

From the “Bear Pit”



Highlights of the June 22nd, 2015 Council Meeting

Building Bylaw Recommendations Adopted by Council in Part

After a proposed Building Bylaw consultation [presentation](#) held on May 20, 2015, several [recommendations](#) were brought to Council for consideration, with the following to be instituted in the bylaw which will be brought to council for adoption at a later date:

1. FARM BUILDINGS

A building permit is not required for a farm building if:

- The building is proposed to be located on land classified as “farm” under the Assessment Act; and
- The building is designed for “low human occupancy” as defined by the National Farm Building Code of Canada; and
- The floor area of the building does not exceed 600 m²



Farm buildings must be constructed and sited in compliance with all applicable by-laws, enactments and regulation and in accordance with the version of the National Farm Building Code of Canada that is in force when the building is being constructed.

2. ROOF SNOW LOADING REQUIREMENTS

The municipality will continue to recommend that builders design roof structure to withstand 2.8 kPa (58.4 lb/sf) of snow load, but will adhere to the lesser 2.4 kPa (50.4 lb/sf) specified in the BC Building Code.

3. SITING/USE PERMITS FOR MINOR STRUCTURES

User Permits (siting and heights) for fences, decks and sheds will be issued at NO CHARGE, as a proactive educational reference for homeowners, to ensure that these structures are built and sited correctly at the design stage.

Council Reaffirms the Ban on Pit bull breeds in Fort Nelson Northern Rockies

Council heard a request from a member of the public requesting Council grandfather the licensing of an American Staffordshire Terrier that has been residing at a home in the community. Regional Council reaffirmed that the ban on Pit bull breeds will remain in effect within the Town site of Fort Nelson Northern Rockies. All citizens are requested to abide by the regulations within the current [Animal Control, Pound and License Bylaw No. 09, 2009](#)

Muskwa River Bridge Beach Access Road



Council requested staff investigate the cost of maintenance of the road traveling under the Muskwa Bridge. Staff will be looking at jurisdictions and annual budgeting costs to provide ongoing grading and/or ditching of the road, which is seeing increased recreational use by residents.

New Rotary-Sponsored Play Centre Welcomed



Council reported that the new play structure at the Recreation Centre is receiving a great deal of positive feedback from residents, with only a couple of concerns noted to date:

- It was felt by a user that a hand sanitizing station may be useful.
- Some users felt that closing the play centre off completely from the lobby might alleviate any noise concerns.
- It was requested that the sliding doors be more firmly secured, as children are able to move them open and closed currently, raising safety concerns.

Also of note...

- The [Regional Council Procedure Bylaw](#) will be amended to provide agendas by Wednesdays prior to council meetings, rather than the current Friday deadline.
- Regional Council approved the staff [recommendation](#) that the **42nd Street Sanitary Rehabilitation** contract be awarded to IDL Projects Inc.
- The **Parker Creek Culvert Replacement** [contract](#) was awarded to the successful proponent, North Country Maintenance Inc.

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