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Council Newsletter

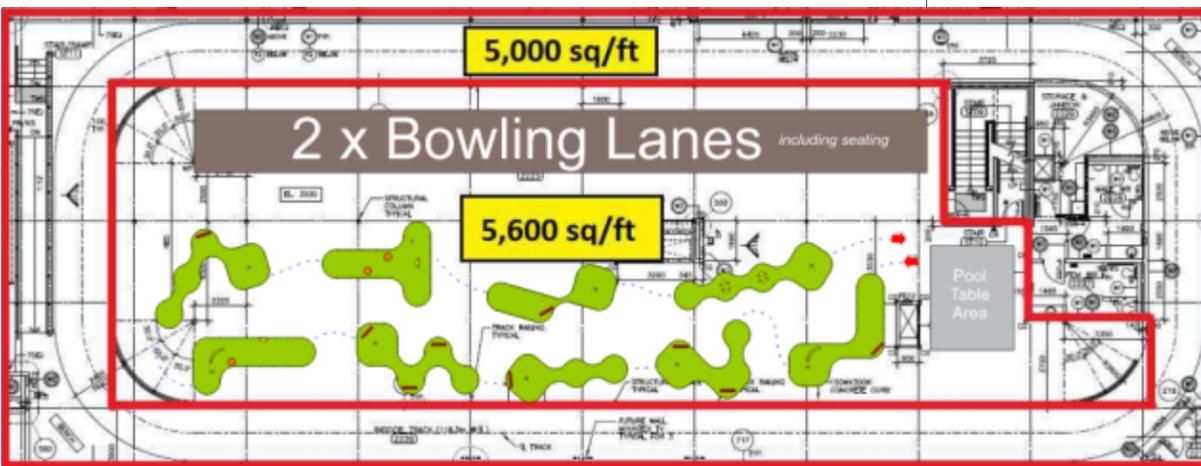
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Fire Protection Boundary Expansion

IN RESPONSE TO A petition submitted by four property owners residing along the McConachie Creek Connector Road, Council gave first, second and third readings to a Fire Service Area Amendment [bylaw](#) that will include those properties in the NRRM Fire Protection Service Area.

Said costs of the fire protection service are borne by the benefiting area through parcel taxes. Property owners now have assurance of Northern Rockies Fire Rescue Service response in the event of an emergency and may see a reduction in their insurance premiums. [More information](#)



New Off-Road Trail Access Bylaw

REGIONAL COUNCIL GAVE FIRST, second and third readings to a new off-road trail access [bylaw](#). The Off-Road Vehicle Users Group are concerned about pick-up trucks and other heavy vehicles using their registered off-road trails. Based on the club's trail agreement with the Provincial Government, these trails are only permitted to be used for Off-Road Vehicles (maximum of 850 kg) or service vehicles. Heavier vehicles cause significant damage to these trails impacting their usability and safety. Already some people have been using these trails for the purposes of unauthorized 'mud bogging' and damage is already starting to occur. The bylaw will provide enforcement options to assist in keeping unauthorized vehicles off the trails. [More information](#)

Fort Nelson Rotary Club Proposal

A DELEGATION FROM THE Fort Nelson Rotary Club presented a project proposal to Council that would provide a use for the vacant area inside the walking track at the Recreation Centre.

The project consists of an activity centre for a 9-hole mini golf course, two bowling lanes and a pool table in the 5,600 square foot space. The cost of construction is approximately \$76,000 and if approved, Rotary would commence fundraising over the next 12 months.

The Fort Nelson Rotary Club representatives provided contact information for the suppliers, so the Rec Department could investigate equipment requirements and provide a report back to Council for consideration prior to the end of February when the Rotary Auction is held. This would enable the Rotary Club to announce the project as their fundraising goal at that time; they anticipate that they should be able to raise the funds within 12 months of municipal approval. [More information](#)



Also of note...

- REGIONAL COUNCIL ADOPTED THE Northern Rockies Regional Hospital District 2017 Provisional Budget [Bylaw](#). The Hospital District Act specifies that a Regional Hospital District must adopt a provisional budget for the upcoming calendar year before March 31. [More information](#)
- THE NRRM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (SWMP) was approved for submission to the Minister of Environment, for comment prior to final adoption. [More information](#); if you would like to review the entire plan, the file is available on the NRRM Document Center website at: <https://nr.civicweb.net/document/118830>. Be advised that the file is a large one and will take time to load.



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Wishing Everyone a Merry Christmas !

From Mayor Streeper, Regional Council and NRRM Staff