

FROM THE 'BEAR PIT'



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NORTHERN ROCKIES REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

Home Based Business (HBB) Committee Present Recommendations to Council

1. That the Northern Rockies affirm the importance of HBBs in the FN area.
2. That the Northern Rockies not make significant changes to the existing HBB legislation.
3. That the Northern Rockies couple HBB Bylaw Enforcement with Bylaw Education.
4. That the Northern Rockies take actions to address the perceived lack of affordable land.
5. That the Northern Rockies investigate options for designating the existing rural residential areas as a development permit area.
6. That the Northern Rockies amend the Zoning Bylaw to limit Home Based Businesses to a single lot.
7. That the Northern Rockies amend the zoning bylaw to include a new rural residential zone, which prohibits Home Based Industries.
8. That the Northern Rockies amend the zoning bylaw by moving definitions into the zone specific sections.

If you have any comments regarding these recommendations or the report (which can be found on the Municipality's website) you can drop them off at Municipal Hall, email them to admin@northernrockies.ca, or fax them to 250-774-6794 (Attn Ross Coupé).

Family Friendly Fort Nelson

The Family Friendly Initiative, funded by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, was created to increase the capacity of community stakeholders to support families in the North Peace, & Northern Rockies.

The Family Friendly Business Toolkit is a way to ensure that economic growth and prosperity continues to translate into positives for families within the community. The initiative encourages businesses to take a leadership role in work-life balance issues; highlighting the increased success this will have in recruitment and retention of employees.

Toolkits are available for Businesses to assess whether they are family friendly in their operations and HR Policies. Contact Lorraine Gerwing at lgerwing@theedge.ca

RCMP: March Crime Statistics

S. Sgt. Tom Roy presented Regional Council with a summary of RCMP activities last month. In March 2011 the RCMP received 308 calls for service, compared with 350 in March 2010.

Also of note...

- Council considered the Neufeld application for exclusion of lands from the Agriculture Land Reserve, Council has requested an assessment from a professional BC Agrologist regarding the soil classification and arability, prior to making a final determination on the application.
- Consideration of NRRM Zoning Amendment Bylaw #47 2011, a bylaw to rezone 5415, 52nd Avenue West from Commercial Core to Residential Multiple Family, was deferred until Regional Council has had a chance to meet with the developer requesting the rezoning.
- The NRRM Election Procedures bylaw No. 43, 2011 was given first, second & third readings. The Province has announced that new local government election legislation will be deferred to 2014 with two exceptions; term of office for 2011 Local Government Elections will be one month shorter and eligibility of local government volunteers will be clarified by regulation.
- Due to some uncertainty regarding Councillor Roper's eligibility to hold public office, a legal opinion was sought. Council voted to publicize this legal advice, which clarifies that Councillor Roper is eligible to hold public office, on the NRRM website.
- NRRM Administration Manager Ross Coupé was appointed as Deputy Chief Election Officer for this year's local elections.