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## Bitcoin noise issues unlikely here: Iris Energy

Problems with excessive noise reported at bitcoin mining facilities are unlikely to arise in Mackenzie, according to Iris Energy, the company that is building a 50 MW bitcoin mining and data centre on Coquiwalldie Drive.

Noise problems at Bitcoin mines have been in the news the last few years.

A facility in Sherbrooke, Quebec, has generated numerous complaints and is now slated to be phased out by 2023, according to a

November *Wall Street Journal* article.

That article reports residents likening noise from industrial cooling fans to a "giant dentist's drill" that runs all day, registering 70 decibels on one neighbour's porch.

Tom Sparrow, VP of Project Delivery at Iris Energy, told *The Buzzette* that, unlike facilities re-fashioned from a former use, the Mackenzie facility is built to purpose and will optimize its "miners" to manage temperatures and

minimize noise. By contrast, the Sherbrooke facility, owned by Toronto-based Bitfarms, was built from a former hockey stick factory.

Sparrow added that the Mackenzie facility is 4+ kms from town, and trees around town will also serve as sound barriers.

The company points to its Canal Flats operation, now running at a full 30 MW capacity, as an example of the quietness of their facilities.

*See 'Bitcoin noise' over →*

## Canadian health care outside the box

Canadian health care has been making news lately with two recent innovations.

Health Canada has granted certain patient exemptions for the limited use of psilocybin, the hallucinogenic ingredient in "magic" mushrooms in treatment of depression, PTSD and some mental illness.

And participating doctors around the country can now prescribe Parks Canada passes, giving patients free entrance to over 80 national parks as a form of "nature prescription".

Medical research has shown positive health outcomes when people can spend time in nature.

## Quotes:

“Who has fully realized that history is not contained in thick books but lives in our very blood?”  
— Carl Jung

## NOTICES

**WINTERQUEST** Feb 25 - 27 @ Little Mac, John Dahl Park & the Rec Centre. Story walk, Guided snowshoeing, Ice carving, Winter market, Chili cook-off, "Snow"ga and more. Opening ceremony Feb 25, 6 pm.

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## Local man wins \$1M

A reportedly forgotten lotto ticket bought in Mackenzie last June was discovered to be a \$1M winner for local resident Eric West, who redeemed the ticket in Hazelton, B.C. this past December. *The Buzzette* attempted to reach Mr. West but could not by print time.

## News of the Odd:

A 20-year-old Ohio man who wanted to join the protests in Ottawa this week over vaccine mandates called in a fake bomb threat to the City of Ottawa — or so he thought. The threat was intended to send police on a futile chase to waste their time.

The only problem is, he called the wrong Ottawa — not Canada's capital city, but a village in Ohio.

In the first call he made a bomb threat; in the second call he said he had been shot. That's when he learned he was talking with someone in Ohio.

The county sheriff's office is considering charges.

### Oops: Buzzette corrections

Jan 13<sup>th</sup> issue: The first print copies incorrectly stated that the town of Lillooet burned to the ground in June 2021. In fact, it was Lytton.

Jan 27<sup>th</sup> issue: The name of the new SD57 Prince George trustee is Milton Mahoney, not Brian, as initially stated.

## Trivia:

What is triskaidekaphobia, and what is its treatment? (Answer back page) →



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**‘Bitcoin noise’...**

The company says it has received no complaints about noise there, and a town administrator said the noise levels were lower than when the Canfor mill operated there.


Canal Flats residents queried informally on social media mostly agree with that assessment.

However, residents who live closer to the facility report being able to hear

the fans, especially in summer when windows are open.

Bitcoin mines notoriously use more power and therefore require more cooling hardware than other cryptocurrencies such as Ethereum.

Some Bitcoin facilities have adapted to make use of the excess heat generated by the computers. In Norway, one such facility dries wood on the side.



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Happy 43rd Anniversary to my wife, Natilee, on February 14. Love, Wilf.

**Did you know?**

During the Spanish Flu pandemic, a theory circulated that Bayer Aspirin contained the flu bug and that it was a conspiracy by Germany, which had fought against the Allies in the Great War.

Another theory proposed that German submarines were releasing virus agents into the air along the east coast of the U.S., with a woman in Boston claiming to have seen the virulent cloud released by a U-boat.

**Buzzette Mini-Cross**

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**Sudoku** Each row, column and quadrant must contain numbers 1 - 4!

4			
			1
			2
2			

**ACROSS**

- Arsonist; pyromaniac
- Promotional material
- Internet domain suffix for Russia
- Glowing
- Vice President (acr.)
- Tennessee (abbrev.)
- Give title or claim to
- Popular type of electrical sign
- Operating System (acr.)
- Goals, aims; marks for shooting

**DOWN**

- With great zeal, passion
- Other slang for 'cool', 'awesome'
- Revising, cutting and splicing
- Vase for ashes
- Cowardly; no intestinal fortitude
- Sleep disorder
- Common ground insect
- Rocky peak or hill; also anonymous web browser
- One's fate, draw in life


**We're seven days into the Chinese New Year – year of the Tiger – and I'm still writing Year of the Ox on my cheques.**

PLAY FOUR from last issue: ACROSS: PAWS, EURO, AREA, RANK  
WORD SCRAMBLE: hot dogs, noodles, tacos


Trivia answer: Fear of the number 13. Treated with exposure therapy.

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**‘House fire’...**

home had been paid off last year but it was left uninsured due to financial difficulties.

“We don’t know where to start or how to begin to fix things,” she said. “Keep your fire insurance payments up, people. Please.”

The Mackenzie Fire Department reportedly worked through the night to put out the flames and clean up. No other homes were damaged.

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