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## Have your say on blinding headlights!

If you've ever found yourself having to shut your eyes or look to the shoulder to avoid headlight glare while night driving on our local highways, Transport Canada wants to hear from you. The federal agency is collecting feedback on drivers' experiences with overbright headlights.

Concerns have been raised in many jurisdictions over the safety hazards posed by the proliferation of blinding white headlights since the advent of LED technology, and particularly the installation of after-market light kits that

don't match the headlight housing and may create an excessive hazard.

Canadians over the age of 16 can partake in an online survey at the Transport Canada website [tc.canada.ca](http://tc.canada.ca) or send input via e-mail to: [MVS\\_SA@tc.gc.ca](mailto:MVS_SA@tc.gc.ca).

## Quotes:

“Gravity is a really heavy force and you don't realize how heavy it is until you haven't felt it for six and a half months.”  
-- Anne McClain

## Fun

## Facts:

Harland Sanders (aka "Colonel Sanders" to fried chicken fans)

once likened the gravy of the restaurant he founded to "wall-paper paste".

Sanders, who started his fried chicken franchise from a roadside restaurant in Kentucky during the Depression, and expanding it to 600 Kentucky Fried Chicken stores by the 1960s, was vocal about the restaurant's food quality after selling the chain (price: \$2 million) in 1964. So vocal that the company even sued him for libel in 1973.

Nevertheless, he remained the company's icon and ambassador, earning \$40,000 yearly until his death in 1980.

## Fund helps small town fire depts

Mackenzie Volunteer Fire Department was one of 86 recipients of provincial funding from the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund that will help small and volunteer fire departments upgrade equipment and train crews.

Mackenzie will use \$30,000 in funding to replace expiring personal protective equipment.

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## Changes won't protect primary forests: BC group

Local forest advocacy group Conservation North released comments last week on the province's proposed Forest Statutes Amendment Act, a set of legislative changes that aim to improve access to wood fibre, including timber damaged by wildfires, insects and windstorms.

The changes have been largely welcomed by forest industry groups but Conservation North says that logging as an attempt to reduce fire risk can have the opposite

See 'Forest Statutes' over →



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## Greens call for province-wide rail

The BC Green Party is calling for a large-scale passenger rail system throughout the province, including Vancouver Island, and from Prince George to Vancouver, a passenger route used for years by BC Rail before it was sold under the BC Liberal government.

Party leader Emily Lowan, responding to B.C.'s reported loss of 20,000 jobs in February, says a passenger rail strategy would "create thousands of jobs and connect B.C.'s communities."

"We already have many of the tracks and corridors

we need, it's just a matter of putting British Columbians to work to build and operate the affordable passenger rail that unions and communities have been asking for."

The Greens say that data shows a growing demand for travel by rail, including for tourism, and that train travelers spend 72% more than non-train travelers.

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- DOWN
- Proposed or bid on
  - Traveled aimlessly
  - Held fast with hand or tool
  - Key ligament in the knee (*acr*)
  - Cold wind direction (*acr*)
  - Supporting frame of car or truck
  - "\_\_\_\_\_ " for sound
  - Casual greeting
  - Not one in particular

- ACROSS
- Grown without synthetics/chemicals
  - Cause of motion or change (physics)
  - Not succeed
  - Neighbour state (*acr*)
  - Electromagnetic pulse (*acr*)
  - Mostly not hers
  - Fixes for broken things
  - Famous garden
  - Unemployment benefits (*Cdn acr*)
  - Pairs that function as a unit

PLAY FOUR from last issue: DOWN: Loam, Once, Itis, Nods  
TRIVIA ANSWER: Dubble Bubble, Invented by an accountant at Fleer  
Chewing Gum Company in 1928.

Your Lucky Buzzette Lotto numbers for 2029:

1 1 1 2 2 1 49 Bonus: 4

## TONGUE TWISTERS

Can you say these three times fast without stopping?

- Fred fed Ted bread and Ted fed Fred bread.
- We shall see the sun shine soon.
- A proper copper coffee pot.

## Reasons for being a spinster (1899)

In 1899, London magazine Tit-Bits invited humorous submissions from female readers as to why they remained unmarried:

**BECAUSE** I do not care to enlarge my menagerie of pets, and I find the animal man less docile than a dog, less affectionate than a cat, and less amusing than a monkey. – Miss Sparrow

**JOHN**, whom I loved, was supplanted in his office by a girl, who is doing the same amount of work he did for half the salary he received. He could not earn sufficient to keep a home,

so went abroad. Consequently I am still a spinster. – Miss E. Jones

**BECAUSE** I am an English lady, and the Americans monopolize the market. – Miss Jessie Davis

**BECAUSE** I have other professions open to me in which the hours are shorter, the work more agreeable, and the pay possibly better. – Miss Florence Watts

**BECAUSE** (like a piece of rare china) I am breakable, and mendable, but difficult to match. – Miss SA Roberts

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## COMMUNITY NOTES

**NATIONAL FILM DAY**  
2026 April 15<sup>th</sup>. At the Library, 4:30 pm: *A Bear Named Winnie*

**HOUSE CONCERT** April 18<sup>th</sup> Jordan Coaker and Mallory Johnson 7 pm at the Arts Centre. \$30/\$35.

**EARTH DAY EXTRAVAGANZA** April 18<sup>th</sup> Noon - 4 pm @ the Arts Centre. Open Mic & Poetry Slam, Seed Swap, BBQ & more. 9 Laurier Drive. Free.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Community members can list any event, any time for free in the Buzzette!

**EVERYDAY CONTRACT LAW IN BC** Webinar April 21<sup>st</sup>, 12 - 1 pm. Practical tips on binding and non-binding agreements: phone plans, contractors' quotes, handshake agreements. Register: [peopleslawschool.ca](http://peopleslawschool.ca)

**MACKENZIE SHOW & SHINE** April 25<sup>th</sup> 10 am - 3 pm Rec Centre Parking Lot. Register your vehicle @ the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce



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## 'Forest Statutes'...

effect, in some cases making forests more prone to higher severity fire.

"Salvage logging - especially in forests that have never been logged - damages soils, wildlife habitat, and water flows," explains Conservation North's director, ecologist Michelle Connolly.

"When you log after natural disturbance, you're robbing the forest of key building blocks (including still-living trees) for the forest that will follow. The Ministry's claim that this is forest stewardship is garbage."

The group cites forest scientist David Lindenmayer, recently speaking on salvage logging, that "its benefits are limited and its ecological and financial costs can be substantial."

The group's main concern is the legislation's granting of more logging access to B.C.'s primary forests which the province simul-

taneously claims to be protecting.

"While other jurisdictions such as New Zealand and China have banned primary forest logging, B.C. continues to encourage the liquidation of these irreplaceable ecosystems," Connolly states.

Of the other changes, the group says it supports "an expanded range of contracting opportunities in secondary forests, which were logged at some point in the past."

Read it online at...



thetacktown  
buzzette.com

## Correction Corner

The Buzzette March 26 issue incorrectly stated that Jim Atkinson, husband to mayor Joan, has previously served on town council. In fact, Mr. Atkinson, while serving in other roles around town, has never been on council.

The article in the same issue regarding a farewell for Drs. Dobson suggested that the party was a public event. In fact, it was a private farewell.

The Buzzette regrets any inconvenience caused by these errors.



## Kraft Hockeyville 2026 Winners

**Main Winner**  
Taber, Alberta  
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**Runner-Up**  
Tumbler Ridge, BC  
Prize: \$100,000 for ice rink upgrades