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### Kimta AGM updates

Kimta Transportation Society reported improved financials at its Annual General Meeting this week, sharing that 2025 has seen smaller losses, increased ridership, and a modest cushion in the bank.

Ridership for the Prince George shuttle increased to 64 passengers per month from 43 in 2024. This falls close to or just under early numbers from 2023 when service began, according to minutes from that year.

Twelve percent of trips were to and from the airport in 2025, for which a separate fare of \$60 applies.

See 'Kimta' over →

### New minerals push keeps Golden Triangle buzzing

B.C.'s "Golden Triangle", a gold, silver and copper-rich area in the northwest of the province, continues to be a hotbed for exploration, according to recent industry news releases.

Equity Insider states that the United States has become "100% import-reliant" for 16 critical minerals, with "over half of 90 tracked commodities sourced predominantly from foreign suppliers."

The U.S. State Department held a Critical Minerals Ministerial this month, with 11 bilateral frameworks signed, and a \$10 billion critical minerals reserve announced under Project Vault.

The Golden Triangle, said to possess 75% of Canada's copper

See 'Golden Triangle' over →

### News of the Odd:

A 23-year-old man with chronic déjà vu was "trapped in a time loop" for 8 years, forcing him to drop out of university and making it hard for him to keep a job.

He was unable to read newspapers or watch TV because he believed he had seen it all before. Walking into a shop to get his hair cut, he had the experience of déjà vu, and then had a déjà vu of the déjà vu.

Doctors believed his condition was caused by anxiety rather than a neurological condition.

Most people first experience déjà vu (*transl.* "already seen") at the age of six or seven, and it occurs with more frequency between the ages of 15 and 25. Researchers say it tends to tail off as people get older.



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### 8% property tax increase okayed

With a few wincing, Council approved another 8% overall property tax increase for 2026. This is to cover, in part, the ongoing budget shortfall due to the drop in revenue from major industry which began last year.

Finance Director Kerri Borne said that despite last year's tax increases, property tax revenues still declined.

In the provisional budget presented this week, a portion from the Financial Stability Reserve will also be used to fill some gaps.

The 2026 budget so far sees softer departmental cuts than in 2025, with savings going to other budget lines

including some small increases for personnel.

For residential property owners, Borne says the increase will amount to an average of \$155.60 for the year.

Several budget discussions have been held so far, with community input. The final budget will be presented in April.

Documents and a timeline can be viewed at Let's Chat on the District website.

### Quotes:

“Thoughts become things. If you see it in your mind, you will hold it in your hand.”  
-- Bob Proctor



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### Glyphosate alarm goes mainstream

Stop the Spray BC made note this week of a sudden spike in online searches for articles about glyphosate, the common ingredient in weed killer and chemical weapons like Agent Orange.

This follows last week's executive order by the Trump administration to boost production of the substance for use in U.S. agriculture.

The move alarms health and environmental groups there who say that it violates a Trump campaign promise to reduce pesticide use.

Stop the Spray BC, headed by James Steidle of Prince George, has lobbied for years to stop the use of the chemical in forestry vegetation management.

The group points to studies that indicate a long-term environmental persistence of the chemical, potentially affecting wildlife and ground water.

ARTICLES ABOUT GLYPHOSATE  
Google News  
Week of February 15-21

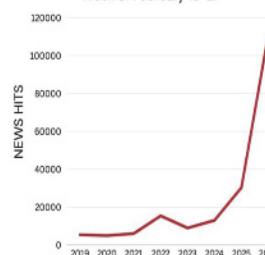


Chart shared online by Stop the Spray BC

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### Minimum wage ↑ to \$18.25

The province announced today that, starting June 1, the provincial minimum wage will increase to \$18.25.

Minimum-wage increases were protected in law in 2024, with the amount automatically tied to the previous year's inflation.

The government says over time, these changes have moved B.C. from "near the bottom to among the highest minimum wages in the country."

It says low-income households devote a large portion of their budget to essential needs, while high-income households have more disposable and discretionary income for savings, investments and luxury goods.

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## COMMUNITY NOTES

**MACKENZIE FIGURE SKATING CLUB ICE SHOW** featuring guest star Kurt Browning. March 7 & 8. Tickets available through MFSC.

**DEI TALK** with Monique Brown @ the Library. Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 pm

**YOUTH WELLNESS SOCIETY OF MACKENZIE Annual General Meeting** March 21, 5 pm. Callahan Room, Rec Centre

**KITTY & the ROOSTER** House Concert. Surf rock duo from Vancouver. March 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm. Doors 6:30 @ the Arts Centre. Tix through MCAC.

## OUT OF TOWN

**FROM FAR AND WIDE: THE SOUNDSCAPES** To April 5: Soundscapes from Canada's east and west coasts. Two Rivers Gallery, Prince George

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- Retail transaction system (*acr*)
  - Measurement of a system's disorder
  - Popular hot or cold beverage
  - Not new
  - Mid-November meteor shower
  - How an actor conveys emotion
  - Characters an actor plays
  - Often paper label showing price
  - "Outside plant" (*acr*)
  - A hollow space inside something
  - Germany (*acr*)
  - Traditionally itinerant people

- ACROSS**
- British word for gasoline
  - Counting start
  - Jeans brand
  - Celebrity, fame
  - Dr. \_\_\_ (*James Bond*)
  - Set of tools kept together

**MISSING NUMBER** from last issue: 11. The number on the bottom right is the sum plus one of the other two. Did you find a different pattern?  
Trivia answer: Possibly Toronto-based Wilson's Ginger Ale, which began bottling in 1875.

I told my boss that I had a terrible fall. He said, "That's fine, don't come in to work today." Tomorrow I'll tell him I had a horrible summer, too.



## 'Kimta'...

Kimta also launched a twice weekly transit service in the community last year, which picks up passengers at school bus stops around town and takes them to the mall and other central destinations for a \$2 fare.

This service is funded by United Way through Mackenzie Community Services. Ridership has been fledgling so far but is expected to grow over time.

The Kimta rental bus is still bringing in a surplus

before depreciation and has been used by seniors groups and Mackenzie Secondary School.

The current passenger van for the PG Shuttle is nearing 500,000 kms. A new van has already been selected and will likely arrive in the coming year.

Trip bookings are still done largely through Facebook and e-mail but online bookings are available at E-Bus, which connects many different passenger bus routes in the province, or through the One Bus app.

## 'Golden Triangle'..

reserves, and made famous during the Gold Rush of the 1860s, also hosts deposits of nickel, magnesium, cobalt, and platinum group metals, elements crucial for industrial and technological applications.

There are two mines currently operating there: Red Chris and Brucejack.

## A LOOK BACK to (1991)

From *The Mackenzie Times*, January 1992. (Edited for space.)

You could call it a pet rock although one wouldn't pack a 1,600 pound jade rock in their back pocket. The rock was put in Terlesky Braithwaite office for all to behold.

The Mackenzie Centre Mall got a face lift as some new mall furniture was put in for the convenience of shoppers.

An exciting shopping spree took place at the Mackenzie Co-op. Alf Wallis was cheered on as he raced up and down the aisles for five minutes gathering what he could. Alf managed to get approximately \$2,500 in groceries.

Plans for Mount Milligan were outlined and it was noted that most of the work force would be drawn from the region encompassing Houston in the west to Mackenzie in the east.

A new record was set at Fletcher Challenge C Mill as the crew of the sawmill shift #2 who were working on February 12 set a new production record of 426,499 gross fbm during an eight hour shift.

Karl Dika, a local Pathfinder, was accepted to travel to the world Scout Jamboree in Seoul, Korea.

It's hard to say as to March coming in like a lion or a lamb, but anyway it was an interesting month as 22 woodland caribou were collared thus giving important information to their travels.

Downtown revitalization took its first step and held a meeting with 28 people in attendance.

Fire Chief Larry Liesch retired.

The unusual weather conditions caused havoc with the roads and there were a lot of vehicles slipping off the road.

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**Astro Corner** Go slow and check your work twice with Mercury in retrograde this week into late March. The planetary retrograde movement is famous for glitches, misunderstandings, delays and reversals. People or projects from the past may reappear. New projects should wait until the planet is direct again.

The full moon in Virgo on March 3<sup>rd</sup> will be a total lunar eclipse in the wee hours of Tuesday morning. If the skies are clear, it may present as a "blood" moon, dusky or reddish in colour.

The earth will be positioned exactly between the sun and moon at that time.

  
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WHEN YOUR HANDS ARE FULL: TING, TING, TING!

WHEN IT IS RAINING: YES - YES - HULLO - WHO IS IT?

AT A CONCERT: SH-H-H! SH-H-H! SH-H-H!

WHEN YOU ARE GIVEN A BABY TO HOLD: THAT BELL IS FRIGHTENING THE POOR MITE.

WHEN YOU ARE BEING MARRIED: TING, TING!

We shall certainly be "rung up" at the most awkward moments in our daily lives!