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"There are teachers ... just not in BC"

A brief discussion by Council at their last meeting concerned teacher vacancies in the school district.

Commenting on a report item from SD57 Board Chair

Rachael Weber, Councillor Tapper, a teacher at Mackenzie Secondary, said the school district could consider recruiting teachers from eastern Canada, many of whom have to substitute teach for years before landing a full-time position there.

Too many closed meetings?

Resident Shannon Bezo raised a question at the last council meeting about the number of closed meetings held by Council.

She said they have been occurring "numerous times" over the last 24 months, and

See 'Closed meetings' over →

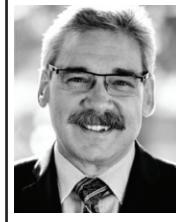
RCMP Report

Investigations of Interest

-- February --

- On 2023-02-02 Mackenzie RCMP received a report of a sexual assault. Mackenzie RCMP are currently investigating the file.
- On 2023-02-03 Mackenzie RCMP received a report of an assault on a child. Police have obtained statements on file and will be completing a charge package for Crown Counsel with the assistance of Ministry of Children and Families.
- On 2023-02-03 Mackenzie RCMP responded to a report of a stolen truck and work equipment. Truck still outstanding. No further investigational avenues at this time.
- On 2023-02-04 Mackenzie RCMP responded to a report

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New shuttle service to PG

Kimta Transportation Society has partnered with Evergreen Taxi to provide a shuttle service from Mackenzie to Prince George five days a week. The service "soft started" in February, according to Kimta president Mark Robillard, and has been very popular.

Using a 2023 Toyota Sienna Hybrid van purchased by Kimta, the service leaves Mackenzie at 7 am, picking passengers up at their homes, and arrives back at 6 pm. It costs just \$30 each way. Seats can be booked through Evergreen Taxi.

Kwadacha story on screen

About 70 people attended a dinner and screening of *Kwadacha By the River* documentary at the CNC Event Centre on Tuesday.

Cathy Warren, of the Kwadacha Education Society, spoke a bit on the history of Sekani communities that lived and worked along the Parsnip and Finlay rivers prior to Hydro's flooding

See 'Kwadacha' over →

Council pay questioned

Under new business at the last council meeting, Councillor Jesse Wright requested a report on council pay, to determine if it is in line with that paid to town councils in other communities.

Wright, one of two new members to council elected in October, spoke of barriers for young people in running for elected positions that don't offer a liveable salary.

He said, "If we want quality people to run for these

See 'Council Pay' over →

News of the Odd:

A town in Tennessee has been living with a crusty, dark fungus that coats homes, patios, trees and road signs. The fungus is a byproduct of whiskey distilling – it feeds on vapours from the nearby Jack Daniels distillery and grows in thick colonies throughout the area.

The company says that filtering its emissions can affect the whiskey. The issue is currently in the courts.

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*What should you do when you see
an endangered animal eating
an endangered plant? – George Carlin*

WORD MORPH from last issue: WINDY - WINDS - WANDS - WANTS
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TRIVIA ANSWER: Three minutes.

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'Council pay'...

positions in the future, we
need to pay them as such."

Council agreed to ask staff
to bring back a report.

In responding, Mayor
Atkinson commented,
"None of us got into this
for the money." She said
the timing "would be
challenging" given the
recent loss of industrial
tax revenues and with the
District's current negoti-
ations with employees.

In 2021, Mackenzie's

mayor was paid \$28,315.
Councillors were paid just
under \$13,000, not
including expense
allowances and benefits.

A CBC News study of
council and mayoral pay
in B.C. towns in 2019
showed Mackenzie in the
top five in North
Central/Cariboo for
council salaries.

In 2020, Council approved
a 12% pay increase over
five years for mayor and
councillors.

Mayor Atkinson responded,
stating that most topics dis-
cussed in closed meetings
come to the public in some
form later on.

Under B.C.'s Community
Charter, closed meetings are
allowed if holding them in
public could "reasonably be
expected to harm the inter-
ests of the municipality."

'Closed meetings'...

asked whether the public
should be made aware that
there are "this many con-
cerns" that need to be dis-
cussed out of public view.

Bezo said it might help the
community to know that
some council topics are
"pre-discussed" in closed
meetings before they are
brought to the public.

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*Note: The Buzzette did not learn
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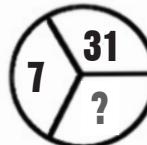
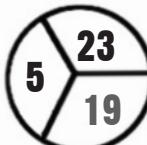
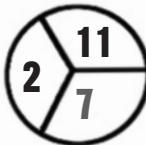
- On 2023-02-21 Mackenzie RCMP responded to a domestic report. RCMP members obtained statements from the victim who disclosed a physical assault and threats with firearms. Multiple firearms were located and seized. Charges of assault, uttering threats and two counts of careless use of a firearm have been forwarded to Crown Counsel. The accused was released on an undertaking and is to appear in Mackenzie court in April.
- On 2023-02-10 Mackenzie RCMP responded to a sudden death. Mackenzie RCMP worked with BC coroner services and it was determined the death was not suspicious.
- On 2023-02-16 Mackenzie RCMP received a report of a missing female from Mackenzie. Police completed extensive checks and with the assistance of media releases and Prince George RCMP the female was located safe in Prince George.
- On 2023-02-21 Mackenzie RCMP responded to a sudden death. Mackenzie RCMP worked with BC Coroner Services and it was determined the death was not suspicious.

*Read the full report at
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MISSING NUMBER

How do the numbers in each circle relate? Figure out the equation and guess the missing number.



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