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NORTHERN ROCKIES REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

Council Approves New Recreation Rates

Recreation Facility Rates

With the new Recreation Centre slated to be opened this August, excitement in the community is building. In order to facilitate a smooth transition into the new facility, Regional Council has decided not make any significant changes to the recreation facility rates and charges in 2011.

You can find a complete description of the 2011 fees [here](#).

Ice Rental Rates

Ice rental rates have remained virtually the same for the past three years. To accommodate the addition of a second ice surface and new facilities, Regional Council have slightly increased the rental rates for the 2011-12 season. These new rates are more flexible than previous rates as they allow for price differences between the two ice surfaces and between prime and non-prime hours. The increases in rate revenue will be used to offset increases in utilities, wages and consumables that has accumulated up over the past three years.

Even with these rate changes, the Northern Rockies ice rental rates are still significantly lower than in other north-eastern BC communities.

The 2011-12 ice rates can be found [here](#).



Multi-Use Rezoning Passes First and Second Readings!

Regional Council has given first and second readings to a zoning amendment which will allow for the development of mixed residential/commercial properties at the corner of 52nd Ave W and Simpson Trail (adjacent to Northern Lights College).

If you would like to comment on this rezoning, a public hearing is scheduled for 5:30pm May 24th in the Bear Pit at Municipal Hall.

Five Year Financial Plan adopted

Council has adopted the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw (2011-2015). This bylaw is enacted to provide a budgetary framework for the municipality to plan the management of its resources, revenues and expenditures in order to best serve the community.

Also of note...

- Council awards the supply and maintenance of municipal flower beds to local business *Springtime Gardens*.
- The Elections Procedure Bylaw, the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw and the Tax Rate Bylaw were adopted by Council.
- Council updated the Showmobile and Tent rental rates for 2011.
- The 2011 Court of Revision was held to consider any complaints regarding the water and sewer frontage tax assessment. No complaints were raised.