



**Northern Rockies Regional Municipality**

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Re: Public Meeting on Home Based Businesses in the NRRM, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Dear Resident:

The Northern Rockies Regional Municipality (NRRM) will be holding a public meeting regarding "Home Based Businesses: History, Issues, Planning and Enforcement" on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30PM at the Phoenix Theatre. The NRRM will be seeking public involvement to define appropriate levels and types of home businesses in the Fort Nelson area. There is particular concern with current levels of home/industrial businesses in Rural West (Old Alaska Highway, Radar Road, Caribou Way, Pioneer Way and McConachie) that are located within Rural Residential (RR-1: Large and RR-2 Small) and Agriculture (A-1 Large Holdings and A-2 Small Holdings) zoned properties.

A Home Based Business is meant to be "subordinate and ancillary to" the residential nature of the home or dwelling unit. We have examples in our community of "Home Based Businesses" being "Business Based Homes" which was likely not envisioned by our current zoning bylaws. NRRM is seeking public input regarding appropriate methods of preserving the character of rural neighbourhoods while, at the same time, providing opportunities for home based businesses.

Please feel free to contact me at the Community Development and Planning Department ((250) 774-2541 Ext. 2041 or [jstevenson@northernrockies.ca](mailto:jstevenson@northernrockies.ca)) if you have any questions about the zoning bylaw provisions that apply to your land. We hope that you will be available to attend the public meeting to ensure that Home Based Businesses remain an important part of Fort Nelson and the NRRM without overshadowing the rural character, fabric and nature of the homes and residential areas in which they operate.

Please look for further notification and information of the public meeting in the Fort Nelson news or on our website, [www.NorthernRockies.ca](http://www.NorthernRockies.ca).

Sincerely,

Jack A. Stevenson  
Director, Community Development and Planning