



MAY 2024

COMMUNITY UPDATE



Upcoming Dates

May 8th @ 6:00 pm

Regular Council Meeting

May 15th @ 6:00 pm

Committee of the Whole Meeting
(If required)

May 20th - Municipal Hall

Closed for Victoria Day

May 22nd @ 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

Monday-Friday
(except holidays)
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.

Curbside Collection Calendar

May 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

The Regional District of Nanaimo manages the contract for garbage, recycling and food waste collection in the region. For questions or concerns regarding your Curbside Collection contact the Regional District of Nanaimo at: P: 250.390.6501 or E: curbside@rdn.bc.ca



Garbage & Organics



Recycling & Organics

Wildfire Community Awareness Day

May 4th is Wildfire Community Preparedness Day which is a national campaign that encourages citizens to take actions that increase their home, neighbourhood and community's resilience to wildfire. Learn more at firesmartcanada.ca/ about how to protect your home and your neighbourhood.



Lantzville Fire Rescue Receives STSS Accreditation

Congratulations to Lantzville Fire Rescue for receiving the Superior Tanker Shuttle Service Accreditation on April 6, 2024 (through April 6, 2029). This accreditation allows homes within 8 km of the accredited Fire Hall and within 5 km of a recognized water supply point to receive a cost reduction in their fire insurance rates from most insurers in Canada. Fire Underwriters Survey will distribute this accreditation to the insurance corporations on behalf of the District of Lantzville and Lantzville Fire Rescue.

Canadian Award for Financial Reporting

Presented to
District of Lantzville
British Columbia

For its Annual
Financial Report
for the Year Ended
December 31, 2022

Christopher P. Merrill
Executive Director/CEO

The District of Lantzville Receives the Canadian Award for Financial Reporting

For the sixth straight year, the District of Lantzville has received the Canadian Award for Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association. Congratulations to the District of Lantzville's Financial Services team for their continued diligence and accuracy in their work.

Emergency Preparedness Week

May 5th to 11th is Emergency Preparedness Week and an opportunity to create or revisit an emergency plan. Understanding the hazards that face your community; preparing an emergency kit or a grab-and-go bag are all important tips that can be learned about on: www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/education-programs-toolkits/ep-week

Recreation Opportunities

District of Lantzville

- Friday, May 10th 6:00 pm, Seaside Community Society Planning Movie Night: "Wonka" at Costin Hall

City of Nanaimo

- May is Invasive Plant Removal Month. There are a variety of work parties planned throughout the month, and the drop zone is back where citizens can drop off their invasive plants for safe disposal. The Drop Zone is held on Saturday, June 1st 10 am-2 pm at Bowen Park. www.nanaimo.ca/parks-recreation-culture/parks-events/InvasivePlantRemovalMonth
- Family Fishing Day takes place on Saturday, May 12th, 10 am-3 pm at Colliery Dam Park. There will be a trout release at 12 pm followed by musical entertainment at 1 pm. Free fun for the whole family. www.nanaimo.ca/parks-recreation-culture/parks-events/family-fishing-challenge
- Lions Free Swims are back this season happening every Saturday from April 27th until June 8th from 1-1:30 pm at Nanaimo Aquatic Centre. (No session on June 15th).
- There are still many spring and summer programs available for registration, including summer camps and programs for all ages. www.nanaimo.ca/parks-recreation-culture/recreation-facilities-schedules/activity-guide

Regional District of Nanaimo

- National Youth Week from May 1st to May 7th. Youth are a vital part of each community and contribute meaningful experiences through their participation in a wide variety of programs. getinvolved.rdn.ca/rec-connect.

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. The Broombusting season has just begun and Broombusters could use your help. If you have an hour or two, they can loan you some loppers for you to cut on your own or join them for some weekly community cuts. Help protect our environment from this invasive, alien plant and enjoy some time with fellow residents. Watch for on-line announcements and signs in your neighbourhood with dates and times. Contact Sharon at 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). Cuts are held rain or shine – loppers are provided!

2024 Property Tax Notice: Due July 2nd

There are several ways to pay your property taxes:

- **Online or Telephone Banking:** Available at most major Canadian financial institutions. YOUR PROPERTY TAX ACCOUNT NUMBER IS: Jurisdiction & Roll Number all together with no spaces or decimal (should be 11 digits total)
- **Mail a Cheque:** to District of Lantzville, PO Box 100 Lantzville, BC V0R 2H0. Payment must be received by the due date. Do not mail cash.
- **Mail Drop Box or In Person:** Drop your cheque off in the mail drop box at Municipal Hall or come in and pay by cheque, debit, or cash.
- **Mortgage Company:** If your mortgage company pays property taxes on your behalf, contact your financial institution to confirm the remittance amount.
- **Pre-Authorized Payment Plan:** The District of Lantzville offers plans to pre-pay your 2025 property taxes (2024 taxes must be paid in full prior to enrollment)
- **Tax Deferment** Eligible residential property owners can apply online for property tax deferment or renewal at www.gov.bc.ca/propertytaxdeferment.

Apply For Your Homeowner Grant

You may qualify for a homeowner grant. The homeowner grant reduces the amount of property taxes you pay each year on your principal residence. Eligibility requirements for all available grants can be found at:

www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant or by phone at 1-888-355-2700.

Should you have any questions regarding your property taxes, tax deferment or homeowner grants, please contact the Finance Department at the Municipal Office by phone at 250-933-8086 or email at finance@lantzville.ca.

Accessibility Advisory Committee

The District of Lantzville is now accepting applications for ONE (1) volunteer member at-large to serve on the Accessibility Advisory Statutory Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2024. The purpose of the Accessibility Advisory Statutory Committee is to support accessibility planning in Lantzville. For more information, including Terms of Reference and application form, visit lantzville.ca or Municipal Hall.

Did you know? As per Bylaw 185, outdoor open air burning (fire piles on the ground), and incinerator fires are prohibited from April 16th to October 14th.