



JANUARY 2024

COMMUNITY UPDATE

January 2024

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January 1st

New Year's Day
(Municipal Hall Closed)

January 10th @ 6:00 pm
Regular Council Meeting

January 17th @ 9:00 am
Special Council Meeting

January 24th @ 6:00 pm
Regular Council Meeting



Council Meetings

Visit lantzville.ca and click on the meeting date on the calendar to access Council agendas, minutes, link to livestream, Zoom registration and video recordings. The start time of open meetings may vary if a closed portion is required at the beginning of the meeting.



Municipal Hall Hours

By phone or email:
8:00 am-4:00 pm

In-person payment &
document drop-off:
8:30 am-4:00 pm

After-hours Public Works
emergency call:
1.888.826.8271

All other emergencies call:
911

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An electronic version of the Community Update is also emailed (via Constant Contact) to those who subscribe. We encourage you to sign up to receive the Update electronically, as distribution will be fully electronic starting January 2025. Visit lantzville.ca to sign up to receive updates by email.

Five Year Financial Plan 2024-2028

You are invited to share your input on the 2024-2028 Financial Plan in January. You can share your input either in writing or in person or remotely during the 6:00 pm regular Council meetings on Wednesday, January 10th or 24th. Written comments can be submitted by mail, email (district@lantzville.ca), or dropped off at Municipal Hall, BEFORE 12:00 noon on the meeting day. The District does not accept anonymous submissions (e.g. emails with an email address only), so written comments must include your name, civic address, and relevant agenda item number/name to become part of the public record. Visit the District website to register in advance via Zoom to speak during the Public Input on agenda items section. Advance registration is not required to view the livestream or recording, or to attend in person.

2024 Lantzville Firefighter Calendars

Support your local Firefighters Association! Stop by Municipal Hall to buy your copy of the 2024 Lantzville Firefighter Calendar OR email lvffa1955@gmail.com to place your order and receive your calendar in the mail. \$25.00 each.

On-line Building Permit Applications Launch January 2nd

The District of Lantzville is launching a digital building permitting software, Cloudpermit, on January 2, 2024. After January 2nd, all building permit applications should be made through Cloudpermit. You may register for an account through the following link: ca.cloudpermit.com/registration. For more information, please visit lantzville.ca/building-permit. If you have any questions, or if you require support making an on-line Building Permit application, please contact building@lantzville.ca or 250.933.8091.

Council's Corner

Council is seeking diverse, creative and open-ended feedback on the following two items. Please email your feedback to the District of Lantzville at district@lantzville.ca by 4:00 pm on Wednesday, January 31, 2024.



1) Village Core Improvement Phase II Landscaping: The current areas of soil in Phase II are set aside for landscaping. The original design prescribes grass in these areas. Council is seeking feedback on other landscaping, such as types of plantings, trees, or features that will best represent the unique Village character and charm of this area.

2) Legion Plaza: The brick plaza in front of the Legion 257 building is available for unique and creative ideas that will benefit the community, while preserving the area as a walking and gathering place. This may include creative and unique features/ planters/benches/street furniture/sculptures/lighting and other community-oriented elements.

Thank you for your feedback and ideas! Again, please email your feedback to the District of Lantzville at district@lantzville.ca by 4:00 pm on Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

2024 Grants in Aid Applications

Council considers applications in February for discretionary 2024 Grants in Aid. Funds available for grants are limited. Preference is given to locally based organizations whose efforts are community based. The primary purpose is to provide financial assistance to an organization for a specific project or event that benefits the residents of the District of Lantzville. 'For profit' organizations are not eligible. Application deadline: **Thursday, February 1, 2024**. Visit Municipal Hall or lantzville.ca for a Grants in Aid application form and policy.

Recreation Opportunities

Did you know? Effective April 1, 2024, Seaside Community Society will no longer be responsible for booking rentals for Costin Hall. Anyone interested in renting the facility for bookings starting April 1st should email district@lantzville.ca.

Regional District of Nanaimo

- Be active every day! There is still room to register in winter programs. Visit rdn.bc.ca/recreation and register today. Registration for spring programs opens on Tuesday, January 30th at 8:00 am.

City of Nanaimo

- Register for your January-March programs with Parks, Recreation and Culture. See the online Winter Activity Guide for all available programs: www.nanaimo.ca/parks-recreation-culture/recreationfacilities-schedules/activity-guide
- Join us for a Glow in the Dark Skate taking place on Tuesday, January 2nd, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm, and the Lions Club of Nanaimo sponsored FREE skate every Sunday from 12:00 pm-1:30 pm at Frank Crane Arena.
- Join us for the Starlight Skate on Sunday, January 14th, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm at Nanaimo Ice Centre.
- Canada Revenue Agency and Service Canada will be putting on a free session on Thursday, January 25th, 10:30 am-12:00 pm at Bowen Park to help citizens understand the benefits and credits they may be eligible for, ways to do taxes and how to avoid scams.
- Glen Foster Group will be entertaining at the Thursday Musical Entertainment on Thursday, January 18th at Bowen Complex starting at 1:30 pm. Admission is only \$4, and all ages are welcome.

Watch for your Property Assessment in the Mail!

BC Assessment Authority (BCAA) sends notices to all BC property owners in January each year that shows the assessed value of your property as of July 1 of the previous year. You can search e-ValueBC to compare your assessment with neighbouring properties. Review your notice carefully and contact BCAA immediately if you feel your assessment is incorrect. Deadline to appeal to BCAA: January 31, 2024. Property taxes are calculated based on the assessment values set by BCAA. Your property taxes are based on this formula: Net Assessed Property Value/\$1,000 multiplied by Property Tax Rate equals Property Tax Bill.

Backyard Burning Season

Open Air and Incinerator fires are permitted until April 15th **ONLY IF** every reasonable alternative for reducing, reusing or recycling debris has been pursued first, and if conditions permit! If you must burn, follow the rules! Burn only clean, dry, organic materials, fire must be less than 1.2 m high x 1.8 m in diameter, and only on days when the Provincial Ventilation Index says venting is GOOD. Land clearing fires or fires on any beach are NOT permitted at any time. Small campfires used for cooking, heating or ceremonial purposes are allowed (except on beaches) subject to conditions. Only portable propane campfire apparatus (CSA or ULC approved) are permitted on the beach from 11:00 am-8:00 pm. Visit lantzville.ca/outdoor-burning to view Provincial Venting Index, **Fire Protection Services Bylaw No. 185, 2019** and the Outdoor Burning brochure or email nrukus@lantzville.ca.

Salish Sea Gull Project 2024

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) researchers will be on our beaches between January and March to study the habitats and contaminant levels of gulls across the Salish Sea to assess ecosystem health. Each bird receives a unique colour-band combination to assess survival and movements. You can contribute to this project by reporting your sightings of colour-banded gulls: bit.ly/3vIthW3. This project is a collaboration between ECCC, Simon Fraser University, and the Universities of British Columbia and Lethbridge. All work will be conducted under federal permits and health guidelines, to protect humans and animals. For more information, email Anneka.Vanderpas@ec.gc.ca.



2024 Business Licence Required by January 1st

It is unlawful for a person to operate a business within Lantzville unless you hold a valid business licence issued by the District of Lantzville. This includes non-Lantzville-based business operators with a licence in another municipality. NOTE: If renewal forms are not submitted by January 31, 2024, regular business licence fees apply. For more information, visit lantzville.ca to view **Bylaw No. 167** or **Bylaw No. 26**, and to obtain a business licence application.

Thank You Lantzville for Your Holiday Spirit!

Thank you to our community volunteers, citizens, Firefighters Association, and Lantzville Rotary who volunteered, decorated, donated, collected, delivered, and filled our community with holiday spirit! From holiday lights in the Legion Plaza and Huddleston Park, to hot cocoa and Santa in the Park, the Santa Drive-by, food donations and delivery of hampers...you make Lantzville special!

Do you want to speak to the Mayor?

Call **250.390.4006** to book an appointment.