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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 build-
ing 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 build-
ing inspector.

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



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Trivia:

What is the smallest unit of memory in
computers? (Answer back page) →



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RCMP incident at Mall

A man has died following
a police incident at Mack-
enzie 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 dis-
charged 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 Investiga-
tions Office of British
Columbia (IIO BC) and
no further information will
be released at this time.

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 accessi-
ble from the west mall
parking lot.

MARS President Jeff Close
says there may be a garage
sale of old station items in the
near future.

Ernie Bodin Centre is slated for
demolition.

See "West Parsnip FSR" over →

COMMUNITY NOTES...

HOUSE CONCERT:

JOHN HEWITT w/
CONNOR MISKIMAN
June 15, 7 pm. 108 Summit
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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 Macken-
zie 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 clearcut-
ting 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.

Ingenika River, 1930. Photo courtesy of Northern BC Archives.
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Locals fight to keep Parsnip FSR

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

Close to 600 supporters
have signed a petition
backing his cause, high-
lighting the community's
strong desire to maintain
access to this critical back-
road.

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 decom-
mission the road by remov-
ing this bridge and others
further up.

See "West Parsnip FSR" over →



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Pride Flag a first for Macktown

Friday, May 31, marked the
first Pride Flag raising cere-
mony in Mackenzie, and
possibly the first ever offi-
cial Pride event in the com-
munity. The event inaugu-
rated Pride Month celebra-
tions locally, with the flag
set to fly until June 30.

A District post noted that
the flag, which was raised in
front of the District Office,
honours the progress made
towards equity and under-
standing for LGBTQ+
people, celebrated alongside
friends and allies.

Councillor Jesse Wright,
who proposed the event at a
council meeting in May,

See "Mack Pride" over →

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 cur-
tailed for two weeks start-
ing June 17.

The company cites
delayed spring log deliver-
ies due to "ongoing weath-
er-related transportation
challenges" resulting in
lower than planned log
inventories.



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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

CRYPTO-QUOTE

XRI VF R NRH HRZ SE R NRH
BVJU OVDQFUI FCRF ZSQ OVYLUH
RYY HRZ? – RNERDRG CVPLI

‘Mack Pride’...

said, “Not recognizing Pride Month was one of my biggest regrets of my first year on Council, so I made it a priority for myself to happen this year.”

He described the event as a community building moment and hinted at

another Pride event possible later this month organized by local volunteers.

He said, “I think it’s important that Mackenzie’s 2sLGBTQIS population has a local government that sees and supports them, and this is an important first step for that.”



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‘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.

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,

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.

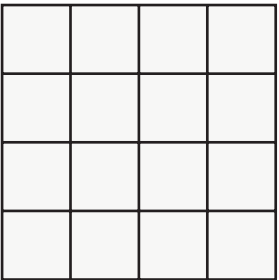
Mackenzie & District Council have mentioned a plan to raise the topic with a minister at the Union of B.C. Municipalities conference in the fall. A query from *The Buzzette* to Mayor Atkinson did not receive a reply by print time.

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.

PLAY FOUR



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 PROJECT FUND up to \$10,000. See details at www.centerragold.com or e-mail: sustainability@centerragold.com. Deadline: September 1, 2024.

MAKE LOCAL NEWS GREAT AGAIN Share what's going on in your corner of the community – or world! E-mail: TheBuzzette@gmail.com

FREE ART PARTY! @ Mackenzie Arts Centre June 19th, 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 25th, 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



WORLD OF CURIOSITIES Summer Reading Club @ the Library Tues & Wed 3 pm. Ages 5 - 8, 9 - 12 and Team Challenges Thursdays.

FOREST BATHING & TEA June 30th, 2 - 4 pm @ Morfee Lake Campground. Free. All welcome. No pets. Children must be w/ an adult. Register with Cornelia 250-617-8135. Dress for weather.

MEN'S SHED SOCIETY meets the third Sunday of every month at 7:30 pm at the Alexander Mackenzie Hotel Explorer Room. Info: 778-582-1773.

Save the date:

CANADA DAY @ Spirit Square July 1, 12 - 3 pm. Hot dogs, cupcakes, family games in the park. Check @ Rec Services for more details.

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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 + (9x6) ... 1 x 9 + 9 x 6 ... 19 + (9 x 6) ... and... ? E-mail *The Buzzette* if you got it and maybe you'll get a prize. Or just a pat on the back. **TRIVIA:** A kilobyte (KB).



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.

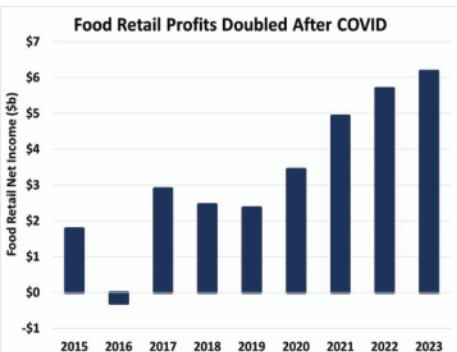
‘Building inspector’...

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.



Graph from Statistics Canada showing Canadian grocery retailer profits to September 2023. Source: centreforfuturework.ca Dec 10, 2023