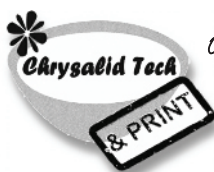




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News of the Odd:

last spring ordered that music tempos in that country must now fall within a specific range.

Chechnya's Culture Ministry said that all musical, vocal and choreographic works should fall inside a tempo of 80 to 116 beats per minute. Local artists were required to rewrite their music by June 1 to reflect the changes, or would not be allowed to perform their works publicly.

Chechen leader Ramzan Kadyrov said that the prescribed tempo will "conform to the Chechen mentality".

Source: TheMoscowTimes.com

Authorities in Russia's republic of Chechnya

Child care centre to go ahead

School District 57 says construction announced last year of a new child care centre on the site of the former Mac 1 school at 32 Heather Crescent will begin this September after additional funding was provided.

Construction for the new 62-space facility was awarded to Datoff Bros. Construction in July, a news release this week said.

It is expected to be completed in fall 2025.

Last year the School District announced three centres to be built in the district with federal and provincial funding through the ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund of about \$13.5 million.

Funding for the Mackenzie centre was to be \$4.25 million. A new amount of \$6.2 million has been approved since, according to a School District spokesperson.

The centre will provide 12 spaces for under 36 months, 25 spaces for 30 months to school age, and 25 school-age child care spaces. (See pic over →)

Quotes:

“Don't cling to a mistake just because you spent a lot of time making it.”
-- Unknown

COMMUNITY NOTES

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Final concert Aug 22: Genevieve Jaide. 7 pm @ the Community Bike Park.

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the Library. Ages 10 to Adult. Two seats available nightly. To reserve your spot, stop in or call 250 997-6343.

FREE COMMUNITY

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THE GREEN CAPES

LIONS CLUB is fundraising in Mackenzie Center Mall August 23 - 24 selling Dog treats, T-shirts, pet First Aid kits and chocolates.

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Trailer park removes derelict structures

Several structures in Century Mobile Home Park have become derelict and ordered for demolition and/or removal by the end of the month under the District's Unsightly Properties Bylaw.

Two have sustained damage from fire and one was left abandoned for over a year and the District says that they

create a public safety risk. Removal work has already begun.

Asked why Century Park has been a focus under this bylaw in recent years while some derelict commercial properties have not received orders, Mayor Atkinson replied that the District's new Bylaw staff have a "pretty heavy workload right now" and that the safety risks at Century made it a priority.

Memorial bench

A new bench has been installed in Mac 1 park under the cottonwood trees near the tennis courts. It carries a memorial plaque for longtime local James Jones, who passed away in November 2022.

Fire hall contract terminated

In a final push to complete the new fire hall before next spring, the District says it has taken possession of the building and terminated its contract with Southwest Design and Construction.

A staff report says the District will complete the remainder of the project "utilizing District of Mackenzie resources and alternative contractors."

The update was provided to Council in a request for approval last week of new contract awards for demolition, paving, curbs and gutters.

The report says the fire hall building was largely completed by the summer of 2023 but that "there has been limited activity on site since October 2023."

Still outstanding are "issues in the building and with the building enve-

lope", as well as the majority of exterior works consisting of paving, concrete curbs, lighting, landscaping and demolition of the old

See 'Fire hall' over →

Suspicious death on Bijoux Dr.

Mackenzie RCMP report that officers responded to a report of shots fired at a residence on Bijoux Drive in the early morning hours of August 16. A male was found deceased outside of the residence.

The North District Major Crime Unit is investigating. Police do not believe the incident poses any danger to the public.

The MCU invites anyone who may have information relating to the incident or CCTV in the area to contact Mackenzie RCMP at 250-997-3288.



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Trivia: What does the emergency signal "S.O.S." stand for? (Answer back page) →

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Provincial Election 2024

Notes & updates...

The BC NDP announced Friday its candidate for the riding of Prince George – Mackenzie: **Shar McCrory**, currently a trustee on the SD57 school board.

At one time a sawmill worker, according to her bio, McCrory now works at Northern Health. She won a seat on the school board in a 2023 by-election.

She will face off with Mackenzie’s **Rachael Weber**, running for the Conservatives, who is also a school trustee, and Prince George’s **Kiel Giddens**, running for BC United.

BC United (formerly the BC Liberals) has publicly called the **BC Conservatives** a “conspiracy party”.

It points to controversial statements and social media posts made by some Conservative candidates, including Weber, who has posted in the past about a coming **anti-Christ**, which she stated will be preceded by “microchips”, martial law and “total government dependency / control.”

338Canada.com, a popular polling prediction service, as of last week had the BC Conservatives winning 7 out of 9 seats in northern B.C., including **Prince George – Mackenzie**.

There are still two months to go as the election heats up. Voting day is **October 19**.



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Councillor Hipkiss says farewell

Monday, August 12 was the last Mackenzie Council meeting for longtime councillor and Mackenzie native **Amber Hipkiss**. Mayor **Atkinson** said a happy but tearful goodbye and thanked **Hipkiss** for her contributions to Mackenzie life.

In a District news release, **Hipkiss**, who also owns **Chrysalid Tech & Print**, said, “This decision was not easy, I will truly miss representing this community...” She is currently relocating to Prince George.

A by-election will be held this fall to fill her seat on Council.

Outbursts of Everett True— By Condo



The Outbursts of Everett True was published from 1905 - 1927.

Mack Blvd tree thinning planned

The patches of woods lining Mackenzie Blvd between Centennial and Skeena will be receiving thinning treatment to reduce wildfire hazard in town and to demonstrate wildfire fuel reduction for the town, according to a Request for Proposal issued by the District this week.

A treatment outline by **Frontera Forest Solutions** stated that the wooded areas are considered a “high fire threat.”

The treatment will seek to maintain “dominant and co-dominant overstory trees” while removing danger trees and “ladder” fuels. It will leave coarse woody debris to encourage natural pine regeneration.

The RFP is posted on the District website.

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Aug 28, 4 - 9 pm. Free. Hart Pioneer Centre parking lot, 6986 John Hart Highway.

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Across

1. End, concluding
3. Portion of cake
6. Friendly pollinators
8. A container for hauling, e.g., water or sand
9. A lengthy text
10. Undergarment for skirts or dresses
11. High pitched cry of surprise or pain
12. A primary colour
14. Many happenings
17. Master work
19. Country, tribe
23. August meteor show


Down

1. An instructive but untrue tale
2. In addition to
4. Dog kisses on face
5. Deep fissure or crack
7. Manners; code of behaviour
8. In the interest of
13. Just before dark
14. A long period of history
15. Town in New Mexico
16. Carried weight
18. Crusted confection
20. Payments dept. (acr)
21. Infrared (acr)
22. A northern territory (acr)

CRYPTOQUOTE FROM last issue: I admit that I live in the past, but only because housing is so much cheaper. – Matt Wohlfarth
WORD SCRAMBLE: Quarter-pounder, Happy Meal, McFlurry

Trivial answer: Nothing. It was chosen because it is a simple, unmistak-

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation toward the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.



‘Fire hall’ ...

fire hall.

The report says the project has remained within the original approved budget, however concrete will not be available locally during the completion steps and will have to be brought in from Prince George. This will add \$27,920 over the budget, which the report says will be allocated from the Northern Capital & Planning Grant Reserve.

No details were provided as to what, if any, penalties were applied in the contract termination.

The fire hall project, with a budget of \$6.5 million, funded by a provincial Northern Capital & Plan-

ning Grant, has been plagued with delays since its start in 2020 with an original scheduled completion date of Fall 2021.

Southwest has been involved in a legal dispute with its subcontractor **Terotech** since spring of 2023.

Did you know?

A theme park in France has trained crows to pick up discarded cigarette butts off its pathways and public squares.

The crows at **Puy du Fou** park search the ground for butts and other small trash items, depositing them into a little box and receiving a treat each time in exchange.



Illustration of the new child care centre slated for Mac 1 park. Source: School District 57 news release