



Staff photo Mr. Doug MacDonald, ICBC Road Safety & Community Coordinator presents Mayor & Council with recognition of efforts to reduce distracted driving by municipal staff.



From the Bear Pit

Regional Council Newsletter

October 10, 2017

ICBC Distracted Driving Presentation

MR. DOUG MACDONALD, ICBC ROAD SAFETY AND COMMUNITY COORDINATOR was on hand to give a brief presentation about the hazards of distracted driving and make a presentation. The Northern Rockies Regional Municipality was commended for efforts encouraging employees to “Leave the phone alone” and displaying reminder decals on municipal vehicles, receiving a plaque of recognition.



NRRM Business Façade Improvement Program (BFIP) will continue to be offered in 2018

REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVED THE SUBMISSION of a grant application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) in the amount of \$20,000 so that the Business Façade Improvement Program can continue to be offered in 2018. Council also approved matching funds. [More information](#)

The program has been successfully offered through the NDIT funding since 2014. Most recently the following businesses participated in the program:

Business	Project	Project Value	Grant
Provincial Motel	Redesign/Restoration of façade	\$200,000	\$5,000
Purple Door Café	New signage	\$900	\$450
Ed's Building Supplies	New siding, cladding, trim, signage and paint	\$22,292	\$5,000
Total		\$223,982	\$10,450

2018 Northern Rockies Travel Guides Purchase Approved

2017 SAW AN INCREDIBLY HIGH distribution of the ever popular [Northern Rockies Travel Guide](#). The maps, interpretive narrative and written directions allow travelers to navigate the Northern Rockies well-equipped with information.

Customarily the new edition is ordered in time for Spring tradeshows and the advent of tourism season in April. Council approved the purchase of *2018 Northern Rockies Travel Guides* and maps from Wayside printing, the low bidder at \$12,208. [More information](#)

Grant Applications Supported by Council:

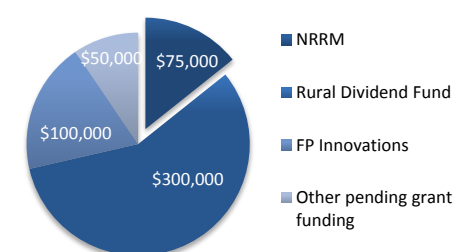
NDIT Economic Capacity Building Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Economic Development Officer Community partnership activities 	\$45,000 \$5,000
NDIT Grant Writer Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant Writing Services 	\$8,000
FCM Municipalities for Climate Change Innovation Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sewerage & Drainage Climate Change Vulnerability & Adaptation Assessment 	\$175,000
Total Funding Applications:		\$233,000

Aspen Market Analysis Phase 2 Approved

PHASE 2 OF THE ASPEN MARKET ANALYSIS will include a fibre supply analysis and Technology Deployment in the form of Sawmill and Veneer Yield Results.

Council approved a maximum contribution of \$75,000 to the project with the balance to come from project partners FP Innovations and grant funding. [More information](#)

Aspen Market Analysis Funding



October 15-21 Small Business Week Proclaimed

MAYOR STREEPER READ A proclamation recognizing October 15—21, 2017 as Small Business Week in the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality. [More information](#)



Mayor Streeper presents Small Business Week proclamation to Bev Vandersteen, Executive Director Fort Nelson & District Chamber of Commerce and Ben Wall, Chamber of Commerce member.

Staff photo



Don't forget to "like" the Northern Rockies on Facebook for the most up-to-date information.

Also of note...

- Regional Council agreed to waive the *Purchasing Policy* to authorize the use of an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payment system. [More information](#)
- An airport asphalt kettle to replace one lost to fire in May 2017 will be purchased from W.R. Meadows of Western Canada for \$37,618. Insurance proceeds will cover \$30,000 of the purchase price with the balance to come from the Machine and Equipment Reserve. [More information](#)

BDC Small Business Week™ October 15-21, 2017



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