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District recognized for bear-proofing

At the July meeting of council, the District received formal recognition from the Conservation Officer Service, for its new bear-resistant commercial bins which the Service says has reduced human-bear interactions in town.

In his presentation, Officer Eamon McArthur from the Prince George detachment commented that 2023 was a particularly bad year in Mackenzie for garbage bears.

Mayor Atkinson received a plaque on behalf of Council.

The subject of garbage bears came up again this week at Council's Committee of the Whole meeting. Mayor Atkinson, commenting on a number of residential garbage/wildlife attractant violations reported by Bylaw Services, suggested that it might be time to start issuing tickets for garbage violations.

Trivia:

What does BMW (auto) stand for?
(Answer over →)

Mixed Martial Arts Mondays @ the Legion

First Session:
Sept 14 - Nov 23

Second Session:
Nov 30 - Feb 8

Third Session:
Feb 15 - Apr 26

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7:00 - 8:30 pm

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Canfor suspends aerial spraying – for now

Canfor has no plans to spray aerial glyphosate in B.C. in 2026, nor any firm plans for spraying after this year either, according to a Ministry of Environment communication to James Steidle of Stop the Spray BC in Prince George.

Steidle, long an opponent of the use of chemical herbicides in forestry, says that Canfor has not submitted any of the required Notice of Intent to Treat (NIT) maps to the ministry this year.

"[Canfor] has conducted the majority of the spraying in the Prince George region in the past 20 years, much of it targeting fire-resistant aspen," Steidle said in a news release. That the company is, at least for now, stopping the practice is a big victory for his group and other stakeholders, he says.

"The public needs to say a big thanks to all... who took the time to spread awareness about this detrimental practice, and in

See 'Canfor' over →

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News of the Odd:

A San Francisco man pranked the internet

by creating his own AI "chatbot" service – ChatTJB – which didn't use AI at all. It was just him messaging live and anonymously with users.

His "AI" stands for "Average Individual", or perhaps "Artisanal Intelligence". He even provided "AI" graphics – literally hand-sketched by him in real time.

His billboard advertisement, in a low-key area of the city, slowly drew attention and after a few days, he was responding to hundreds of requests a day.

A sobering realization for him was that many users simply wanted to talk. This, along with interest from outsiders who wanted to participate, has given him the idea to turn ChatTJB into a community project with live volunteers.

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Instagram: *iamtucks*

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EV charging at junction?

A letter urging the District of Mackenzie to install an EV charging station at the highway junction received some pushback at the council meeting this week.

Letter writer Kevin Walker suggested that, among other things, a charger at the Visitor Caboose would encourage travelers to visit town and shop at local businesses.

At the meeting, Councillor Wright supported the idea. Mayor Atkinson opposed, commenting that having the charging station in town is what brings EV users into town and into local businesses.

Council concluded with a request to staff to look into EV signage at the junction.

Military exercise in Macktown Sept 9 - 10

Canadian Armed Forces has notified the District it will be conducting a training exercise in the vicinity of Mackenzie from September 9 to 10.

The training, conducted by 1 Service Battalion, will involve movement and infrastructure reconnaissance, assess transportation infrastructure such as airports, helicopter landing sites, seaports, railheads, and road networks, and

improve the CAF's ability to support domestic operations, including disaster response.

What the Public May See:

- CAF members wearing combat uniforms
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DOWN

- Bias toward able-bodied design or activity
- Construction material
- Used to safely enclose
- Pain in inner ear
- Small Asian country (acr)
- Up to date
- More than a single, less than an album (acr)
- Of flowers or eyes
- Veer, bend
- Top supreme court judge (acr)

ACROSS

- Not being there
- End of a relationship
- One who tells untruths
- Cream- filled pastries
- Opposite of 'IDK'
- Work team
- Large Asian country
- Honorific for royalty, usually coupled with 'His' or 'Her'

PLAY FOUR Answers from last issue: ACROSS: Rats, Echo, Arid, Mesa. WORD SCRAMBLE: Gataiga Lake, Cut Thumb Bay, Rodeo Grounds.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Nomination period Sept 1 - 11 for the 2026 municipal & school board elections. Packages available at the District office.

FASD TOGETHER

Sept 9 - 11 in Mackenzie & McLeod Lake. FASD awareness training. Meet n’ Greet BBQ Sept 9 @ the Rec Centre. Free. Contact Cassandra cjones@mymcs.ca

REC FAIR

@ the Rec Centre Friday, Sept 11, 4:30 - 8:30 pm. Sign up for clubs and fall activities.

2026 NORTHERN BC TOURISM SUMMIT

October 20 – 22 in Prince George. More info & to register: www.travelnbc.com

OUT OF TOWN

JUNK IN THE TRUNK

Prince George's largest garage sale. Sept 26, 9 am - 1 pm. Rain or shine @ CN Centre Parking Lot, 2187 Ospika Blvd. Vendor registration: eventbrite.ca

Did you know?

A “Dancing Plague” once infected up to 400 people in a small medieval village in France.

The mania apparently began in Strasbourg in July 1518 with one woman who just started dancing in the street and continued for an entire week.

One by one, then in groups, others joined the spectacle, some of them dancing themselves to death. Town officials constructed a stage and hired a band to let the dancers dance it out.

By August, as many as 400 had died of exhaustion, stroke, or heart attack. In September the dancers were removed to a mountain retreat, ending the epidemic.

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McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest Corp.

FOREST OPERATIONS MAP #MLMCF K2M 2026-3

McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest's Operations Map # MLMCF K2M 2026-3, public review and comment from August 28 - September 28, 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.

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<https://fom.nrs.gov.bc.ca/public/projects>

‘Canfor suspends spraying’ ...

particular to the leadership of the Lheidli T’enneh First Nation.”

The Lheidli T’enneh announced last fall a ban on the use of forestry herbicides across all of its territory, which includes Prince George and the Robson Valley.

Earlier this month, Stop the Spray BC had called

on the Ministry of Environment to release all maps of proposed spraying in the Prince George area.

Steidle says that public release of this information is not a current requirement, which leaves residents and backcountry users in the dark about what areas have been treated with chemical herbicides.

‘CAF in Macktown’...

The CAF emphasizes that this is a planned training exercise. There are no expected disruptions to

public safety or services and no live ammunition or hazardous training activities will take place.

CRYPTO-QUOTE

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Four-minute daily workout makes big difference

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