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RCMP Report

Investigations of Interest -- December --

- On 2022-12-05 Mackenzie RCMP were requested to assist with a director's mental health warrant for a patient that had walked away from the Mackenzie hospital and not returned. The subject was returned to the hospital without issue.
- On 2022-12-12 Mackenzie RCMP were informed of a motor vehicle roll over on Highway 39 near Cemetery road. RCMP attended and located a single male driver leaving the scene. The investigation revealed the driver to be intoxicated. The driver was transported to the RCMP detachment and two breath samples confirmed them to be over the legal limit. The subject was released on an appearance notice for charges of impaired driving and driving while prohibited and will appear in court 2023-01-12.

- On 2022-12-14 Mackenzie RCMP received a report of a male acting erratic in an

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News of the Weird:

Is your Roomba spying on you?

Images captured by a Roomba robot vacuum cleaner of private domestic interiors including people's faces ended up on a Venezuelan social media work chat for data annotators for the iRobot company.

Pictures discovered in a 2020 project included shots of a minor and of a woman sitting on a toilet. Roombas collect images from house interiors to train the robots to navigate.

Source: MIT Technology Review

Mountaineers await new season

Despite a rocky autumn season for GMHL West and the resignation of the Mackenzie team's most recent owner / manager Lauren Barr in November, the Mackenzie Mountaineers announced their first 2023 home games will be January 20th and 21st.

The team has seen at least four managers over its first 16 months. It is currently under the management of league coordinator Derek Prue.

Another GMHL West team, the Tumbler Ridge Steel Kings, folded this month, according to *The Junior Hockey News*.



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Spring completion for fire hall

Opening of the new fire hall continues to experience delays, according to a Fire Department update to Council. The new building completion date is now estimated to be March 31, 2023, 18 months later than its original Fall 2021 goal.

Chief Guise reported that the delay still has not put the project over-budget. Its \$6.5 million construction is funded entirely by a provincial grant.

Asked to confirm or deny a rumour posted on social media that the new facility

will have a stocked bar and games room, Mayor Atkinson said "not to my knowledge". She said the District has an unofficial policy not to respond to comments on Speak Out Mackenzie Facebook group due to "so much inaccurate information" posted there.

Chief Guise also commented briefly on the rumour but could not be heard clearly over the meeting's Zoom connection.

Paramedics push on for full-time

Troy Clifford of the Ambulance Paramedics of BC presented to Council on Monday. He said the province is seeing a human resources crunch in general and is short 1500 paramedics at the moment, presenting an "unacceptable" risk for communities that are also seeing rotating Emergency Room closures.

The APBC reached a new collective agreement with the province last week which Clifford said should improve staff retention and recruitment. He said the organization continues to push for funding for full-time paramedics.

Quotes:

"Sometimes you'll feel tired not because you've done too much but because you've done too little of what lights a spark in you."

— Alexander den Hiejer

MCU in the Mack

Members of the RCMP's North District Major Crimes Unit were spotted in town on Wednesday, the same day a sustained police presence was observed at Morfee Trailer Court.

At print time *The Buzzette* had not learned if the two events are related.



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101 uses for ... ketchup!

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Make copper pots or molds gleam

Coat the copper surface with ketchup. Let sit for 5 to 30 mins. Rinse and dry.

Acids in the ketchup will remove tarnish.

Keep silver sparkling

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RCMP Report ...

apartment building. RCMP attended and the subject got into a physical altercation with the member attempting to disarm the RCMP of their gun during a mental health apprehension. Multiple other police officers attended and brought the subject into custody. The subject was apprehended and held at the hospital. The subject could face charges of attempt to disarm a police officer.

- On 2022-12-14 Mackenzie RCMP received a report of a subject stripping off their clothing on Mackenzie Blvd. RCMP attended and located a victim who had been bear sprayed. Police located and arrested the suspects who were released on an Undertaking to appear in court 2023-04-13. All subjects are well-known to police and are linked to the drug trade in Mackenzie.
- On 2022-12-22 Mackenzie RCMP received a report of a break and enter. Police attended and confirmed multiple firearms were stolen from the residence. The file is still under investigation and police are following up with leads from the community as they come in. . . .

Read the full report at

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Hearing on OCP watershed changes sees low attendance

A handful of residents were present in the Council Chambers gallery on Tuesday for a hearing on proposed changes to the definition of 'public watershed' in the Official Community Plan (OCP).

Changes to the Official Community Plan require several steps, including a public hearing. An open house was held in September with a few residents attending then.

The District says the need for the change became apparent with input sought by the province on applications to expand the trail network on Morfee Mountain. However, the proposed new language does not mention trail clearing; instead adding the phrase "some natural resource development."

Mayor Joan Atkinson, presiding over the meeting, stated that the hearing was for residents to provide input and that there would be no questions or debate on the proposal.

Mackenzie resident Shannon Lee stood up to ask when there would be opportunity for public input and commented that

few in the community understand the proposed change.

Resident Janice Nelson (editor of *The Buzzette*) commented that community members are confused about the amendment process and haven't learned enough to provide informed input.

Mayor Atkinson stated that the proposed wording changes are merely "housekeeping" to align the OCP with the A1 zoning in which it resides. She said that no one is planning on allowing clear-cutting in the watershed.

No other attendees spoke and there were no written submissions.

Asked by *The Buzzette* whether the hearing notices informed residents of their opportunity to submit comment, the District had not responded by print time.

Mini-cross solution (Dec 29)

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WORD SCRAMBLE from last issue: Hamburgers, Milkshakes, Burritos. TRIVIA answer: The Great Barrier Reef in Australia

Journalism largely consists in saying "Lord Jones is dead" to people who never knew Lord Jones was alive. — G.K. Chesterton



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