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# The Macktown Buzzette

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### Happier Futures passes the torch

Carol Skulmoski and Wilf Underwood of Happier Futures donate a cheque to Mackenzie Counselling. The group fundraised for many years toward the goal of establishing a women's transition house in Mackenzie. Member Dave Forshaw (not pictured here) says Jeanie Davos helped many people who were living with abuse. She was the inspiration and founder of the Society, which has now officially dissolved. Mackenzie Counselling Society is working toward establishing a transition house.

### Chamber questions vax passport

A statement by the B.C. Chamber of Commerce in support of the province's Proof of Vaccination program has been questioned by the Mackenzie Chamber.

It says the burden of enforcement will be placed on shop and restaurant owners, event organizers and employees.

Proof of vaccination will be required for patrons visiting sit-in restaurants, bars, gyms and indoor events starting Sept 13.

### Did you know?

A lab at University of California at San Diego has developed a fingertip charging device - a thin flexible strip that fits onto the finger tips and catalyzes sweat and lactate - or simple pressure - to produce an electrical current.

The device can be used to charge a phone or other small electronics while you sleep, type, or play the piano.

In an open letter, new president Karl Peet said that the Mackenzie Chamber was not consulted and does not support the B.C. Chamber's position.

"Businesses have struggled to stay afloat, provide goods, services and maintain employment levels over these past pandemic months. This legislation will further impact an already fragile business environment," the letter states.

The Chamber is asking provincial health authorities to recon-

### Morris' office reopens

MLA Mike Morris's constituency office has re-opened in Mackenzie. Office hours will be Tuesdays 2 - 6 pm and Wednesdays 9 am - 1 pm.

Other times can be booked by e-mailing [Jesse.Wright@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Jesse.Wright@leg.bc.ca) or call (250) 997-5281

### Quotes:

“It's a funny thing about life; if you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it.”  
- W. Somerset Maugham



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**Trivia:** What letter of the alphabet does not appear in the name of any U.S. state? (Answer back page) →



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**WHAT'S ON**

**MOTHERS OF THE MOUNTAIN** a multi-media caribou exhibit featuring Caitlin Bodewitz & Friends. Sept 9 - Oct 7 @ Mackenzie Arts Centre.

**OUT OF TOWN**

**FARMERS MARKET and JUNK IN THE TRUNK SALE** Sept 11, 10 - 3 pm Salmon Valley Gymkhana grounds, 8425 Salmon Valley Rd. Concession available 10-2 pm.

Send in your news!



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### RCMP Report

**For August \***

- On 2021-08-20 a male broke into a business on Mackenzie Blvd. The property rep restrained the male until police arrived. He is facing charges under the Criminal Code.

Continued over →

**MACKENZIE SENIORS' WEEK**  
September 24 - October 1, 2021



**Schedule of Events**

**COMMUNITY CONNECTION FAIR** Friday, Sept. 24, 3 - 6 pm, Community Hall

**UNITY CHURCH SERVICE** Sunday, Sept. 26, 11 am - 12 pm, Community Hall

**CONVERSATION CAFÉ** Tuesday, Sept. 28, 6:30 - 9:30 pm, Community Hall

**LUNCH WITH BC SENIORS ADVOCATE - Isobel Mackenzie** Friday, Oct. 1, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, CNC Event Space

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## CRYPTO-QUOTE

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Some days I do yoga and don't yell at my kids.  
Some days I scream at them while eating cake over the kitchen sink. It's called balance.

- @katiebinghamsmith



Trivia Answer: Q.

## Opinion (Yes, it's about street lights)

I was looking for some interesting content with which to fill this space before I decided to call it a night and go to sleep.

But I was just getting comfortable when I had to get up again to pull the blinds down on my windows and put up a dark bed sheet, just to block out the glow from the new streetlights shining into all the windows of my residence.

And that reminded me again of how annoying all of this is.

Here's the thing: I don't sleep with blinds, and I don't intend to start. Except for the odd night in June, I don't need them. I like looking out at the night sky and the trees; I like that connection to the outside. And, like most humans,

I find it easier to wake up in the morning with daylight in the room.

But beside all that, I shouldn't have to justify why I don't want light shining into my home at night. I shouldn't have to explain why an over-bright street lamp flooding my front (and back) yard is an intrusion into the privacy and enjoyment of my home and yard.

Why not? Because the obnoxiousness and harm of light pollu-

tion is a well-documented problem, one that most communities are striving to avoid as the world switches over to LED lighting.

Which is why, also, most communities are choosing low-temperature lighting, especially for their residential neighbourhoods.

Even communities that initially installed these 4000K lights, many had to change them out to a softer light due to complaints from residents. It's kind of a common problem.

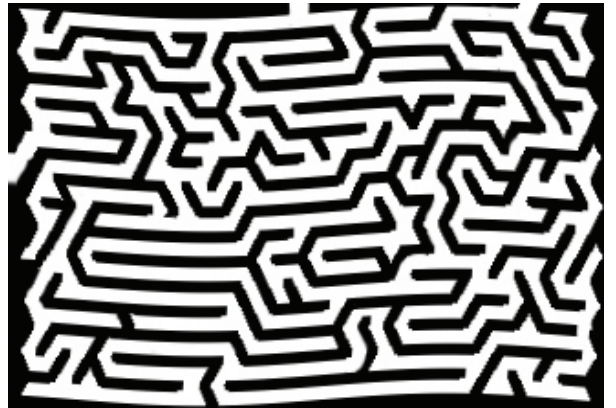
In Canada, as in many places, governments can't unnecessarily interfere with a person's peaceful enjoyment of their home. And the District of Mackenzie has no justification for using non-recommended lighting. There are no special conditions here that warrant an exception.

So my message to the District here: Get off your throne(s) and respond to the residents who have requested a light change. Be helpful instead of withholding. Be considerate instead of obstructive.

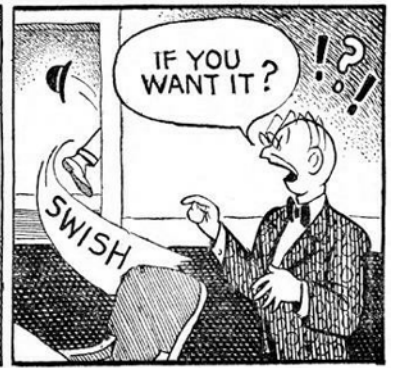
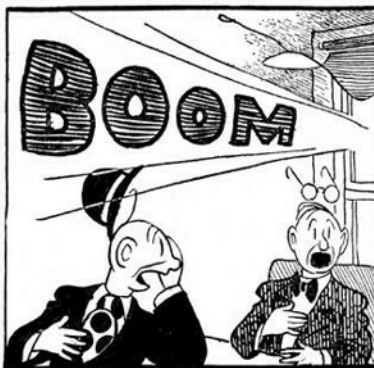
And when you next need to make a decision that can seriously impact people's daily lives, *consult with them*. That's what public service is.

- Janice Nelson

**A-MAZE** Pathway is in white.



## WANT AD WILLY



Want Ad Willy, by G.J. Beaty, appeared in *The Bridgeport Post* and other papers from 1942 - 1943 only.

## RCMP Report ...

- On 2021-08-21 RCMP recovered a stolen vehicle from Prince George. A local Mackenzie resident is being charged with being in possession of a stolen vehicle.
- During the month of August, RCMP have been notified of many instances at the Rec Center, Skate Park and View point of many youth, young adults drinking and smashing bottles. Police are doing proactive patrols and charging under the Liquor Control Act.
- Emil SPELMAN was arrested in London Ontario for the shooting in Mackenzie in July. He was transported to Prince George where he will be attending court to determine if he will be held in custody or be released.

\* Note: For brevity, this report does not include Motor Vehicle incidents.

## News briefs...

The Federal Election will take place **Monday, September 20** with advance voting available this weekend (Sept 10 - 13). Voting is at Mackenzie Recreation Centre, 400 Skeena Drive.

Parattack crews from **Mackenzie Fire Base** did some practice smoke jumping over the Rodeo Grounds last week, with the Bird Dog circling over the south part of town several rounds. The Fire Base has six parattack crews and one unit crew.

The Mackenzie Nature Observatory bird banding station at **Mugaha Marsh** will finish its season on Sept 23.

**September 10<sup>th</sup>** is Suicide Prevention Awareness Day.

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