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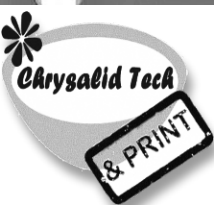
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Strengthened bylaw to promote tidier upkeep

Up to 27 Mackenzie residents attended a public meeting on Monday at Council Chambers to discuss the new Unsightly Properties bylaw.

Issues raised included derelict structures – both commercial and residential; graffiti and responsibility for its removal; lawn care (and what will be considered a weed), and enforceability of the new regulations.

The bylaw was passed later that night by council vote, with a request to administration to report back on options regarding graffiti management.

The bylaw is in force now but Director of Operations Scott Drysdale said there will be an education period before tickets are issued for those not familiar with the new rules.

Local birders honoured



BC Nature rep Walter Thorne with Vi and John Lambie.

Mackenzie birders Vi and John Lambie were honoured this month with an award of distinction for British Columbia naturalists.

The BC Nature award recognizes their decades of organizing and mentoring the

banding program at Mackenzie Nature Observatory.

The presentation was made August 21 at Mugaha Marsh bird banding station with summer staff in attendance to share in the excitement.

Burns Lake residents question BCWS command

As fires were consuming large swaths of forest and some structures on the south side of Francois Lake last week, residents were anticipating the arrival of a mass water delivery system by Safeguard, a Fort St. John company that specializes in oilfield and structural protection fire services. The company had been contracted by BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) to deploy its equipment – \$20 million worth, according to the company – on the Southside Babine fire complex.

After two days of waiting in Burns Lake however, the company was released, with a statement by BCWS that its system could not be used for those fires. Area residents and evacuees took to social

media and news media to protest the decision.

MLA for Nechako Lakes, John

Rustad posted that the company had been given only one option by BCWS for a water source, but it was swampy and unsuitable. The company later confirmed that not only were there were many potential water sources in the area but that they had more flexible equipment available that the BCWS had not requested.

Residents questioned how an area known for its numerous lakes could not offer any suitable water sources for the system.

Professional reliance failing forestry?

Mayor Pat Crook was in Victoria earlier this month presenting at a roundtable on forest practices and professional reliance. His presentation concerned local beetle wood harvesting and hauling.

Brought to the table was the issue of the spring audit by Ministry of Forests (FLNRORD) staff that found widespread industry non-compliance for cutting and transporting of beetle-affected wood. The mayor said that companies operating here were hauling spruce beetle wood both south to Quesnel and east through the Pine Pass to Chetwynd during restricted times and temperature conditions, potentially spreading the bug through these corridors.

The term “professional reliance” refers to legislative changes by the former BC Liberal government which largely removed oversight of resource industry practices from government and put it into the hands of industry to self-monitor.

Forest District personnel have told Mr. Crook that due to this change, they have had no mechanism to enforce the standards set out by the Chief Forester for handling and containing beetle-affected wood.

Mr. Crook said another discussion centred on the management of slash piles, which currently are required to be burnt but have been left to dry on cutblocks throughout the Mackenzie timber supply area, creating a significant wildfire

See ‘Professional Reliance’ over →



District Of Mackenzie Public Works Department

To the Residents of the
District of Mackenzie

GARBAGE PICK UP

Garbage pick-up scheduled for
MONDAY, September 3rd, 2018
will be picked up on
TUESDAY, September 4th, 2018

Public works will endeavor to maintain the normal time schedule on this date, but residents are requested to assist us by placing their garbage curbside by 8:00 am.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.



NOTICE OF NOMINATION PERIOD

Public Notice is hereby given to the electors of the District of Mackenzie that nominations for the offices of:

Mayor – one (1) to be elected
Councillor – six (6) to be elected

will be received by the Chief Election Officer or Deputy Chief Election Officer, as follows:

By hand, mail or other delivery service:
District of Mackenzie
1 Mackenzie Blvd.,
Bag 340, Mackenzie, BC,
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From: 9:00 am on
September 4, 2018
To: 4:00 pm on
September 14, 2018

By fax to: 250-997-5186
By email to:
Diane Smith, Chief
Election Officer
diane@district.mackenzie.bc.ca

From: 9:00 am on
September 4, 2018
To: 4:00 pm on
September 14, 2018

Originals of faxed or emailed nomination documents must be received by the Chief Election Officer by 4:30 pm on Friday, September 21, 2018

Nomination documents are available online at www.district.mackenzie.bc.ca or in person from the District of Mackenzie Office, 1 Mackenzie Blvd., from 8:30 am Wednesday August 15, 2018 to the close of the nomination period.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

A person is qualified to be nominated, elected, and to hold office as a member of local government if they meet the following criteria:

- Canadian citizen;
- 18 years of age or older on general voting day, October 20, 2018;
- resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed;
- not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from being nominated for, being elected to or holding the office, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

CAMPAIGN PERIOD EXPENSE LIMITS

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2018 general local election, the following expense limits for candidates during the campaign period apply:

Mayor	\$10,000
Councillor	\$5,000

THIRD PARTY ADVERTISING LIMITS

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2018 general local elections, the following third party advertising limits apply:

Mayor	\$750
Councillor	\$750

FURTHER INFORMATION & RESOURCES

If you require assistance or would like more information on the **nomination process**, please contact Diane Smith, Chief Election Officer, at the District Office at 250-997-3221 or by email at diane@district.mackenzie.bc.ca

For information or assistance regarding **campaign period expense limits and third party advertising limits**, please contact Elections BC:

Elections BC
Phone: 250-387-5305
Toll-free: 1-855-952-0280
Email: lecf@elections.bc.ca
Website: www.elections.bc.ca/lecf

Macktown Calendar

Sept 4: Nominations open for council candidates. (See ad this page.)

Sept 5: Perfecting - Imperfection! Paintings and hand-crafted skin products by Sharon Gawryluk. Opening reception 7 pm @ Notable Expressions Gallery.

Sept 6: Library Book Club meets 6 pm, first Thursday of every month. Reading picks for the year will be chosen this month!

Sept 8: Recreation Fair 10 am to 2 pm in the Recreation Centre Arena. Sign up for sports, recreation and volunteer activities!

Sept 22: House Concert Joseph Decosino & Luke Richardson bring North Carolina and Tennessee fiddle & bluegrass to 108 Summit Crescent. Tix \$25 Ph. 997-3033.

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Last issue's PLAY FOUR:
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WORD SCRAMBLER: Chingee Mountain,
Mackenzie Junction, Cut Thumb Creek



I was at an ATM yesterday. A sweet older lady asked me if I would check her balance; so I pushed her over.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR SUSAN CLEGG will be held at the Legion Saturday, Sept 8th at 1 pm, with light refreshments to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the BC Cancer Foundation in Susan's name.

THE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY THRIFT STORE is closed through holiday Monday and will re-open Sept 4, 7 pm.

The 38th ANNUAL TERRY FOX RUN takes place Sunday, Sept 16th. Walk, wheel, run. Dogs on a leash are welcome. Registration starts at noon @ Spirit Square at the Rec Centre. Run starts 1 pm. If raining, register inside the Rec Centre.

787 BANSHEE ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADET SQUADRON invites all youth from 12-18 years of age to join in our 33rd year of training in Mackenzie. Visit our table at the Recreation Fair or find our group on Facebook.

MACKENZIE WILDFIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE A town hall meeting will be held September 19th, 6:30 to 9:00 pm in the Explorer Room of the Alexander Mackenzie Hotel. All are welcome.

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION Sept 27, 6 - 7 pm @ the Library. Learn how PR works, the different systems, & how a change may affect rural ridings. Presented by Jay Sanders of Fair Vote Prince George. Free.

?? Brain Teaser:

You are at an unmarked crossroads. One road leads to the City of Lies and the other road to the City of Truth.

* Citizens of the City of Lies always lie.

* Citizens of the City of Truth always tell the truth.

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- Sample giveaways!

Professional reliance cont..

hazard. He stated that such slashpiles were implicated in some of the wildfires that continue to rage at Burns Lake this month.

The BC Green Party is opposed to slash burning and will put forward a proposal this fall to allow for post-harvesting collection of slash wood for uses such as pellets and biofuels.

The Horgan government has issued a draft review of the professional reliance model, calling in part for increased government oversight. This is in part fulfillment of their Confidence and Supply Agreement with the BC Greens.

Changes to the professional reliance model have been opposed by various resource sector groups.

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