



2018 Budget Open House

NRRM Council and Staff will be hosting an open house on February 22, 2018 from 2:00 to 7:00 pm. If you are unable to make it to the open house, you can still submit your comments and any questions via e-mail to admin@northernrockies.ca.

Your feedback will be provided to Regional Council prior to the final budget meeting, to assist in budget deliberations.

Please visit <http://www.northernrockies.ca/> for more information.

Caribou Recovery Planning Economic Impact Study

Regional Council approved a proposal from Stantec to provide an economic assessment of impact of the current draft Boreal Caribou Implementation Plan, to the forestry sector in the NRRM, at a cost of \$22,527 plus applicable taxes, be approved. [More information](#)

Recreation Statistics—January 2018

Week ending:	Jan-06	Jan-13	Jan-20	Jan-27	JanTotal
Rec Centre patrons ¹	1942	6099	6100	5969	20110
Walking Track patrons ²	223	603	632	615	2073
Aquatic Centre patrons ³	481	347	375	396	1599
Play Place child patrons ⁴	144	282	287	248	931
Court Bookings	2	7	9	6	24
Field/Park reservations					0
Birthday Parties	3	3	3	5	14
Active / group rentals	8	16	12	17	53

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

Runway 04-22 Rehabilitation Contract Award

Regional Council awarded the Engineering services contract for the Runway 04-22 Rehabilitation Project to Tetra Tech Canada pursuant to Transport Canada's Airport Capital Assistance Program (ACAP) requirements as outlined. [More information](#)

Also of note...

- REGIONAL COUNCIL RAISED CONCERNS about rural internet tariffs, and resolved to send a letter to Northwestel and CRTC voicing these concerns.
- RM 145 REVENUE ANTICIPATION BYLAW was adopted
- THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE BYLAW Amendment Bylaw No. 146, 2018 was given first, second and third readings



Acting Mayor Dolan presents proclamation of Chamber of Commerce Week to Executive Director Bev Vandersteen, President Kim Eglinski and board member Ben Wall .



Fort Nelson & District Chamber of Commerce
It's our business!

Chamber of Commerce Week Feb 19-23

Acting Mayor Laurie Dolan proclaimed Chamber of Commerce Week in the municipality from February 19-23 (pictured above). The BC Chamber of Commerce is the largest and most broadly-based business organization in BC. [More information](#)

BC Chamber of Commerce

Heritage Week February 19-25

Acting Mayor Laurie Dolan proclaimed the Heritage Week February 19-25.



(Acting Mayor Dolan, Historical Society representatives Kim Eglinski, and Amy Yetman pictured above). [More information](#)

2018 2nd Quarter Grants-in-Aid

For the second quarter of 2018, Regional Council approved Grant-in-Aid funding/fee exemptions for the following groups/organizations: Northern Rockies Triathlon Committee, Fort Nelson Literacy Society, Fort Nelson Sled Dog Association, Fort Nelson District & Chamber of Commerce, Fort Nelson Seniors Society, Traditional Muskwa River Group and the Fort Nelson Trapper's Rendezvous [More information](#)

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- REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVED A letter of support for Fort Nelson Community Literacy Society's grant application to Heritage Canada, Inter-Action Multiculturalism Funding for upcoming Culturefest
- COMMUNITY FOREST AGREEMENT Application extended to September 13, 2018 by BC Government
- REGIONAL COUNCIL RESOLVED THAT the Bear Pit audio system project be awarded to Hillman Audio Visual

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Also of note...

- REGIONAL COUNCIL RECEIVED THE Northern Rockies RCMP Detachment—December 2017 Crime Statistics for information noting an overall decrease in criminal activity. [More information](#)
- IN PREPARATION FOR THE October 20, 2018 municipal election, Corporate Manager Ross Coupé and Deputy Corporate Manager Ryan Carter were appointed Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer, respectively. [More information](#)
- THE NORTHERN ROCKIES SENIORS SOCIETY withdrew a previous [request for waiver of water and sewer utility fees](#), after a billing error was encountered and the account adjusted. [More information](#)
- COUNCIL SUPPORTED THE TOAD River Area Club in their grant application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust—Community Halls and Recreation Facilities fund. If approved, the grant will provide \$50,000 toward the expansion/upgrade of the Toad River Community Hall deck. [More information](#) • [Request](#) • [Proposed Deck Plan](#)
- REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVED THE submission of a grant application to the BC Conservation Foundation (BCCF) - WildSafeBC Community Coordinator Program. \$3,000 has been carried over from the 2017 budget, as the NRRM's application was unsuccessful last year. [More information](#) • [WildSafeBC Grant Options](#)
- NORTHERN ROCKIES REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY Revenue Anticipation Borrowing [Bylaw No. 145, 2018](#) received three readings. This is a routine legislative requirement in order to maintain a line of credit with the NRRM's banking institution. [More information](#)
- COUNCIL GRANTED THEIR SUPPORT to the Fort Nelson Community Literacy Society, in their application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust—Fabulous Festivals and Events grant fund, to assist with CultureFest 2018. [More information](#)
- REGIONAL COUNCIL DIRECTED STAFF to investigate rate inequity amongst Northwestel tariffs for internet service in the rural areas of the Northern Rockies. This request was in response to [correspondence](#) from a business in the NRRM requesting support. [More information](#)
- REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVED A REQUEST by the Community Forest Agreement (CFA) Technical Partners to submit a 180-day extension to the deadline for CFA application.



Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall Relocation Project—Phase 2 (In River Works)

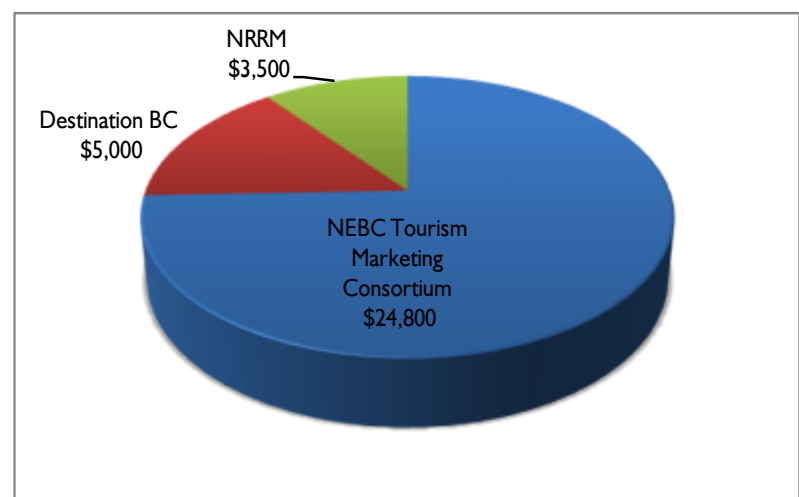
Tourism Tradeshow Attendance

The NRRM has been collaborating with other communities in northeast BC in a marketing effort (Northeast BC Tourism Marketing Consortium—NEBC TMC) that allowed the communities to benefit from 50% funding from Destination BC.

Each year, NRRM representatives attend a carefully selected variety of tourism tradeshows, in order to promote the Northern Rockies as a vacation destination through a person-to-person approach. This year the NRRM will man tradeshow booths at:

- Early Bird RV Show (Abbotsford)
- BC Boat & Sportsmen's Show (Abbotsford)
- Quartzite Sports Vacation & RV Show (Quartzite, Arizona)

With significant access to marketing funding opportunities, the cost to the Municipality to participate in these events is minimal. [More 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](#)



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