

# From the “Bear Pit”



## Highlights of the July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Council Meeting

### New Building Bylaw Received Readings with Amendment by Council

After a proposed Building Bylaw consultation [presentation](#) held on May 20, 2015, several [recommendations](#) were brought to Council for consideration, with the result that changes were made regarding:

- **FARM BUILDINGS**
- **ROOF SNOW LOADING REQUIREMENTS**
- **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.

Prior to giving NRRM Bylaw No. 111, 2015 first, second and third readings, Regional Council removed a clause requiring inspections for no-fee permits for “minor structures”.



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### FNNFN Service Agreement for Building Inspection

Regional Council resolved to enter into a formal Building Inspection Services agreement with the Fort Nelson First Nation for 2015. Single family dwelling construction on reserve land is required to meet national and provincial building code requirements by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. (CMHC). Inspections must now be conducted by a Building Officials Association of BC (BOABC) member. Though the NRRM has conducted FNNFN inspections in the past as required, the new agreement has been created to formalize the relationship and protect the municipality from liability risk.

### Variance Permit Approved

[Development Permit application no. 1501](#) was approved unanimously by Council. The variance allows an accessory building to be sited in front of the existing principal residence located on Highland Drive.



### Subdivision Application Supported

The Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) will be advised that the NRRM supports Subdivision Application [No. 1501](#) to subdivide land for the purpose of a residence for a relative under [Section 946](#) of the *Local Government Act*.



### Also of note...

- The [Regional Council Procedure Bylaw](#) is amended with the requirement that petitions and delegation requests must be received by the preceding Tuesday at 3:00 pm, to appear at the following council meeting.
- Regional Council approved the staff [recommendation](#) that the **2015 Asphalt Overlay and 2015 Asphalt Patching** contracts be awarded to Interoute Construction Ltd. dba DGS Astro Paving for \$917,275 and \$668,980 (plus applicable taxes) respectively.
- ESRI Canada was awarded the Asset Information System (AIS) [software project](#) at a cost of \$94,878 plus applicable taxes. Implementation of the Cityworks system will assist the municipality in compliance with legislative asset management requirements.
- The proposed membership of the Forestry Rejuvenation Roundtable Committee was approved with 2 representatives each to be sought from various agencies, industrial sectors and participating First Nations.
- The Northern Rockies Regional Airport awarded Airport Technologies Inc. (ATI) the airport Snow Blower purchase for \$439,224 plus applicable taxes. The airport Loader RFP was awarded to Great West Equipment for \$313,366 plus applicable taxes for a Volvo L110H and snow bucket.