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## Firm hired for building inspections

Council approved a six month contract with a Prince George based firm this week to provide building inspection services in town at a proposed cost of \$6,750 per month, plus \$240 for travel.

Discussion centred around the costs, which District staff said are comparable to hiring a permanent building inspector.

Chief Administrative Officer Diane Smith said See "Building inspector" over →



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## RCMP incident at Mall

A man has died following a police incident at Mackenzie Mall on June 1.

Around 2 p.m., Mackenzie RCMP responded to a report of a man attempting to cash a fraudulent cheque at a local bank.

Officers apprehended the suspect, but during the escort outside, a struggle ensued, and the man reportedly produced a

weapon. An officer discharged their firearm, striking the man. He was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

An RCMP news release stated that the incident is under investigation with the Independent Investigations Office of British Columbia (IIO BC) and no further information will be released at this time.

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Ingenika River, 1930. Photo courtesy of Northern BC Archives.

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## CHMM moves into new digs

CHMM Radio has made the historic move from Ernie Bodin Centre into its new location at Mackenzie Mall as of June 1.

Renovations on the new office and studio took over a year but the results are impressive. The station also now has a storefront accessible from the west mall parking lot.

## COMMUNITY NOTES...

**HOUSE CONCERT:**  
JOHN HEWITT w/  
CONNOR MISKIMAN  
June 15, 7 pm. 108 Summit Cresc. Tickets \$25. Contact Linda to reserve your spot (250) 997-3013.

**LAWN GAMES FOR SENIORS** Croquet and refreshments June 21st, 1 pm @ the Library.

**TRAVELING EXHIBIT**  
Up Around the Bend Scenes from Hwy 16 in paintings by Emily Wilson at the Mackenzie Arts Centre to July 10th.

*Continued over →*

**News of the Odd:** A 23-year-old U.S. woman lived in the top of a 1000-year-

old Redwood tree in California for 738 days starting in 1997.

Julia Hill was protesting clearcutting in the forest of old-growth cypress tree giants, ultimately causing the company to spare the tree and create a 200-foot buffer zone around it.

Through all four seasons, she lived on a 6 x 4 ft. platform, using a single-burner propane stove to cook and a solar-powered cell phone for interviews.

She descended from the tree on December 18, 1999.

## Locals fight to keep Parsnip FSR

MACKENZIE—In a determined effort to preserve access to key recreational areas north of town, long-time resident Peter Kyllo has spearheaded a campaign to keep the Parsnip West Forest Service Road (FSR) open to vehicles.

Close to 600 supporters have signed a petition backing his cause, highlighting the community's strong desire to maintain access to this critical backroad.

The focus currently is on the bridge at Lamonti Creek, at the 41 kilometre mark. With the winding down of resource activities in this corridor, the forests ministry plans to decommission the road by removing this bridge and others further up.

See "West Parsnip FSR" over →



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## Quotes:

“It is important to bear in mind that political campaigns are designed by the same people who sell toothpaste and cars.”  
— Noam Chomsky

## Conifex down for two weeks

Conifex announced today that its sawmill and planer operations will be curtailed for two weeks starting June 17.

The company cites delayed spring log deliveries due to "ongoing weather-related transportation challenges" resulting in lower than planned log inventories.

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### PAPER AND PACKAGING RECYCLING COLLECTION IS TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE

Cardboard recycling is unaffected as well as metal, compost, appliances, batteries, and oil will still be accepted at existing locations.

The Regional District is exploring other service options available through Recycle BC, the organization responsible for residential packaging and paper product recycling in BC.

**For more information,  
please visit [rdffg.ca](http://rdffg.ca)**

## 'West Parsnip FSR'...

Last week, a ministry contractor repaired the approach to the bridge, making it passable for vehicles, but a "Road Closed" sign and a small erosion bar before the bridge deck indicate the ministry's intent to close the road. The Mackenzie Forest District has confirmed the same.

Kyllo has met with MLA Mike Morris and also arranged for an engineering firm to inspect the bridge at 41 km and the next one along the road to assess their safety.

Kyllo points to a 2020 B.C.

### Did you know?

#### Longest Tennis Rallies?

- The longest tennis rally on record is over 12 hours, achieved by Italians Simone Frediani and Daniele Pecci in 2017. Setting out to break a record, they started at 6:23 am and finished at 7 pm.
- The longest rally in a Grand Slam tournament is between Bjorn Borg and Guillermo Vilas at the French Open in 1978. It lasted 3.5 hours, with Borg winning the point.

Auditor General report on Forest Service Roads that highlights a ministry mandate to maintain FSRs that serve rural residences and that provide access to high-value recreation sites.

Mr. Kyllo, who owns property at Finlay Bay, says that closing the road would have impacts throughout the community, as well as on visitors who come to the area every year from other places.

Regular vehicle access beyond the 41 km mark would be stopped, cutting visitors off from the Finlay Bay recreation site, from hiking trails at Kimta Creek and Canty Lake, and from Scott Creek Falls and the Weston Bay campground.

## PLAY FOUR


among other locations.

Kyllo argues that the ministry's cost estimate of \$500,000 to \$1 million per bridge for replacements is inflated. He has obtained estimates from a private contractor showing that a new, 75-ton bridge can be built for significantly less.

He also suggests that the ministry could lower the load rating on the bridges, something he says has already been done on two East Parsnip bridges.

Mackenzie & District Council have mentioned a plan to raise the topic with a minister at the Union of B.C. Municipalities conference in the fall. A query from *The Buzzette* to Mayor Atkinson did not receive a reply by print time.

#### Across

1. A square-ish number
2. Frozen waffle brand
3. Solicit, implore
4. Furniture for working

#### Down

1. Long-lasting disagreement, fight
2. Ugly giant being
3. Soft trendy boots
4. Dutch for 'bird' esp. crow

## COMMUNITY NOTES ...

**BOOK CLUB** @ the Library. July's book: *Howl's Moving Castle* by Dianna Wynn Jones. Book available July 8. Discussion: Aug 5.

### CENTERRA GOLD COMMUNITY

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**FREE ART PARTY!** @ Mackenzie Arts Centre June 19<sup>th</sup>, 6 - 9 pm. Cheyenne can show you how to Acrylic Layer paint or use Graphite to make landscapes. All welcome. Coffee, tea and cookies.

**TEA & CRAFT** June 25<sup>th</sup>, 6 - 8 pm @ the Arts Centre. Alcohol ink tile coasters. \$35 Sign up at (250) 997-5818.

**WINE & PAINT** w/ instructor Michelle Bobrel. June 28, 6 - 9 pm @ the Arts Centre. \$60. Sign up at (250) 997-5818.

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**WORD JUMBLE** from last issue: Nine-letter word: *Satellite*. Other words: *latest, little, lattes, easel, steal, sleet...* How many did you find? **MATH FUN:**  $-19 + (9 \times 6) \dots 1 \times 9 + 9 \times 6 \dots 19 + (9 \times 6) \dots$  and...? E-mail *The Buzzette* if you got it and maybe you'll get a prize. Or just a pat on the back.

**(** My dad was bragging about his new hearing aid: "It's state of the art!" "Awesome," I said. "What kind is it?" "2:30." he said.

### 'Building inspector'...

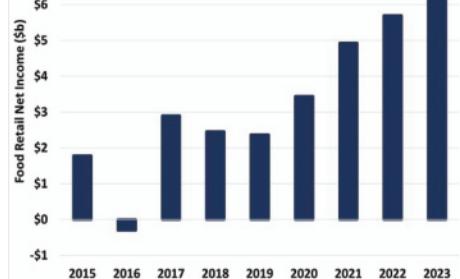
much work can be done remotely, with in-person visits scheduled when needed.

Councillor Tapper asked about the District providing an incentive to train someone local to fill

the role. This was not taken up by Council.

Council approved the contract as an interim measure with the idea that the District could recruit a full-time inspector in future.

#### Food Retail Profits Doubled After COVID



Graph from Statistics Canada showing Canadian grocery retailer profits to September 2023. Source: [centreforfuturework.ca](http://centreforfuturework.ca) Dec 10, 2023



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