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Oct 8 - 21, 2026

Gantahaz residents give Council an earful

Gantahaz residents filled Council Chambers last Monday to raise concerns about ongoing problems with brown and dirty tap water in the subdivision.

Following up on a letter sent to Council, resident Amber Pasichnyk questioned the District's lack of action in addressing problems with water quality as well as water pressure.

Other residents also spoke, with some saying water has been a problem in Gantahaz since the subdivision's beginning. Jessica McDonald, a 24-year resident, said she has been complaining to the District about "black water" in her taps for at least 20 years.

Other residents say their problems began after the new water treatment plant was installed a year ago. One attendee said the sediment problem is intermittent, making it difficult to report and monitor. Another asked about chlorine spikes.

Residents described difficulty getting clean water

See 'Gantahaz water' →

Quotes:

"If your morals make you dreary, depend on it they are wrong.
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October night sky offers some treats

Seven different meteor showers will light up the night sky this month, with the best ones starting October 10 when the Southern Taurid Meteor Shower peaks. It can produce up to five meteors per hour.

On October 21st, the Orionids will peak, bringing up to 15 shooting stars per hour.

The Orionids are one of the most active meteor showers of the year, and are among the most easily found, near the three stars which form Orion's Belt, found in the eastern sky.

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'Principal residence' at issue for short-term rentals

The District is considering draft guidelines for short-term rental accommodations (STRs) in town, with proposed rules aimed at balancing housing protection with accommodation need, economic opportunities with neighbourhood considerations.

A key consideration is whether to adopt the province's Principal Residence Requirement, which limits STRs to an operator's principal residence.

The staff report recommended opting in to the requirement which would still permit accessory buildings to be used as accommodation.

Mayor Atkinson proposed removing the requirement. She cited a specific example of someone in the community who already runs a STR from a home he purchased and spent two years refurbishing.

See 'Short-term rentals' →

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Trivia:

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News of the Odd:

In 1997, a 23-year old French man, Frédéric Pierre Bourdin, arrived in the U.S. claiming to be Nicholas Barclay, the long lost son of a Texas couple who went missing three years earlier.

The man claimed he had been kidnapped by traffickers who had also changed his eye colour. He managed to fool the family for five months, living with them and attending school until a private investigator noticed that his ears did not match those of Barclay's. DNA testing confirmed the fraud.

It was discovered that Bourdin was a serial impostor who began his impersonations when he was a child and is known to have assumed 500 different identities, three of them being missing teenage persons.

Nicholas Barclay, last seen playing basketball with his friends, has never been found.

Ageism Awareness Day

October 8 is Ageism Awareness Day. According to the B.C. Seniors Advocate, a 2024 survey of 9,200 British Columbians found that 84% believe ageism in an issue in B.C. and 54% reported being directly impacted by ageism.

The survey found that ageism is noticed most often in the workplace; in exclusion in social situations; in society through age-related jokes and stereotypes.

Seniors are also vulnerable to decisions being made for, instead of with, them, and in abuse through financial fraud or being denied care.

Find out more at:
seniorsadvocatebc.ca

Did you know?

A Prince George Citizen poll of 1,307 respondents in 2019 showed a preference (49%) for keeping Standard Time rather than Daylight Saving Time (35%). Sixteen percent said to keep the current twice-annual clock change.

Community and Employment Forum

Enbridge is hosting a Community and Employment Forum for the Sunrise Expansion Program.

Come by to:

- Learn about employment, training, and local business opportunities connected to the project
- Meet Enbridge and Surerus Murphy Joint Ventures representatives
- Get construction updates in the Mackenzie area

Wednesday, October 14
4 – 7 p.m.
Mackenzie Recreation Centre
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Can't attend? You can still get involved. Complete Enbridge's Community Opportunity Form if you're looking for work, business opportunities, or have accommodation for rent.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

COMMUNITY & EMPLOYMENT FORUM Open House for Sunrise Expansion Project. Oct 14, 4 - 7 pm. *See ad this page.*

COUNCIL ELECTION October 17th, 8 am - 8 pm at the Rec Centre. Advance vote: Oct 16th @ Council Chambers (+ Special Voting @ the Hospital.)

MAKE YOUR OWN WRAPPING PAPER Adult crafts at the Library. Oct 19, 4 - 5 pm. Free.

KIDS CRAFTS @ the Library Oct 23. Dancing Skeleton 11 am - 12 pm, Spider Web Slime 1 - 2 pm.

PROVINCIAL ELECTION Vote Oct 24, 8 am - 8 pm at the Legion. (Advance voting Oct 16 - 21. Look for your 'Where to Vote' card in the mail.)

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1. Spectacle of stage or screen
2. Long-eared animal
3. Dug from mines
4. Where young men should go

PLAY FOUR answers from last issue: CARD, ERIE, NICK, TAKE. WORD SCRAMBLE: New Brunswick, Saskatchewan.

Trivia answer: Pumpkin Spice Latte, introduced in Vancouver!

I went looking for some camouflage pants yesterday but couldn't find any.

Happy 10th, Buzzette!

It is with great pride that I can say The Macktown Buzzette is marking its ** **10th year** ** in print this week, filling a community news void and bringing a spotlight to civic issues in Mackenzie since 2016.

Having reached this milestone, I can also say that change is afoot in the near future. Stay tuned in the coming weeks and months.

Thanks to readers and advertisers for sharing in this endeavour!

– Janice Nelson, Publisher / Editor

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'Short term rentals'…

Councillors Brumovsky and Kyllo opposed, citing the need to preserve housing stock in the community.

The question will be highlighted in the second phase of public engagement, expected this fall.

Recent media reports on short term rentals have drawn attention to the use of STRs in human trafficking.

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If you divide me by 1/4 you get 36. ____

'Gantahaz water'..

to drink, to shower and wash clothes, as well as to have a bath.

Mayor Atkinson said the District has received complaints from only 16 of the subdivision's 80 households.

Atkinson said that when chlorine was added to the system with the new treatment plant, it was expected to interact with decades of accumulated iron and manganese in the pipes.

L&M Engineering had estimated it would take about six months for the buildup to clear out, but it has now been a year.

Public Works Director Joe Murray said testing conducted by the District has generally not detected the same dirty water residents are seeing at their taps.

Discussion continued for well over an hour.

Council resolved to provide potable water to residents who need it, and to arrange meetings with L&M Engineering, and a possible third-party firm to get a second opinion on the problem.

(See also Buzzette June 4 issue.)