



2020 PIBC Awards for Excellence in Planning

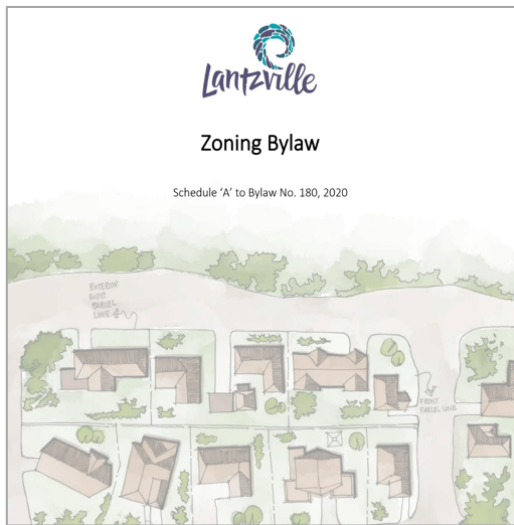
EXCELLENCE IN PLANNING PRACTICE – SMALL TOWN & RURAL AREAS

SILVER WINNER

District of Lantzville & Vancouver Island University's Master of Community Planning Program *District of Lantzville Zoning Bylaw*

Project Summary

The District of Lantzville partnered with students from Vancouver Island University's Master of Community Planning Program to create more than 30 illustrations to improve the legibility and accessibility of the District's zoning bylaw for residents and developers. Explaining complex definitions and regulations through an image was challenging, but ultimately resulted in a document that is interesting, informative, and attractive - something that cannot often be said for a regulatory bylaw.



The project created a tremendous opportunity for students to gain a deep understanding of the meaning and principles behind bylaw development: for example, the complicated regulations regarding setbacks from the "top of bank" sent the students off on a rabbit trail of research, tracing the path through the rationale and science behind setbacks.

The District of Lantzville was a wonderful mentor to the students, first in offering this work opportunity, and second in remaining a steadfast and positive resource for students throughout the project. The District is commended for their willingness to invest in student success, and their innovative approach to creating planning documents that are legible and interesting.