

Highlights of the May 9, 2016 Council Meeting



Northern Rockies Tourism Week Proclaimed



Acting Mayor Laurie Dolan proclaimed May 29 to June 4 as Northern Rockies Tourism Week. Did you know:

- Globally, tourism accounts for 1 out of every 11 jobs and generates US \$1.5 trillion in exports
- Tourism aids in community-building, contributes to a greater understanding of the Northern Rockies, the Province and our Country and its people, and gives visitors access to an incredible variety of experiences right in their own backyards

contribution to our standard of living as a community, and to our quality of life.

Heading north or south or just want to be a visitor in your own town? Be sure to stop in at the Visitor Information Centre located in the Rec Centre for your travel information or NRRM’s many brochures of what you can see and experience in the region. You can also visit the NRRM’s [tourism website](#).

Disc Golf Grant Funding Application

Regional Council heard a delegation by Craig Hardman who is proposing a new Disc Golf Course to be located in the HME Hill area next to the Recreation Centre. Disc Golf is a sport for all ages and is played much like regular golf except you throw a Frisbee® like disc into a braced metal basket.

A resolution of support was passed that the NRRM apply to the Northern Development Initiative Trust Community Halls and Recreation Facilities fund for \$21,972.29 for the development and installation of a Disc Golf Course.



NRRM Support for Re-establishment of a Community Cancer Clinic in Fort Nelson

Mayor Streeper and Regional Council wrote to BC Minister of Health Terry Lake advising they support two local physicians undertaking the necessary Oncology training to re-establish a Community Cancer Clinic. This initiative is one of the top medical service priorities, along with Maternity Services, that Council has been working on for residents. There are a number of medical services that Council believes are critical to the health, sustainability and future growth of the community. Please refer to their letter for [further information](#).

Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Staff are preparing a report for Council that will discuss whether the current risk criteria associated with the NRRM’s existing [Community Wildfire Protection Plan](#) (CWPP) has significantly changed since the plan was prepared. The Union of BC Municipalities is accepting grant applications from municipalities for the development of new/updated plans. The availability of funding sources is being looked into by staff.

Also of Note:

- Regional Council adopted their Five Year Financial Plan and the 2016 Tax Rates Bylaw.
- The Fort Nelson Aboriginal Friendship Society’s request for a letter of support was approved by Council for their application to funding agencies to help with the varied multi-services they provide to the community.
- Regional Council approved a development variance that will allow a Cranberry Road resident to site a secondary building in front of their principal residence.
- Councillor Gerwing provided a report on the North Central Local Government Association Convention and brought back supplemental information for Council’s consideration.