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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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FOREST OPERATIONS MAP

Tsay Keh Dene Timber FLA99439 2026-7

Tsay Keh Dene Timber's Operations Map # Tsay Keh Dene Timber FLA99439 2026-7, public review and comment from September 10 - October 10, 2026, at link below, or in person by appointment Mon - Fri 8 am - 4 pm. Contact the forestry department at the email or phone number below in order to schedule an appointment. 1200 Mill Road, Mackenzie, BC, V0J 2C0. This FOM is applicable for three 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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'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.

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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.

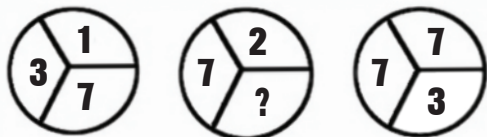


OUT OF
TOWN

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

MISSING NUMBER

Find a pattern to guess the missing number.

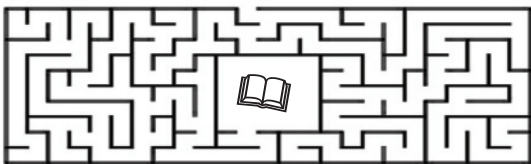


MINICROSS select answers from last issue: ACROSS: 1. Absence 8. Breakup 9. Liar 10. Eclairs 16. Majesty DOWN: 1. Ableism 2. Brick 3. Seal 4. Earache 6. Current 12. Sway CRYPTOQUOTE: Some painters transform the sun into a yellow spot, others transform a yellow spot into the sun. - Pablo Picasso

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 implement the same protections here in Canada.

The settlement requires Meta to implement safeguards 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 Canadian 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.

'Parsnip West update'...

Kyllo for the update.)

During construction there will be no road access to Dina Lakes.

As for the closures further up the road starting at Lamonti Creek where the bridge was taken out last year, there have been no new developments.

Kyllo, who owns land at Finlay Bay and who has led the effort to keep the road open for recreational use, says that without a registered forester to sign off on the newly required

paperwork he is unable to do any work on the road.

The bridge closures last year at Lamonti and Patsuk creeks have blocked normal road travel to points north, including Finlay Bay, Scott Bay, Weston Creek, Canty Lake and Kimta Creek rec sites, severely impacting local recreational access, an issue affecting FSR access in other parts of the province as well.

See also previous articles on this topic. (Online search tag: Buzzette, Parsnip West FSR)

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

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paint alone _ _ _ _ _

a dry crook _ _ _ _ _