn.bc.ca/rdn-recreation-grant
- Older adults are invited to take part in the free activities on offer during Active Aging Week, October 3rd-7th, go to www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect to view all of the events planned.

#### **Emergency Services Message:** Know the difference between evacuation orders and alerts!

- If you are under an Evacuation Alert, be ready to leave at a moment's notice.
- Have grab-and-go bags packed for all members of your household, including pets.
- Park your vehicle forward-facing in case you must evacuate quickly.
- If you receive an Evacuation Order, keep yourself and your community safe by following it. Choosing to remain in an area under an Evacuation Order puts yourself, your loved ones and first responders in danger.

To learn more, visit rdn.bc.ca/emergency-program.



**EVACUATION ALERT** 

Be ready to leave on short notice.

**EVACUATION ORDER** 

You are at risk. Leave the area immediately.

**EVACUATION RESCINDED** 

All is safe and you can return home.

## Bylaw Reminders

#### Total Fire Ban In Effect - 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, etc. 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.

#### FireSmart Begins At Home

Reduce the potential impacts of wildfire on your home. To learn more about the Home Ignition Zone, Immediate Zone, Intermediate Zone and Extended Zone, and how to keep your property safe, visit firesmartbc.ca for more information.

#### **Copley Ridge Recreation Trail - CLOSED**

Lantzville's Fire Chief ordered the Copley Ridge Recreation Trail closed for all public use due to the extreme fire hazard. This trail closure is in effect until the public is otherwise notified.

#### To report a fire: Call 9.1.1.

To report a beach fire or unauthorized use of Copley Ridge Recreation Trail: 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 4 Watering Restrictions – Effective July 4th Until Further Notice

On June 29th, the provincial government elevated eastern Vancouver Island to Provincial Drought Level 4, and to Level 5 July 13th due to a significant shortfall in seasonal precipitation since last fall and early above seasonal temperatures, and asked local water providers to implement increasingly stricter watering restrictions. Under the current Stage 4 watering restrictions, there is:

- No lawn sprinkling of any kind, including for newly seeded and sodded lawns
- No washing of vehicles, RVs, boats, exterior building surfaces, driveways, sidewalks, parking lots (exception for safety or prior to application of paint, preservative, stucco or sealant)
- No filling of fountains, pools or hot tubs
- Hand watering (trees, shrubs, vegetables) and drip irrigation & micro irrigation is permitted between 7:00 am-10:00 am OR 7:00 pm-10:00 pm on watering days
- Watering ornamental shrubs, flowers and trees is only permitted by hand or drip watering on watering days
- Watering vegetable gardens or fruit trees is permitted any time; early morning or evening is recommended

The District can only regulate use by those on the municipal water system, therefore, private wells are not subject to municipal watering restrictions. However, conservation is encouraged by all because water is a shared resource. For tips on water conservation, visit teamwatersmart.ca. NOTE: Micro and Drip Irrigation means "Delivers water to the root zone of the plants and uses less than 20 gallons per hour at less than 25 psi." and hand-watering means "Delivering water by hose with spring-loaded nozzle shut-off device or handheld container."

#### Traffic Safety

In anticipation of the new school year for public and independent schools, please exercise extra caution when driving in or near school zones and playgrounds and watch out for children. 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.

Concerns about speeding or traffic safety? Who do you call?

It is recommended that all concerns, and related instances of noncompliance with posted speed signs be reported to the Nanaimo RCMP non-emergency number 250.754.2345 providing the street and nearest cross street address, vehicle licence plate number and a description of the speeding vehicle, if available. Statistically, the individual reports from Lantzville residents to the RCMP are important as they will assist with the allocation of additional "Speed Watch" patrols in the areas that are experiencing high incidents of speeding, specifically the areas where children are required to walk. Please call the Nanaimo RCMP direct (250.754.2345) to report speeding or criminal issues OR email district@lantzville.ca regarding other community safety issues providing your name, street address and concern. District staff will consider traffic calming measures available to address traffic safety concerns. If your concern cannot be resolved with the Chief Administrative Officer, you can email district@lantzville.ca, addressed to the attention of Council, and staff will distribute it to all members of Council.

