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Municipal Regulation of Cannabis

The legislation to legalize the recreational use of cannabis has received third reading by the House of Commons, is expected to come into force this summer. This Federal legislation will create significant new responsibilities for all levels of government, including the Northern Rockies.

B.C.'s approach on the retail cannabis outlets relies significantly on local government regulation. Though Federal and Provincial legislation will govern, the following points are examples of areas that fall under the regulatory powers of local governments:

Land Use

- Regulating the location of potential retail outlets
- Regulating the number of retail outlets allowed
- Regulation of proximity between retail outlets or other uses (i.e. Schools)
- Opportunity to ban cannabis retail sales outlets altogether

Business Licensing

- Creating a new category of business license fees
- Imposition of security requirements and restrictions on hours of operation for retail outlets
- Establishing other regulatory requirements on local retail outlets via permitting.

Policy considerations

- Creation of procedures for public consultation on license applications within the NRRM
- Regulation on public consumption (in excess of Federal/Provincial rules) both generally and on municipal property

Given the significant impact that these new regulations could have on the community, Regional Council will be reviewing the matter in more depth in the coming months.

[More information](#)



Also of note...

- REGIONAL COUNCIL AWARDED Sarah & Marc's Cleaning the NRRM janitorial services contract for the Municipal Office, Public Works Shop/Offices/Staff Room/Office Trailer and Bulk Water Station Washroom for a one year term with an option to renew, dependent on satisfactory service throughout 2018/2019. [More Information](#)

community on the [NRRM website](#):

Engage Northern Rockies



The 2018 Tetsa River Regional Park contract was awarded to Sure Foote Service Ltd.

Forestry Update

Northern Rockies Regional Municipality has been actively working to support economic opportunities for the region, especially with regard to revitalizing the local forest industry. The following link summarizes the key actions that have occurred over the last month including: Community Forest Agreement, Community Forest Management Plan, Service Provider Discussion, Boreal Caribou Recovery. [More information](#)



Northern Rockies Fire Rescue Department Report Jan-Dec 2017



Below is the 2017-year end Emergency response summary report of activities performed by the Fire Rescue Department .

Emergency Response Summary, January-December 2017								
Month	Fire - Actual	Fire -False	Investigations	First Responders	Rescue - MVI	Haz-Mat	Public Service	Month Total
January	3	3	5	24	4	2	4	45
February	0	2	0	5	3	0	4	14
March	1	3	6	10	0	0	2	22
April	0	3	2	10	1	0	3	19
May	5	7	5	6	3	1	4	31
June	3	4	5	18	4	0	7	41
July	4	1	6	10	1	0	2	24
August	2	2	2	6	1	1	5	19
September	3	3	2	3	4	2	1	18
October	2	10	7	3	3	1	5	31
November	1	1	0	3	4	0	5	14
December	1	13	3	11	5	3	1	37
Total	25	52	43	109	33	10	43	315

Animal Control Report Jan-Dec 2017

- o 36 dogs and 3 cats were picked up and taken to the pound
- o 35 dogs and 3 cats were released back to their owner's (one remaining in the pound at year end).
- o No animals were put down by the pound (due partially to the involvement of Takashi's Animal rescue Society)
- o 11 complaints received from rural areas

[More information](#)



Call for Volunteers

May 7-10, Fort Nelson will be hosting the 2018 NCLGA Conference, we're looking for volunteer community groups to assist with various activities.

Please contact our Recreation Program Manager Krista Pearson for more details or if interested.

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- REGIONAL COUNCIL AWARDED the Tetsa Regional Park Contract to Sure Foote Service Ltd for the 2018 season, with ability to extend the contract to include the 2019 season. [More Information](#)

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