



Outdoor Rink at the Recreation Centre

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From the Bear Pit

Regional Council Newsletter

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Business License Renewals Due January 31

Did you know that **any person owning or operating a business** within the **Northern Rockies Regional Municipality** (including a Home Based Business) **must obtain an ANNUAL Business License** to be prominently displayed in their place of business?

Business licenses are required in accordance with the [NRRM Business License Bylaw](#). Annual license fees are outlined in Schedule A of the bylaw, and vary according to the business category.

For businesses who were licensed in 2017, a 2018 reminder letter was mailed to you in late December. For those businesses that have not picked up their new license, please stop by the Municipal office between office hours (8:30am – 4:30pm), or remit your payment to Bag Service 399, Fort Nelson BC V0C 1R0 and we will mail your business license to your office at the address that we have on file. Alternately, payments can be made **online!** Simply set us up as an online banking payee (Northern Rockies (RM) Accounts Receivable) and use your Customer ID.

Annual license fees are to be paid by January 31, 2018. Current year licenses will only be provided after payment has been received.

For new licenses, and/or to make changes to an existing license, please visit the [Business Licenses](#) section of the NRRM website for more information. You can also contact staff in the Planning Department at (250) 774-2541 extension 2040, or visit us in the Municipal Office located at 5319 50th Ave South. We'd be happy to assist you and answer any questions you may have.

Find us on  for the most up-to-date information

Get your 2018 dog license now!

All dogs over the age of 8 weeks living in the Fort Nelson designated area are required to have a license tag worn on their collar. Drop in to the Municipal Hall between 8:30 am - 4:00 pm to license your dog. [More information](#)



Recreation Statistics—December 2017

Week ending:	Dec-02	Dec-09	Dec-16	Dec-23	Dec-30	Dec Total
Rec Centre patrons ¹	6600	5570	5210	4930	1942	24252
Walking Track patrons ²	346	378	480	355	233	1792
Aquatic Centre patrons ³	294	338	291	442	481	1846
Play Place child patrons ⁴	260	209	174	217	114	974
Court Bookings	9	5	2	1	2	19
Field/Park reservations						0
Birthday Parties	5	4	3	2	3	17
Active / group rentals	16	19	6	4	4	49
Ice Rentals	4	6	7	3	4	24

¹ Based on a total from counting patrons entering the Rec Centre

² Based on patron counter at the door of the walking track

³ Actual pool admissions

⁴ Based on hourly observational counts of number of children in the Play Place

Upcoming Events

- Registration opens for Winter Programs on January 2nd using the new recreation software, PerfectMind.
- Xplore Sports, a partnership with the Northern Rockies RCMP that provides a chance to try 8 sports at no cost, starts up January 14.
- Check out Group Fitness classes January 2-5 prior to registered classes beginning Jan 8

Previous Month Highlights

- 1400 people attended the Emergency Services Community Christmas Dinner

Also of note...

- REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVED THE purchase of a full colour business card advertisement in the Royal Canadian Legion 2018 BC/Yukon Military Service Recognition Book. These books are funded by advertisements and provided free of charge to schools, community centres and other organizations to celebrate the history of the Royal Canadian Legion. [More information](#) • [Advertisement](#)
- REGIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORTED THE submission of a grant application to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (Emergency Operations Centres and Training) to fund 100% of the costs up to \$25,000, for the purchase of supplies and equipment to enhance the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) and to build EOC staffing capacity through training. [More information](#)
- A LETTER FROM MEMBER of Parliament Bob Zimmer (Prince George—Peace River—Northern Rockies) to the Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health was received for information. The letter expressed MP Zimmer's concerns about the lack of health care services available in the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality. [More information](#)

- A [REQUEST](#) WAS RECEIVED from the Northern Rockies Seniors Society, to waive water and sewer costs for the 8-unit Heritage Place residence. Regional Council deferred their decision on the matter until further information on the matter could be considered.
- A LETTER OF RESPONSE from Richard Grieve, Executive Director—Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Regulatory and Infrastructure Branch Oil and Gas Division, was received for information. The letter was sent in reply to a [letter from Mayor Streeper to Ines Piccinino](#), Assistant Deputy Minister—Ministry of Natural Gas Development Upstream Development Division. [More information](#)
- A LETTER FROM THE Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing was received for information. The letter was in acknowledgement of the Infrastructure Development Contribution Agreement (IDCA) meeting with members of Council at the September Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) convention. [More information](#)

Learn more about what is happening in and around the community on the [NRRM website](#):

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