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Mac 1 teardown makes way for new

Teardown of Mac 1 school on Heather Crescent continues into week 3, with the bulk of the structure now dismantled. Asbestos mitigation took place prior to the building coming down.

Workers tapped out holes in the cinder blocks



Mac 1 teardown September 2023

forming the exterior walls and the vermiculite was then sucked out using the Hurricane HEPA vacuum. Scrap lumber and metal are collected and taken on a

trailer to salvage companies in Prince George.

The site foreman told *The Buzzette* that the vermiculite used in Mac 1 was of a variety containing only trace amounts of asbestos, less than 1%. Nevertheless air testing was conducted

and safety protocols enforced.

Questions about what will become of the Mac 1 site were answered last week with the announcement from the School District that it will

build a 62-space daycare centre there, with a completion date of summer 2025.

The centre will provide
See 'Mac 1 teardown' over →

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Trivia: What is the strongest known magnet in the universe? (Answer over) →

Weber in hot water with remarks

A conflict between her school board role and her BC Conservative candidacy for provincial election is cited in calls by some for Mackenzie school trustee Rachael Weber to step down as chair of the school board.

The president of the Prince

George Teachers Association in particular took issue with her declared support for private schools on her candidate page, which he says is at odds with the goals and values of the public school system which she officially represents.

Read more on this at:
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CHMM celebrates 20 years (and the Buzzette turns 7!)

October is an anniversary month for Mackenzie local media. CHMM is celebrating 20 years on the air. The Buzzette celebrates seven years in print.

Formerly a satellite station to CKPG, what was then called CKMK radio was shuttered in 2001. A group of community members came together and applied for a community radio license. CHMM hit the airwaves on October 27, 2003 and has been providing Mackenzie with local radio programming 24/7 since then.

Longtime announcer and station manager JD McKenzie has compiled radio clips from the last 20 years, which will air throughout the month. Tune in to 103.5 FM.



A few minutes south of CHMM as the crow flies, The Buzzette will blow out seven candles on its figurative cake this week, celebrating seven years since the first issue hit newsstands on October 6, 2016.

Publishing every two weeks at first, the Buzzette switched to weekly publication in 2018. The Covid-19 pandemic in spring of 2020 saw a drop in local advertising and the paper went back to
See 'Buzzette turns 7' over →

News of the Odd:

TikTok social media app has been known to generate some crazy and even dangerous content. One of the latest is called the One Chip Challenge, an online dare shared mostly by young people to consume a single nacho chip, but one that has been spiced with some of the hottest pepper known to humankind.

The challenge resurfaced last month with a still hotter chip, sold by hot pepper purveyors as a single packaged chip with health warnings and a waiver attached.

A local Fox News channel reported last month that a teen in Massachusetts died from the challenge. Other teens have been sent to hospital with gastrointestinal ruptures and capsaicin poisoning.

Quotes:

“ There is nothing wrong with a parent deciding a certain book is not right for her child. There is a colossal problem with a parent deciding that, therefore, no child should be allowed to read that book.

— Jodi Picoult



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Rec Centre Improvements:
Community Input Sought
The District of Mackenzie is seeking public input on the next phase of Rec Centre improvements being planned for 2017/18. An online survey is now open.



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF MACKENZIE
The District of Mackenzie Public Works Department is now the lead agency for all road maintenance and construction projects in the District.

A Newsletter for Mackenzie!

Welcome to the first issue of *The Macktown Buzzette*, a new community newsletter for the town and region of Mackenzie, BC.

Taking its inspiration from coffee shop flyers and small-town circulares, *The Buzzette* gets its name from a nodding of the words "Buzzer" and "Gazette".

The *Buzzette* seeks to offer content of interest to readers and visitors to the Mackenzie area. We welcome story ideas, articles, art, photographs and events information. Try out our first Classified Ads to advertise your rental, announcement or item for sale!

The *Buzzette* will publish bi-weekly for the first few issues, with a view to going weekly in the near future.

Next Issue of The Buzzette: Oct 25!

— BUT HOW DO YOU PRONOUNCE IT?

The word "Buzzer" is easier to pronounce than you think. In fact, it's an easier word to pronounce than the word "buzz" (Hint: ah-buzz-ee). The key, in our case, is in the emphasis on the second syllable, as in the word "Gazette". "Buzzer" should rhyme with "Gazette". If you find it rhymes instead with "PUZZLE", you are likely pronouncing it wrong. For more help with how to pronounce things, contact Ralph in our Public Works Department.

Front page of the first issue of the Buzzette, Oct 6, 2016, with, what else? A photo of a bear (courtesy of Wiona George). Plus ça change, plus c'est la meme...?

Climate impacts real, say some on Mack Council

A routine report to Council on Climate Action funding received some discussion at the last meeting.

A question on the reporting form required for access to provincial funding asks municipal staff if their town has ever declared a climate emergency. The District answered "no".

Councillor Wright asked if there has been discussion within the District about this, suggesting that our region is indeed in a climate emergency. He cited this year's bear issues, wildfire smoke and extreme tem-

peratures seen in recent years.

Councillor Hipkiss, who is Council's climate liaison, replied that Mackenzie is

See 'Climate impacts' over →

PG RCMP offer online safety tips

Prince George RCMP are offering some safety tips to the community about social media.

"We spend a lot of time in schools speaking with children and youth about social media," states Constable Mireille Haunts, Community Policing Officer. "We start

See 'Safety tips' over →

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