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SD57 trustees vote for pay raise

School District 57 Board trustees voted 5 - 1 to increase their remuneration from \$23,430 to \$30,000 at the last public meeting. The Chair and Vice-Chair will also receive similar increases.

The changes will take place after the next School Board election. Trustee Shar McRory opposed. Trustee Holland was absent.

A report by the School District stated that trustee pay currently is "mid to lower

range" compared to other school district boards while trustee roles typically require 400 to 700 hours per year, depending on the role.

The report notes that total trustee remuneration is less than 1% of SD57's operating budget.

In a May 21 editorial, the Prince George Citizen commented that the increase amounts to a 28% raise.

See 'Trustee pay' over →

Gantahaz water still yucky

High sediment and discoloration remain a concern in parts of the Gantahaz subdivision water system after a water treatment plant was installed last year.

A letter to Council from resident Dave Warner described the water quality as unacceptable and unsafe. See 'Gantahaz water' over →

School sports an elementary thing

School District 57 will explore the feasibility of implementing a District-wide elementary school sports program.

A report from the Superintendent of Schools examining sports access and participation at the high school level found that the biggest factor is lack of exposure at the elementary level.

Fun Facts:

Britain secretly stored its wealth, including billions in gold bullion, deep beneath Montreal's Sun Life building during WWII. It involved a covert transfer of the fortune called Operation Fish.



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Ecological concerns high in forest values survey

Results from the Mackenzie Forest Landscape Planning Project, a survey conducted in November and December by the Mackenzie Forest District were released this week.

The top four forest priorities identified by Mackenzie residents were:

1. Ecosystem, fish & wild life health
2. Community stability
3. Water quality & quantity
4. Economic development

Locals interact with the forest mostly through hands-on, land-based activities such as hunting, fishing, trapping, recreation, and forestry.

The report notes that residents are mainly concerned with day-to-day issues like economic stability and road access, while also concerned about maintaining healthy wildlife and forests, including wildfire risk.

Non-resident respondents focused more on ecological issues such as old-growth protection, biodiversity, and climate-related risks but also tourism and recreation.

The results will help inform decision making and guide planning efforts aimed at supporting sustainable forestry outcomes.

Atkinson honoured

Mayor Atkinson was honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award at last month's North Central Local Government Association Convention in Prince George.

The award recognized Atkinson's contributions over almost 20 years as an elected representative in local government.

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-- Joanna Maciejewska

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A LOOK BACK AT 1991

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students had a wonderful trip to Spain.

Here it is May ...

Peter Schreiber became the new Public Works superintendent for the District of Mackenzie.

The Mackenzie and District Hospital got a Kodak Ektachem 500 chemistry analyzer. The machine has the capability of running 17 chemistries at once.

A pet stampede was held in conjunction with Mackenzie's 25th anniversary. Some interesting pets with lovely costumes.

It was announced that 24 members of the Houston Texas Police Department would stop in at Mackenzie on their journey to Alaska. This would take place in June.

Regional Kub Car rally was held in the mall with participants giving it their best.

Phil Asquith was chosen Citizen of the Year at the first Civic Night held.

Mackenzie celebrated Forest Week with some wonderful demonstrations for the public.

Cubs attended a Cuboree in Quesnel and reported a great time.

An announcement was made that a duck race would take place in June.

The long weekend of May saw some familiar old faces back in town for the 25th anniversary celebrations. Those who attended the many events had a wonderful time.

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Article from a January 1992 issue of *The Mackenzie Times*.

CRYPTO-QUOTE



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'Trustee pay raises'...

The increase comes as the School Board office eliminates a clerical position, highlighted in a letter to the Board by CUPE Local 3742.

Superintendent Jameel Aziz stated at the meeting that

the job elimination is a functional rather than a financial decision.

He said as the District office automates and puts in new systems, roles change and some are eliminated.

'Gantahaz water'...

A representative from L&M Engineering, which installed the plant, attended the meeting.

He advised that the treatment itself, which includes chlorine, affects sediment accumulation inside the water pipes, effectively scrubbing the pipe walls,

which causes the discoloration at the tap. He said the water quality should improve in the not-too-distant future.

The company invited the District to provide a water quality reporting system that will gather reports from residents.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN June 8th
 1 - 2 pm, Morfee Elementary Gym. Registration 12:45 pm.

MACKENZIE 2nd ANNUAL PRIDE MARCH & PICNIC
 June 13th 11:30 am - 4:30 pm
 @ Community Bike Park.
 Live music, lawn games, face-painting, bake sale. (Bring your own picnic lunch.)

CURL MACKENZIE AGM
 Date change: June 15th, 5 pm.
 Elks Lodge, 300B Osilinka Rd.

AMY BUCKLEY thanks everyone who entrusted her with their sewing needs over the last 12 years. She is no longer sewing for the public. Welcome a new seamstress to town: Donna ~ My Sewn ~ 604-356-8101.

BOOK CLUB meets June 29th, 5 pm. June's book: *The House in the Cerulean Sea*. Sign up @ the Library.

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DOWN

1. Also known as (*acr*)
2. People who chase around a little ball
3. Information tech (*acr*)
4. Maritime province (*acr*)
6. _____ of the ball
7. Sticky stuff as from a tree
8. A Great lake
9. Not mounded
10. Atomic no. 22 (*acr*)
11. Total vehicle weight (*acr*)

ACROSS

2. Ho ho ho (green guy)
5. A secure rope fastening
8. Feminine in manner or looks

11. A structure to allow vine growth
12. Propagated through a virus and/or popular

PLAY FOUR from last issue: Across: Fair, Arlo, Velo, East. WORD SCRAMBLE: Finlay Forks Cres., Omineca Cres., Finlay Forks Cres.

Father: Jimmy, do you think I'm a bad father?
 Son: My name is Paul.

