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The Macktown Buzzette

Sept 1 - 14, 2022

District to "gift" lot beside Iris Energy

The mayor has said no special treatment has been given to a group that will receive a gift of industrial land next to the bitcoin mine on Coquiwalldie Drive.

The Omineca Growers Society is the proponent behind a plan to build a commercial greenhouse on Lot '10', next to Iris Energy's bitcoin processing plant. The greenhouse will use waste heat generated from the plant's massive banks of computers running 24/7.

Director Kyle Tapper told *The Buzzette* that their plan is

to operate "hydroponic and agricultural greenhouses and gardens to supply Mackenzie and... surrounding areas with locally grown fresh, long-lasting produce year-round."

He says any profits will be reinvested in community projects and provide scholarships for pursuit of post-secondary agricultural studies.

So far, the group, which was founded by Tapper, Dean Guthrie and Clint O'Neill, has been quiet in the community, approaching only District staff with its request which, initially, was to purchase the lot.

See "Gift lot" over →

Northern rail study complete

Track upgrades and more shortline railways are among recommendations for improvements to freight rail in northern B.C., according to a study commissioned by the Resource Municipalities Coalition (RMC).

The coalition, of which Mackenzie is a member, hired HDR in 2020 to survey industry and other stakeholders about freight rail service, operated exclusively by CN Rail in the north. Capacity and schedule reliability were stated concerns at the time.

Passenger rail received brief mention as well, with some stakeholders proposing a return of "Budd cars" – self-propelled passenger cars – to alleviate the absence of passenger service in the north, since the sale of BC Rail in 2004.

The study is available by contacting the RMC.

Erratum: (a.k.a. "Oops!")

The candidate nomination period for municipal elections is Aug 30 - Sept 9 (not Sept 12, as was first printed in the Aug 18 issue).

News of the Odd:

A young couple in Australia became family to a group of lorikeets, a type of parrot, who broke into their apartment last year and now want to visit them every day.

The birds live in trees across from their balcony and often eyed the food they ate. Coming in through the balcony door one day, they roamed the apartment. This began their daily visits.

The couple said the lorikeets watch TV with them, sit on their couch, sit on their laundry, and would probably stay all day if allowed.

The only downside: The birds are 'super loud' and frequently wake the couple up, begging for grapes.

Nominate a senior!

New Horizons invites nominations for a senior (55+) who you feel has had a significant impact on the community.

Nominees will be recognized and honoured at the Seniors' Recognition Luncheon on September 24.

Nomination forms are available at CNC, Seniors Centre, the Library, Rec Centre and Mackenzie Counselling. Or contact Raye McMeeken @ CNC.

Quotes:

“A family is a risky venture, because the greater the love, the greater the loss... That's the trade-off. But I'll take it all. – Brad Pitt

WHAT'S ON

MOVIE IN THE PARK Sept 1, 8:15 pm. Rec Centre. Bring your blankets or lawn chairs.

LEISURE FAIR Saturday, Sept 10th, 10 am - 2 pm. Rec Centre.

COMMUNITY BBQ at the Leisure Fair, Sept 10th, hosted by McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest.

RCMP Report

Investigations of Interest - July

- On 2022-07-02 RCMP members responded to a report of an assault. Members located the victim at the hospital who was suffered what appeared to be blunt force trauma to the head. Mackenzie RCMP are working with the victim who is unable to confirm the suspect at this time.
- On 2022-07-06 RCMP members responded to a report of a break and enter on McIntyre Dri. Video surveillance negative. Later a suspect was identified but no evidence to proceed with charges at this time. Majority of property recovered.
- On 2022-07-07 RCMP members received a report of third hand information of an assault in progress behind the Recreation Centre. Members located the victim who was well known to police and disclosed he was robbed. Members identified the suspect and located the victim's items with the suspect. The suspect and victim are known to each other and police believe this to be a targeted attack with no risk to the public. The suspect was released on an Undertaking and is to appear before the courts in October.
- On 2022-07-09 Mackenzie RCMP members received a report of an insecure premise on the 500 block of Mackenzie Blvd. The investigation determined the building has been vacant of workers for almost ... continued over →

Did you know?

A community paper in Canadian, Texas, has been publishing since 1893.

The paper, a weekly called *The Canadian Record*, serves a town of 2,700 people and its surrounding county. It has a staff of four with a circulation of about 1,700.

The current owners, in business for 75 years, are retiring and selling the paper.

The town is named after the Canadian River, a tributary of the Arkansas River.



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another person's plate. – Dave Barry



RCMP Report

2 years now. It is believed
alcohol was stolen. Property
reference no longer living in
Mackenzie but had the build-
ing re-secured.

• On 2022-07-11 Mackenzie
RCMP members responded
to a theft of a catalytic con-
verter from a hotel in Macken-
zie. Video surveillance nega-
tive and suspects at this time.

• On 2022-07-13 Mackenzie
RCMP members responded
to a report of a male with a
rifle acting erratically in the
Mackenzie walking trails near
Morfee Lake. North district
Emergency Response Team,
police dog services, and the
North District Helicopter were
called to assist. The male was
not located and it has since
transitioned into a missing
person. RCMP worked with
SAR, Fire and Rescue, Town
council and other partner-
ships over the next several
days with no results of locat-
ing the person. File is still
under investigation at this
time.

• On 2022-07-15 Mackenzie
RCMP members responded
to a report of shots fired near
the Mackenzie golf course.
North District Emergency
Response Team, police dog
services, and the North Dis-
trict Helicopter were called to
assist. Over the next several
hours the suspect discharged
a firearm multiple times in the
vicinity of the police heli-
copter. The suspect was taken

into custody without issues.
The suspect was on condi-
tions not to possess firearms
and did not possess a fire-
arms licence. The suspect
was cooperative with police
and was released to appear
before the courts in Novem-
ber.

• On 2022-07-21 Mackenzie
RCMP responded to a report
of theft from a building in the
industrial area. Suspect iden-
tified by property representa-
tive. Search warrant executed
at suspects residence with
negative results in locating
stolen items. Suspect cooper-
ative with police and returned
the 'thousands of dollars'
worth of property. Suspect is
not currently facing charges.

• On 2022-07-22 Mackenzie
RCMP received multiple
reports of one male with a
long gun and another male
with duffle bags in the area of
Stuart Dr. Patrols negative for
locating the suspects. . . .

➔ Read the full report at
TheMacktownBuzzette.com

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first point-to-point flight with
their DeHavilland Beaver
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conducted successful test
flights. This flight took the
plane from the Fraser River
to Patricia Bay on Vancou-
ver Island.

NOTICES

WORLD SUICIDE PREVEN-
TION DAY Online event w/
four speakers sharing their
stories with a Q&A. Sept 10th,
9 am (PST). More info:
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'District gifts lot'...

At the moment, the group is
just the three members plus
two representatives from the
McLeod Lake Mackenzie
Community Forest
(MLMCF).

The MLMCF will be involved
in an, as yet, undescribed
capacity. According to Coun-
cillor Hipkiss, the Community
Forest appointed both herself
and Manager Dan Boulianne
earlier this year to the

Omineca Growers board.

Hipkiss is, herself, appointed
to the Community Forest by
the District, along with Ron
Crosby and Jim Atkinson.

The Omineca Growers regis-
tered as a society in February.
That same month, Council
voted to rezone and reserve
the lot for agricultural use.
Those actions bypassed a
public hearing process
because the intended lot use

meets goals outlined in Mack-
enzie's Official Community
Plan.

Last week, with no formal
request from the group,
Council approved a plan to
"gift" them the lot in question,
valued at \$140,000.

On the question of transpar-
ency around Council's actions
both to reserve the lot exclu-
sively for agricultural and then
gift it to a group formed for
that purpose, neither Hipkiss
nor the mayor saw any rules
broken.

Asked whether reserving the
lot excluded other potential
proponents, Mayor Atkinson
deferred the question to Dis-
trict staff, but said she knew of
"no other proponents" who
had come forward.

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Fun
Facts:

The U.S.
military once
played
Metallica
records to

weaken prisoners it planned to
interrogate, according to a
former Navy Seal. The band
reportedly expressed mixed
feelings about this, noting that
"Norwegian death metal" might
have been more effective.

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metal band *Demon Hunter*.

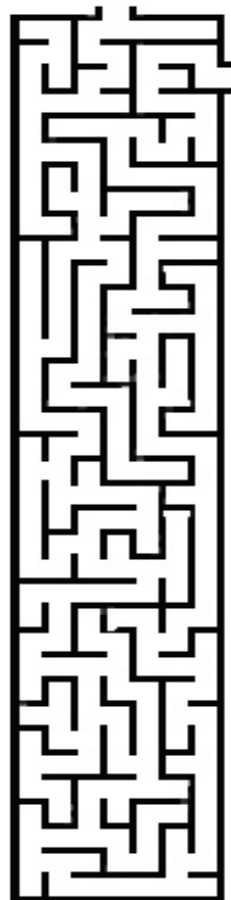
PLAY FOUR from last issue: Hart, Agar, Zero, Eden.

CRYPTOQUOTE: Even though I'm proud my dad invented the rear-view
mirror, we're not as close as we appear. – Stewart Francis

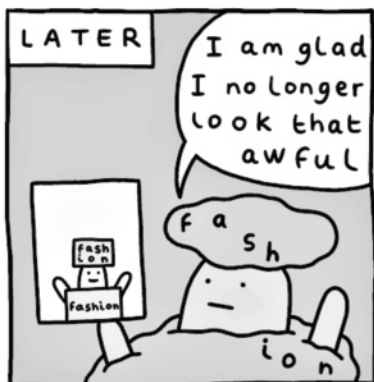
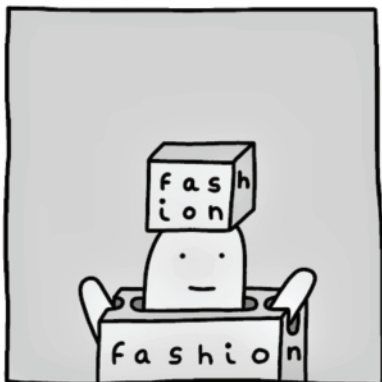
WORD MORPH: Reynolds Road, Stuart Drive, Scovill Place

Trivia answer: White Castle burgers opened in 1921 in Wichita, Kansas.

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