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BC gov't calls for Meta reforms

Following a landmark \$18 billion settlement between Meta (parent company of Facebook and Instagram) and a coalition of U.S. states over online harms to children and youth, the B.C. government is

See 'Online harms' over →

News of the Odd:

A New Brunswick woman challenged the law this July when she was asked to cover up at a beach after removing her top to sunbathe. Local police had approached her with the request. She initially refused, questioning the legal basis of their request. Later she covered up but filed a complaint with the department, which issued an apology.

The incident, reported on CBC News, reminded Canadians that public decency laws do not prohibit female toplessness in public.

Air travel for the 60+ set

Researchers at the University of Ottawa are inviting older adults to take part in a one-time online survey about their air travel experiences.

The study seeks to understand what helps or hinders comfort, confidence and accessibility when travelling by air. Share your experience and help inform more age-friendly and inclusive air travel.

See survey link at:
surveymonkey.ca/r/6ZXWNL

Blue Owl deal funds Mack data centre buildout

IREN's Mackenzie data centre received mention in financial news last month for a \$2.4 billion financing deal between IREN and U.S.-based private credit company Blue Owl.

According to reports, IREN will use the financing, provided through a senior-secured term loan and senior secured notes, to build out its GPU processing hardware in its switch to data centre operations, announced earlier this year.

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Parsnip West FSR work

A temporary bridge at Dina Creek (at 30 km on the Parsnip West Forest Service Road) is being replaced this month with a permanent bridge, according to a Ministry of Forests communication.

The memo says that the previous culvert and existing bridge crosses have been impacted by beavers and a recent washout. The permanent replacement

will be a longer, 15-metre, single-lane concrete slab bridge.

The bridge will ensure long term access to Dina Lakes "and beyond", according to the ministry.

The work is planned to take place by October 15, with the most recent dates cited as September 15 to 29. *(Thanks to Pete*

See 'Parsnip West update' →

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Large candidate field for Mack election

The second and final week for town council and school board candidate nominations comes to a close this week and already October's ballot is looking busy with still some additions and corrections to come.

Councillor Jesse Wright, who made his mayoral

aspirations known long before the election year began, withdrew from the mayor's race last week, to the surprise of some.

In a video posted online, he cited personal reasons and his feeling not up to the demands of the role at this time. He will seek

See 'Mack candidates' →

Trivia:

How much did the first Big Mac cost? (Answer over →)

New hours at transfer station

The Mackenzie Transfer station ("Mackenzie Dump") switched to a new schedule this month which returned Sunday to its operating hours after a summer of weekend closures.

The new hours are Sunday to Thursday, 9 am to 5 pm.

In a reply to *The Buzzette*, Regional District spokesperson Hilary Erasmus said these hours are again temporary while the Regional District "works

on staffing solutions."

A question about staffing challenges there, which have often resulted in service changes, received no direct answer. Mayor Atkinson, who sits on the Regional District Board, also declined to comment.

Quotes:

*"There is no death.
Only a change of
worlds."*

-- Chief Seattle



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Military exercise cancelled

The training exercise in Mackenzie by Canadian Armed Forces Battalion 1, scheduled for this week, was cancelled (see updated article in the August 27 issue). The Buzzette learned of the cancellation too late to correct most of the print edition.

Note: Updates and corrections to any Buzzette print edition can always be found in the e-edition, posted online at TheMacktownBuzzette.com. See an error? Send in your correction to thebuzzette@gmail.com.

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COMMUNITY
NOTES

ADULT CRAFT MAKING

Autumn Leaf Bowls Sept 21st
@ the Library. 4 pm.

HOUSE CONCERT Sept 24,

7 pm at the Arts Centre. Artist:
Kristina Olson (blues, swing
jazz). Tickets at MCAC.

CO-OP COMMUNITY

GAZEBO OPENING Sept 26
(rescheduled from August).
Music, BBQ, poetry slam. Arts
Centre, 9 Laurier Drive.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

DAY Sept 28 activities @ the
Library: Bluey Craft & Among
Us in Real Life. Check at the
Library for times.



OUT OF
TOWN

UNBC TALK: Municipal
Opportunities For Transitioning
to Electric Fleet Vehicles
Sept 21, 4:30 - 6 pm. Part of
UNBC Green Week. Sign up:
unbc.ca/events

WORD SCRAMBLE Unscramble to spell out three flavours of ice cream!

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paint alone _ _ _ _ _

a dry crook _ _ _ _ _

'Mack candidates'...

to keep his seat on council
instead.

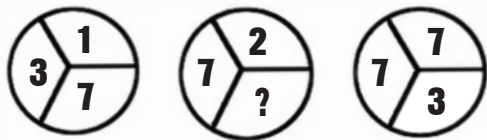
Council newbie and long-
time local Pete Kylo
announced his run for
mayor on social media
earlier this month. Mike

Hendrickson (also known
as Mike Jean) has also
entered the mayoral race.

Election Day is October
17. Campaigning begins
September 19.

MISSING NUMBER

Find a pattern to guess the missing number.



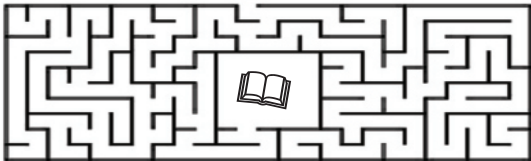
MINICROSS select answers from last issue: ACROSS: 1. Absence
8. Breakup 9. Liar 10. Eclairs 16. Majesty DOWN: 1. Ableism
2. Brick 3. Seal 4. Earache 6. Current 12. Sway CRYPTOQUOTE:
Some painters transform the sun into a yellow spot, others transform
a yellow spot into the sun. - Pablo Picasso

Trivia answer: 45¢

I won \$3 million in the lottery last week so I
decided to donate a quarter of it to charity.
Now I have \$2,999,999.75. - via upjoke.com



A-MAZE Find the lost library book.



'Online harms'...

calling on Meta to imple-
ment the same protections
here in Canada.

The settlement requires
Meta to implement safe-
guards for users under 18
in the U.S., including age-
related content restrictions,
age-verification measures
and features designed to
reduce excessive use of its
platforms.

B.C. Attorney General
Niki Sharma in a news
release said, "There are
many open lawsuits in
Canada against social

media platforms, but Cana-
dian families should not
have to wait for [legal]
outcomes... to benefit
from safeguards."

In other online harms
lawsuit news, families of
the victims of the Tumbler
Ridge school shooting in
February are suing
OpenAI - owner and
developer of popular
chatbot ChatGPT - for
negligence and failing to
alert law enforcement
about the shooter's specific
interactions with ChatGPT
prior to the attack.