

Tips for choosing a proper non-medical face mask or face covering



Should be made of 2+ layers of tightly woven fabric (such as cotton or linen).



Ensure it is well-fitted with ear loops or ties.



Fit comfortably against your face allowing you to breathe easily so you don't need to adjust it.



Be large enough to completely cover the nose and mouth without gaping.



Must be durable to allow you to frequently wash and dry it without losing its shape.

Cloth masks protect others from your respiratory droplets, but will not protect you from the droplets of others.

Wearing a non-medical face mask should not be a replacement for following proven measures such as handwashing and physical distancing.

Courtesy of Halliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit



COVID-19 Immunization Plan

CAO Barry provided an update on the [BC COVID-19 Immunization Plan](#). Currently underway, Phases 1 and 2 will protect those most vulnerable to severe illness first. General population immunization will occur in Phases 3 and 4. Municipal Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) staff are working with local health officials to assist wherever possible, so health workers can focus their efforts. The Community Halls at the Northern Rockies Regional Recreation Centre and Toad River are being investigated as possible vaccination clinic locations.

To date, 154,496 vaccine doses have been administered in BC. The [BCCDC COVID-19 dashboard](#) is updated regularly with BC's progress on vaccine dosage as well as COVID-19 case numbers.

CMA Resuming Flights in February

Central Mountain Air (CMA) applauded regional government officials and the Fort Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce for advocating so strongly for this vital service, after they announced cancellation of several routes including Fort Nelson. With support from provincial and federal governments, CMA will continue to provide air service connectivity to Fort Nelson, beginning February 18, 2021. [Media Release](#)

Also of note...

- From the January 25th InCamera Meeting, it was risen and reported that a budget of \$35,150, made up of carry-forward and grant funding was pre-approved for the implementation of the Tourism Strategic Plan.
- [Chamber of Commerce Week](#), February 15-19, 2021 was proclaimed by Mayor Foster.



From the Bear Pit

Regional Council Newsletter

February 8, 2021

PV Solar Power at the Rec Centre Not Cost-Effective

At the December 14, 2020 Council meeting, Council requested that staff provide an estimate of the cost associated with the end-of-life disposal of the proposed solar panel installation on the Recreation Centre roof.

Most solar panels have a 25-year warranty and due to the lifespan of the solar PV system the contractor was unable to predict what options might be available for disposal of the panels therefore the costs associated with end-of-life are not included in the assessment.

Based on the summary report that a payback period for the project is longer than the 25-year project life unless significant grant funding is secured, the project is not among those proposed for the 2021 budget. [Administration Report #09/21](#) • [Solar PV Assessment \(Urban Systems\)](#)

Climate Change Webinar

Northeast BC: Resilience, Climate, and the Future Webinar is being offered through the Fraser Basin Council. Communities in Northeastern BC have witnessed a number of extreme weather events and related impacts in recent years. It is important to have a good understanding of these impacts as well as best practices to deal with them so we can plan for a safe and stable environment. Speakers include Kari Tyler and Arelia Schoeneberg of Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium, Erica Crawford of SHIFT Collaborative, and Cait Murphy of the Fraser Basin Council. [Register for the webinar on February 17 here.](#)

Read more at their LinkedIn post [here](#).

NRRM Healthcare Advocate Sought

A request for proposals (RFP) is being issued, seeking a healthcare advocate to assist in the identification and recruitment of medical candidates. The RFP will be issued for a total period of 30 days, with staff to report back to Council within two weeks of that closing.

2021 2nd Quarter Grant-in-Aid Requests

Three grant-in-aid applications were received:

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| • Fort Nelson Motocross Club | Annual motocross event | \$1,000 |
| • Northern Rockies Seniors Society | Fall Frolic Event | \$1,000 |

All applications were approved by Council, with Takashi's Animal Rescue Society withdrawing their application, in light of a closure of indeterminate length. [Administration Report #08/21](#) | [Attachment 1](#)

- [Heritage Week](#), February 15-21, 2021 was proclaimed Mayor Foster.
- The [Recreation Statistics for January 2021](#) were received for information.



Did you know that 911 is now an active service in the Northern Rockies? Find out more at www.NorthernRockies.ca/911

