

Volunteer Vacancies – Call for Applications from Residents

The District of Lantzville continues to look for more volunteers to serve, without remuneration, on the new Accessibility Advisory Statutory 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 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 lantzville.ca/accessibility. This posting will remain open until all positions on the Committee have been filled.

Don't Encroach on District Land!

An encroachment is where a property owner uses District-owned property (includes road rights of way) without authorization. Council has prioritized removing encroachments in road rights of way (including rocks, hedges, bushes and tree branches), to facilitate improving access, parking and safety on beach road ends (Sebastion, Peterson, Venture and where Oar, Myron, Lavender, and Jacks roads access Dickinson Road). Surveys have been completed and removal of encroachments is ongoing. Unauthorized items placed on or growing into District-owned property, not removed by the property owner, will be removed by the District. Have you removed your encroachments? The 'do not encroach on District land without authorization' rule applies in all areas of Lantzville. Encroachments could be the extension of a yard, storage of materials on public land, placing signs or even construction of a house or outbuildings on District land. Review your property boundary, ensure your landscaping and structures do not encroach, and contact Planning and Community Services (planning@lantzville.ca) if you have any questions.

Lantzville Fire Prevention Open House October 14th

You're invited to an open house hosted by Lantzville Fire Rescue on Saturday, October 14th from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm at the firehall at 7580 Superior Road. A unique opportunity for residents of all ages to visit inside the firehall, check out the equipment and meet the firefighters! And don't miss the opportunity to extinguish a live fire using a fire extinguisher! Residents will also have an opportunity to ask questions and see the station from which your fire protection team operates. Learn about the simple but important things you can do to keep yourself and those around you safe from fire. Enjoy the free hot dogs and drinks too! For more information about Fire Prevention Week and fire prevention in general, visit nfpa.org/fpw, sparky.org and lantzville.ca.

Hallowe'en Fireworks Display 2023



This year's fireworks display put on by the Lantzville Volunteer Firefighters Association (funded by the District of Lantzville) will be held on the water between Sebastion beach and Oar Road. The fireworks will be visible from most locations in Lantzville with a view of the ocean. The fireworks will start at 8:00 pm on Tuesday, October 31st. Pick yourself out a good spot either at the beach or from somewhere in town and enjoy the show! Remember: Open fires are prohibited on all beaches at any time of the year; only portable propane campfire apparatus (CSA or ULC approved) are permitted between the hours of 11:00 am - 8:00 pm. Check out the fireworks restrictions article on page 3. The primary function of Lantzville Fire Rescue is the safety of the community - we do not want to expose anyone to unnecessary risks.

Please enjoy a safe Hallowe'en!

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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

October 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 October 2nd for National Truth and Reconciliation Day and Monday October 9th for Thanksgiving Day

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



Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, October 4th & 18th – 6:00 pm Special Council, if required
Wednesday, October 11th & 25th – 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. 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, 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.

Check out the Good Neighbour Bylaw Amendment Adopted September 13th

Council, at its regular meeting held September 13th, adopted Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 200, 2021, Amendment (Noise) Bylaw No. 349, 2023. Bylaw No. 349 amended the Good Neighbour Bylaw by increasing the time of 'Quiet Hours' in the District (prohibits noise between 10:00 pm-7:00 am) and adjusted the Specific Noise Prohibitions for construction-related noise to Monday-Friday before 8:00 am or after 8:00 pm and on Saturday and Sunday before 9:00 am or after 6:00 pm, unless exempted. For more information, visit lantzville.ca to view Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 200, 2021 Consolidated for Convenience to include Bylaw No. 349.

Council's corner



Rainwater Harvesting & Sustainable Landscaping Workshop
A workshop for residents!

Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Cost: No charge

Location: Lantzville Legion Br. 257, 7227 Lantzville Road, 2nd Floor



Join Jamie Wallace in learning about rainwater harvesting and techniques for using harvested water to develop a landscape that improves biodiversity, is sustainable and supports a healthy ecosystem. The workshop kicks off with a one-hour slide presentation followed by a question/answer and discussion period. Jamie covers many options for rainwater collection systems, explains the use of permaculture design and takes us through the process of reading our landscape, identifying its unique attributes and improving the health and function of soil and plants. Lantzville residents, including young adults, are welcome to attend. Space is limited to the first 100 participants.

This is the 4th workshop in the 2023 series [Foreshore Management – a Greenshores Workshop, Biodiversity in Your Backyard, and Digital Access to our Libraries]. These workshops are to bring residents together for discussion and information on topics relevant to the community. Thank you to all who have attended. Council extends a thank you to the District and the Lantzville Legion for supporting this event. We hope to see you there!

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 October!

- Costin Hall Movie Night, Friday, October 13th, doors open: 5:45 pm, Spiderman Across the Spider-Verse Movie starts 6:00 pm. Come in your pjs and bring something cozy to sit on, entrance by donation. Pre-packaged snacks will be available for purchase. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Costin Hall presents: A Devilish DJ Dance Party, Saturday, October 28th 7:00 pm-11:00 pm featuring the DJ stylings of RSM Productions. Dress up in your best costume [costumes optional] and get ready to dance the night away. Tickets are \$15.00 each and are available at: Love it or Leiv it OR Costin Hall Lantzville Facebook page. You must be 19 years of age or older to attend.

Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) – Join the region in celebrating Active Aging Week.

- Older adults are invited to take part in the free activities during Active Aging Week October 3rd-7th, go to www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect to view the planned events.
- Head to Oceanside Place Arena in Parksville or Ravensong Aquatic Centre in Qualicum Beach for a drop-in swim or skate. View the schedule www.rdn.bc.ca/swim-and-skate-schedule
- Ride your bike and visit us at a GoByBike Celebration Stations:
 - Tuesday, October 17th, 2:30 pm-5:00 pm, Coombs to Parksville Rail Trail by the dog park
 - Tuesday, October 24th, 7:30 am-9:30 am, Ravensong Aquatic CentreMake sure to also register at <https://gobybikebc.ca/oceanside> and log at least one ride to be eligible to win local and provincial prizes.



City of Nanaimo (CoN) – A variety of opportunities are being offered in October 2023:

- Glow in the Dark Skate at Frank Crane Arena Tuesday, October 3rd, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. Regular admission rates apply.
- Monday, October 9th, Thanksgiving Day Swim at Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, 12:00 pm-5:00 pm.
- Monday, October 9th, Thanksgiving Day Skate at Frank Crane Arena, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm.
- Sunday, October 15th, Starlight Skate at Nanaimo Ice Centre, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm.
- Sunday, October 29th, Hallowe’en Howl Swim at Beban Park Pool, 9:00 am-12:00 pm.
- Tuesday, October 31st, Hallowe’en Skate at Frank Crane Arena, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm.

Other exciting events include, [please visit the CoN website for further details]

- A Family Fishing Challenge taking place October 20th-28th. Visit www.nanaimo.ca/goto/fishingchallenge for more information.
- An online ‘Safety for Seniors’ program to be held on Wednesday, October 11th from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm at Bowen Park Complex. Cost is \$15.
- There will be Harbour City Seniors Open House on Friday, October 20, 1:30 pm-3:30 pm at Bowen Park to showcase the many programs and services that are available through membership with the Harbour City Seniors.
- We are looking for a new Youth Poet Laureate. Deadline is Monday, October 20th, and the application is found on the CoN website.
- We are looking for a new Street Banner Design for 2024. Deadline is October 23rd, and the details are found on CoN website.

Emergency Preparedness



Are you prepared for an Earthquake?
The Great British Columbia Shake Out is Thursday, October 19, 2023.

Here are 5 things you can do to get ready:

1. Visit www.shakeoutbc.ca to learn more about Earthquake Safety
2. Practice your “Drop, Cover, Hold on” Drills
3. Make sure your Emergency Preparedness kit is well stocked
4. Update your Grab and Go Kit <https://rdn.bc.ca/emergency-preparedness>
5. Register for emergency alerts in the Regional District of Nanaimo and District of Lantzville by visiting <https://voyent-alert.com/ca/community>

The Voyent Alert system will be tested at 10:19 am on October 19, 2023. If you are registered for Voyent Alert, you will receive an alert that reminds you to Drop, Cover and Hold for an Earthquake drill.

Curbside Collection Schedule Reminder



Curbside Collection is on Friday, October 6th after National Truth & Reconciliation Day October 2nd and after the October 9th holiday (Thanksgiving) your curbside collection day moves to Mondays starting October 16th. Forget your garbage day no more! Visit the District or RDN websites for your schedule and What Goes Where (recycling) or download the RDN Curbside app.

Bylaw Reminders

Burning Ban In Effect – until October 14th, inclusive. During the Prohibition 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 or public property in the District of Lantzville. 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 to 8:00 pm. From October 15, 2023 to April 15, 2024, Open Air and Incinerator fires are permitted subject to Bylaw No. 185 regulations (e.g., maximum size: 1.2 m high x 1.8 m diameter) and the Ventilation Index, and provided that every reasonable alternative for reducing, reusing or recycling debris has been pursued to minimize the amount of debris to be open burned. No prohibited materials may be burned (e.g., no demolition waste, household waste, treated lumber, etc.). No landclearing fires are permitted at any time of the year except registered burns on ALR lands Oct 15th - Nov 15th. 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. After October 15th visit env.gov.bc.ca/epd/epdpa/venting/ or call 1.888.281.2992 to confirm the Ventilation Index category for the CNTRL VAN ISLD the day you wish to burn (venting must be GOOD). 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.

Fireworks – Prepare for a safe Hallowe'en! Remember:

- no person under the age of 18 is permitted to possess fireworks
- the sale of fireworks and use of firecrackers are prohibited
- the use of fireworks is prohibited except for adults setting off fireworks on October 31st from 9:00 am – 11:00 pm (exception with Special Use Fireworks Permit)
- setting off fireworks on a street, in a park, on school property, on a beach, or on commercial or industrial zoned property, OR pointed at any person, animal, building, motor vehicle, tree or bush, IS PROHIBITED.

View Fireworks Regulation Bylaw No. 39, 2005 and the brochure at lantzville.ca. Fines start at \$150.00. A safer option: Watch the Lantzville Volunteer Firefighters Association fireworks display on Hallowe'en. See the back page for more information.

Have You Paid Your Property Taxes?

Property taxes and completed Home Owner Grants (claimed through the Province of BC, if eligible) were due July 4, 2023. A 2% penalty was applied on July 5th and a further 8% penalty will be applied on any outstanding balance the first working day in October. The District has no authority to waive or modify these penalty amounts, which are required by law.

Stage 3 Watering Restrictions – Effective October 1st

Effective October 1st the District will be implementing Stage 3 Water Restrictions. Visit lantzville.ca for Stage 3 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

To continue to provide high quality water to the District of Lantzville, District staff will be conducting its annual Water Main Flushing program to clean water distribution pipes of built-up sediments and improve water quality. Weather permitting, water main flushing will begin on October 16th, during regular business hours. Low pressure and discolouration of water may temporarily occur during or after flushing. Discoloured water is not a hazard to health and will clear after running the cold water tap. Questions? Please contact Municipal Hall.

Regional District of Nanaimo Launches Home Energy Navigator Program to Help Guide Lantzville Residents

Designed to streamline home energy upgrades in duplexes, townhomes and single-family homes, the program’s emphasis is on changing from fossil fuel to electric heating/cooling systems and providing unbiased advice to homeowners to help them reach their home upgrade goals within their budget. The free program, open to all RDN municipal and electoral area residents, will make it easier to go through the home upgrade process and determine which government and utility rebates are available.

The Home Energy Navigator Program is being administered by City Green Solutions, a non-profit, on behalf of the RDN, and will begin as a pilot program and support approximately 50 homes in the region. The program, funded in part from the Provincial Local Government Climate Action Program, will expand if deemed successful based on program outcomes and as ongoing funding allows. For more information and to register, visit homeenergy.nav.ca/rdn or call toll free 1.866.381.9995.

