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What begins with an "e" and contains only one letter?
(Answer back page) →



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'No' to service cuts, fee hikes

Participants at a Special Budget Meeting last week said no to the idea of District user fee increases to fund a potential budget shortfall next year.

Council held the meeting to receive feedback on an anticipated \$900,000 or more in District revenue loss if a tax reduction application to BC Assessment by a local industry partner is successful.

Mayor Atkinson, who facilitated the meeting, emphasized that the property in question is not for sale.

A number of community members stepped up to the mic, with some suggesting that the District should cut spending rather than cut services or raise user fees.

Mayor Atkinson said that Rec Services typically recoups only 11% of its operating expenses, and that the Rec Centre has a program to provide passes for low income residents, should user fees rise.

Ross Hobbs of MORATA commented that Mackenzie

See 'Budget input' over →

Mack shoppers calm amid B.C. supply panic

The scene at Co-op grocery was busy but not frantic Wednesday as shoppers with mostly modest purchases waited in cashier lines.

"Nobody's been hoarding that I can tell so far," said a Co-op staff. The store has been busier, she said, but the shelves have stayed stocked, in contrast to reports of bare shelves in communities south.

Mackenzie Co-op gets its shipments from the Edmonton warehouse.

Delivery so far has not seen

See 'Shoppers' over →

News of the Odd:

Potato chip surprise

In 2019, a Hong Kong potato chip factory found a strange looking potato trundling along in the processing of potatoes from a shipment from France. It turned out to be a WWI grenade that had been unearthed and gone undetected in the batch.

The "potato" was removed and detonated.

Wet'suwet'en standoff heats up

Hereditary chiefs and supporters at the site of the Coastal Gaslink pipeline construction south of Houston in Wet'suwet'en First Nation territory issued a notice of enforcement Sunday for an eviction served to the company in January 2020.

The notice gave CGL workers eight hours to leave the territory before access was blocked. Members of the Gidim'ten clan say they have destroyed the Morice Forest Service Road that provided company access to the site.

Clan reps reported this week that 30 to 50 additional RCMP officers have been brought into the area and

helicopter surveillance has increased. They say RCMP have blocked a road into their territory, with hereditary chiefs, food, and medical supplies being turned away.

The situation continues to evolve and is being covered by some media.

A 1997 Supreme Court of Canada decision established Wet'suwet'en aboriginal title in the area, with the hereditary chiefs recognized as the legitimate governing authority for the territory.

WHAT'S ON

Chamber Virtual Auction Nov 18- 28. See notice this page.

Outdoor Winter Market Nov 19, 6 - 8 pm, outside Four Seasons Mall (Purple Bicycle to CNC.)

Ski & Winter Gear Swap Nov 20, Rec Centre.

Festival of Bells Craft Fair Nov 26 - 27, Arts Centre.

RCMP Report

Investigations of Interest October

- On 2021-10-05 RCMP were dispatched to a report of a pedestrian being stuck and dragged by a pickup truck at 25 Mackenzie Blvd. Further investigation revealed it was a domestic dispute. The male was uncooperative, resisted arrest and was later placed in cells. He was released to attend court at a later date.
- On 2021-10-07 RCMP were called to a Motor Vehicle Collision on Hwy 97 where the vehicle had entered the ditch. Upon arrival it was obvious the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The driver refused to provide samples of his breath and was charged under the Criminal Code for refusing to provide a breath sample.
- On 2021-10-09 RCMP conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle leaving a known house on Hunter Dr that is involved in drugs and other property crime. The driver of the vehicle reached for a shotgun in the back seat as police approached. The driver was arrested, a gun, meth and cocaine were seized.
- On 2021-10-18 RCMP ex-

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- cuted a search warrant at a trailer in the Century Trailer Park with the assistance of the North District Emergency Response Team. The search warrant was a result of a shooting that occurred in Prince George the day before. Firearms and a vehicle were seized. Two adults are being charged.
- On 2021-10-21 RCMP were called to a break and enter on Tutu Ave. It was learnt that it was a domestic incident. One male was charged and numerous firearms were seized from a vehicle as well as later from the residence. The male was released to appear in court.
- On 2021-10-26 RCMP were notified of a male that was overdosing. There was a loaded 9mm handgun located in the male's lunch

kit in his vehicle. The male will be facing numerous firearms charges.

- On 2021-10-29 a fan at the Mackenzie Mountaineers hockey game from out of town was issued a 3 day driving prohibition because of consuming alcohol. The vehicle was also impounded.
- On 2021-10-31 RCMP were called to a business on Mackenzie Blvd for a male that was intoxicated and causing mischief. Upon arrival, the male did not cooperate and became combative towards police. A baton and Conducted Energy Weapon (TASER) were used to safely get the male into custody. He was not a local resident to Mackenzie. He was later released to attend court.

For brevity, The Buzzette has excluded one non-incident item from this report.

Report: North still needs public transportation

VICTORIA - Three years since bringing an interim bus service to B.C.'s northern communities, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is still working on a long-term transportation plan, concludes a new report by the Office of the Auditor General.

"Northern B.C. is an area larger than the entire country of France and the bus is a lifeline for many residents in places like Prince George, Prince Rupert, Fort Nelson, and Valemount," said Michael Pickup, auditor general.

"People depend on the bus to get to jobs in other communities, access essential services like health care, go to school, or visit family and friends." ...

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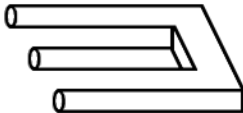
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IMPOSSIBLE OBJECTS!



'The Devil's Fork'. Try tracing it!

It is to be observed that 'angling' is the name given to fishing by people who can't fish.

- Stephen Leacock



WORD SCRAMBLE from last issue: Kapuskasing, Hudson's Hope, Fort McMurray
TRIVIA ANSWER: Envelope

'Shoppers'...

disruptions from the highway closures down south.

"That doesn't mean we may not have some shortages," said the staff person.

She noted that the Edmonton warehouse is served partly by the Port of Vancouver. Availability of certain products, especially those from overseas, may see disruptions or delays if the main routes remain closed for the short term.

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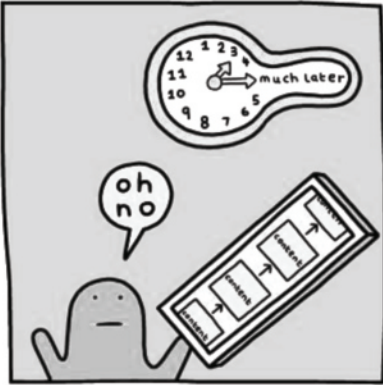
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Magic Square answers from last issue:

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Did you know?

The words Arctic and Antarctica effectively mean 'bears' and 'no bears', from the Greek word 'arktos' for bear.

The word refers to the ursa major and ursa minor, 'Big Bear' and 'Little Bear' constellations which can only be seen from the northern hemisphere.