



From the Bear Pit

Regional Council Newsletter

April 9, 2018

Reserve and Surplus Policy

The Northern Rockies Regional Municipality currently carries 25 appropriated reserve funds/accounts and 6 statutory reserve funds. The majority of the reserves/reserve funds have been carried over from the Village of Fort Nelson, Town of Fort Nelson and the Fort Nelson-Liard Regional District. They were not restructured when the NRRM was incorporated in 2009.

In order to increase the efficiency of establishing and utilizing reserve accounts and reserve funds, a review of the existing funds was undertaken. There is no existing policy for reserve accounts or funds; however there are a number of bylaws adopted for statutory reserve funds as well as discretionary funds established by resolution. Council resolved that the proposed Reserve and Surplus Policy be approved and further that staff directed to make administrative changes to bring the policy into force.

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UBCM Grant Application for NRRM Airport Asset Management Plan

Regional Council approved an application to be submitted to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities' (UBCM) Asset Management Planning Program to fund up to \$15,000 of a proposed \$80,000 budget for the development of an Airport Asset Management plan that encompasses all assets falling within the Northern Rockies Regional Airport (NRRM) lands with funding for NRRM's portion to be sourced from 2018 Airport Capital Projects (and potentially other grant opportunities).

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Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Regional Council approved that an application be submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program to fund up to 80% of eligible costs, to a maximum of \$50,000 of proposed \$80,000 budget for the development of an Airport Asset Management plan that encompasses all assets falling within the Northern Rockies Regional Airport (NRRM) lands with funding for NRRM's portion to be sourced from 2018 Airport Capital Projects (and potentially further grant opportunities). [More information](#)



On Thursday April 12, 2018, Municipal staff were encouraged to wear a sports jersey to commemorate the Humboldt Broncos tragic losses.

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CN Rail to Visit NRRM



Mayor Streeper discussed his meeting with Fiona Murray, Vice President-Industrial Products with CN Rail. He explained that Ms. Murray offered to review CN Rail operations in the Northern Rockies and field any concerns. Mayor Streeper has requested a CN Rail delegation to visit the NRRM to review the needs and personally assess the opportunities for improving switches and rail access in the area. [More information](#)

Fort Nelson Search and Rescue



Claude Normandeau and Denise MacPherson represented the delegation of Northern Rockies Search and Rescue organization (NRSR) to present requests to Regional Council. Mr. Normandeau inquired about the use of the former pool building, noting that the NRSR club would like to request to use the building for storage for equipment and supplies.

Mayor Streeper confirmed with staff that the building is heated and sufficient for this request. CAO Barry detailed that currently there are utilities on the premises; he added that an inquiry is with the Provincial government regarding use of the property due to it being granted by the Province for use as a public pool.

Council directed that staff contact the Provincial government regarding potentially changing the use of the former pool building to review any potential implications. [More information](#)

April 9th Court of Revision Meeting

On April 9th, Council held the annual Court of Revision meeting. This meeting is held to hear appeals from property owners regarding water and sewer frontage taxes based on the municipal property tax roll. There were no complaints received by the deadline. [Agenda](#) / [Minutes](#)

Also of note...

- COUNCIL RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE FROM Andy Shadrack thanking NRRM for our support regarding Passenger Transportation Board Reconsideration. [More Information](#)
- COUNCIL RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE FROM Doug Donaldson thanking NRRM for our support in the Forest industry Revitalization in the Northern Rockies letter. [More Information](#)

- COUNCIL APPROVED THAT THE NORTHERN ROCKIES Search and Rescue be granted the remaining funds from their unused budget in 2017 to be drawn from the Reserve and Surplus account.

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