

FROM THE 'BEAR PIT'



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Council Concerned About Walking Trail Vandalism

Regional Council raised concerns about the destruction of the Community Trail caused by motorized vehicles. A small number of people on ATVs and dirt bikes have been spraying gravel on to the pathway and creating ruts into the sides of the trails, undermining the payment. Council is concerned that this damage will eventually destroy a valuable and popular community investment. The Municipality will be assessing and taking pictures of the damages in the near future, to gain a better understanding of the situation. Options for protecting the Community Trail and for finding an acceptable balance to allow for the co-existence of motorized and non-motorized outdoor activities in and around Fort Nelson will be considered.

Regional Council encourages all residents who witness any destruction of the trails to please forward your observations, concerns or pictures of the offenders to admin@northernrockies.ca.



A New Permissive Tax Policy Approved For Fort Nelson

Regional Council wishes to support non-profit and partner organizations working to improve the lives of residents within our community. One of the ways that Municipality supports these organizations, is by exempting them from property taxes. To bring further clarification to which groups are eligible for this tax exempt status, Regional Council has established a policy outlining required criteria. Council has also approved a new application form for organizations seeking permissive tax exemptions to further streamline the process.

For a copy of the new policy, please contact the Treasury Department at 250-774-2541 (2061)

New Bylaw Dispute System to Better Serve the Public

Regional Council has given first, second and third readings to a Bylaw which will see the establishment of a Bylaw Dispute Adjudication system in the Northern Rockies. This new system for disputing tickets will provide residents a smoother and more timely process. More information on the system will be available in the coming weeks.

Also of note...

- Regional Council for the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality has no objection to the Fort Nelson Curling Rink's Structural Change Applications (Liquor License)
- Council has agreed to meet on Thursday, July 21, 2011 to consider granting a Temporary Use Permit to M&M Resources Inc.
- Regional Council adopted the Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 58, 2011.
- Regional Council adopted the NRRM Zoning Amendment (Duplex) Bylaw No. 57, 2011