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Project, PO box 9426, Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, B.C. V8W 9V1



EAO

Environmental
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X-country ski day Sunday

Come connect with the
Mackenzie Nordiques Ski
Club on Sunday, February
1st, from 10 am to 3 pm at
our clubhouse next to the
golf course. Enjoy a hot
chocolate and cookies

(donated by Kelly's Bak-
ery), learn about trail eti-
quette and pick up your
membership card. Non-
members can buy day
passes and try out our
trails.

Fall symposium to focus on wellness

A two-day community
symposium will bring
together local agencies
and service providers to
focus on youth, school-
based, and community
wellness supports.

Spearheaded by local
council member Jesse
Wright, the Mackenzie
Mental Health Summit is
planned in cooperation
with School District 57

and the Mackenzie Youth
Wellness Society.

Wright says the event will
feature speakers and a
"mixture of education,
networking, and promo-
tion of mental health sup-
ports available to the
Mackenzie community."

The event will be held
November 13 - 14. Jesse is
looking for interested
people to help with plan-
ning and organizing.

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Letters

Needs phone booth installed

Mayor and Council
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Dear Sirs/Madame,

It is with great reluctance that
I write this letter, however
the "individual approach" has
proven futile in this case.

Since early February of this
year I have been increasingly
distressed at the non-avail-
ability of my telephone for
personal and at times profes-
sional use.

I appeal to you and particu-
larly to Alderman McMullen

Continued over →

News of the Odd:

Local
police in
Syracuse,
New York,
responded
to a call

about a woman sleeping in the
cemetery through the winter.

Rhea Holmes was discovered
sleeping on her husband's grave
site, which has been her night-
time sleeping spot since last
spring.

The 55-year-old lost her
husband the day they signed the
mortgage for their new home in
2024. After that she fell into
depression and lost her job and
home.

During the day she volunteered
at a food kitchen where she
could also eat. At night, she
would slip into the cemetery.

An angel in the form of a police
officer connected her with a
local non-profit that builds tiny
homes. Within 20 days she had
a new home.

via goodnewsnetwork.org

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Kindergarten registration

Kindergarten registration
for September 2026 began
this week. Children whose
fifth birthday falls on or
before December 31, 2026,
are eligible to enter Kinder-
garten this September.

Registration must be com-
pleted through School Dis-
trict 57's online forms,
available at sd57.bc.ca.

Quotes:

"Those who can make you
believe absurdities can
make you commit atrocities."

-- Voltaire

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The Macktown Buzzette

Jan 29 -
Feb 11, 2026

Demo budget demolished

This fall's demolition of the
Ernie Bodin Centre (EBCC)
plus two other structures
came in at almost double
the original cost, according
to a staff report received by
Council on Monday.

New costs arose from
several "known
unknowns" in the original
budget, including asbestos
abatement in the Centennial
Drive house and the amount
of backfill required at
EBCC.

Other costs included the
unexpected extent of the
concrete foundation under
EBCC, requiring extra
transport and crushing. The

report notes that the crushed
concrete was used in the
backfill, reducing the
amount of new backfill pur-
chase required.

Unexpected extra piping
containing asbestos at
EBCC was also found,
requiring additional testing
and removing.

In addition, the project
completion was delayed by
the strike action at the
Mackenzie landfill which
reduced access for hauling
waste materials.

The final cost for the three
structures was \$814,401.
The report by staff details
the other costs and is found
in Council's agenda for
January 26.

Heads outpacing beds: OSA

Data showing the slow
pace of building new
public long-term care beds
and assisted living units in
B.C. was released this
week by the Office of the
Seniors Advocate.

A summary report shows a
5% increase in the number
of long-term care beds
since 2019/20, compared
to a 19% increase in the
population of seniors 65+

over the same period.

"We are at the beginning
of a rapid increase in the
number of people 65 and
over and we know the gap
between the seniors' popu-
lation and older adults
requiring public services
will only widen if we
don't act now," said Dan
Levitt, BC Seniors Advo-

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Letters cont...

(who might use his personal influence) to have a telephone booth erected at the end of my driveway at █ Blackwater Crescent, for the personal use of my wife Marilyn, whose passionate affair with Mr. Bell's invention has grown to alarming proportions.

I would be willing to provide or pay for all necessary installation or maintenance expenses, should such be necessary.

Please inform Mrs. Kent that this letter is written and that the dishes and floors are done and what would she like me to do next.

Yours incommunicado,
Paul G. Kent, M.D.

Letter printed in The Mackenzie Times May 31, 1978.

Did you know? The Buzzette publishes letters too! 200 words or under (or ask). E-mail: TheBuzzette@gmail.com

McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest Corp. FOREST OPERATIONS MAP # MLMCF K2M 2026-1

McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest's Operations Map # MLMCF K2M 2026-1, public review and comment from January 29 - March 1, 2026, at link below, or in person by appointment Mon-Fri 8am-4pm. Contact the forestry department at the email or phone number below in order to schedule an appointment. 127-403 Mackenzie Blvd, Mackenzie, BC, V0J 2C0. This FOM is applicable for 3 years and may be relied upon to apply for a cutting or road permit to harvest a cutblock or construct a road displayed on the FOM.

250-997-8155
generalmanager@mlmcf.ca
<https://fom.nrs.gov.bc.ca/public/projects>



'OSA'...

cate. "Government's own data shared in our report last July shows 16,000 more long-term care beds will be needed over the next decade and, as of today, the Province has no plan to meet this demand."

Currently there is a

2,000-bed shortfall. B.C.'s senior population is projected to increase 26% in the next 10 years.

The Ministry of Health's current 10-year bed expansion plan aims to increase the number of long-term care beds by 10% (2,935 beds) from 2025 to 2030; no additional beds are planned after 2030.



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KARAOKE NIGHT
Friday, Jan 30th @ the Legion. Doors 7:30 pm.

MACKENZIE NORDIQUES Club House
Sunday, Feb 1, 10 am - 3 pm. Kelly's hot chocolate and cookies. Buy a membership, try out the trails!

BEGINNERS SKI & SNOWBOARD LESSONS Little Mac Ski Hill. Weds: Feb 11 & 18, 5 - 7 pm. Register at Rec Services. Age 6+.

EDI TALK with Monique Brown @ the Library. February 18th, 4:30 pm

LIFE-SIZED CANDY-LAND @ the Library
February 19th - 20th. Sign up: (250) 997-6343

MOUNTAIN MAGIC WINTERQUEST happens
February 20 - 22. Find details @ Rec Services.

BOOK CLUB @ the Library February: *Pride and Prejudice*. Discussion
February 23, 5 pm. Sign up: 997-6343

HYDROPONICS TALK
with Clint O'Neil, @ the Library. February 26th, 5 pm.

OUT OF TOWN

FROM FAR AND WIDE: THE SOUNDSCAPES
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P A R T Y

When people tell me that smoking is bad for me, I tell them my great Grandmother lived to be 100 years old. When they ask "Did she smoke her whole life?" I say, "No, she was just good at minding her own business."



Have you got a Valentine's message for a special friend or loved one? Send it in for the Feb 12 issue!

TheBuzzette@gmail.com

Sudoku

Each row, column and quadrant must contain each of the symbols

CRYPTOQUOTE solution from last issue: Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time. — Thomas Merton.
MINI-CROSS select answers: Across: 1. Disobey 9. Canada 13. Tidbits 18. Garages. Down: 2. IOC 3. Slander 4. Boating 6. Years 10. Nob 11. Stag

Trivia answer: 88 days

Omineca wind project proposed

Plans for a large-scale wind energy project located approximately 160 kilometres north of Vanderhoof and west of Williston Lake have been shared with the District and Council.

Toronto-based Capstone Infrastructure acquired what it calls the Wolverine Project in early 2025 and will submit its application in response to BC Hydro's 2025 call for power. The company operates 36 other renewable power generation facilities in North America.

The site can accommodate up to 200 megawatts (MW) of installed capacity, translating to approximately 25 to 30 wind turbines, according to the company's synopsis.

If successful, construction could begin in 2030 with operations starting in 2032.

The company says the location was chosen for its available wind resource, BC Hydro grid access, and environmental considerations.

The Manson Plateau is an area of rolling uplands with primarily sub-boreal Spruce forests, Engelmann spruce and sub-alpine forests. Wildlife in the region includes moose, woodland caribou, black and grizzly bear, wolf, and mountain goat.

Capstone says the project area "does not overlap with any provincial parks, ecological reserves, or other protected areas."

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