



From the Bear Pit

Regional Council Newsletter

April 23, 2018

911 Service Update

Across British Columbia there remains a few remote areas that are not served by 9-1-1. The NRRM is one of the largest remaining geographic areas that still requires 10-digit calling to a separate number for each of Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services. This is the case despite the fact that over 550km of the Alaska Highway traverses the Regional Municipality, transited by hundreds of thousands of travellers annually. The Yukon, the Northwest Territories and the Peace River Regional District (all bordering on the NRRM and sharing similar circumstances) have, or are quickly progressing toward the provision of, 9-1-1 service.

In 2017, the NRRM engaged the services of Pomax Consulting, represented by Glen Miller, to assist with the Municipality's efforts to attain this service in the region. Mr. Miller and Pomax have been involved in the planning of 9-1-1 service in such jurisdictions as Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Northwest Territories. [More Information](#)

UNBC Healthcare Travelling Roadshow

Health-care students from post-secondary institutions around BC travel to rural communities to showcase career opportunities to high school students. The host community normally holds a dinner for the group, often with Mayor/Council or various dignitaries. It presents an opportunity to "woo" soon-to-be graduated professionals with favorable impressions of the community. Council agreed to host a wine/hors d'oeuvre reception rather than a meal.

Council agreed to fund a reception for the Healthcare Travelling Roadshow on May 3, 2018 at the NRRRC Community Hall from 6-8 pm, from the Regional Hospital District Budget [More information](#)

Don't Forget May 17

Community Forest Public Consultation

Public feedback is needed regarding the next steps being taken in the Community Forest application process. [More information.](#)



Pictured above Mayor Streeper speaking at Yang Ming Touchdown Reception held April 17th in Prince Rupert.

Yang Ming Touchdown Reception

Mayor Streeper and Dawson Creek Mayor Bumstead met with the Yang Ming delegation and toured the Port of Prince Rupert. Prince Rupert is the closest major North American port to Asia and is one of the continent's fastest growing container cargo ports, it operates three of the largest cranes in the world. CN Rail networks to route freight through this port.

Council of Forest Industries (COFI) Convention

Mayor Streeper attended the COFI convention in Prince George in early April. Delegates represented a wide cross-section from industry, government, local leaders, suppliers and professionals from across BC and North America.



Uphighway Council Meeting Proposed for July 7th

CAO Barry asked for confirmation of attendees for the Up highway meeting in Toad River. Quorum was confirmed with most of Council being able to attend this annual event

Runway 08-26 Designation

Regional Council approved that Runway 08-26 be downgraded to Aircraft Group Number (AGN) 1 and \$50,000 from the Runway 08-26 Re-designation budget be used for undertaking any pre-grant application work. [More information](#)

Also of note...

- [NRRM FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW NO. 147/18](#) received first, second and third readings. This the five year financial plan bylaw is a legislative requirement, and provides a forecast of spending for the years 2018—2022. [Schedule A](#) ; [Schedule B](#) ; [More Information](#)
- [NRRM TAX RATES BYLAW NO. 148/18](#) received first, second and third readings. [Schedule A](#) ; [More Information](#)
- [NRRM DISCRETIONARY RESERVE FUNDS BYLAW NO. 149/18](#) received first, second and third readings. [Schedule A](#) ; [More information](#)
- [NRRM LAND SALE RESERVE FUND BYLAW NO. 150/18](#) received first, second and third readings. [More information](#)
- [NRRM PARKLAND ACQUISITION RESERVE FUND BYLAW NO. 151](#) received first, second and third readings. [More information](#)
- MAYOR STREEPER COMMENTED THAT he was on the [Roy Green Show where he met Vivian Krause](#), a controversial researcher and writer. It was suggested that Ms. Krause be contacted to arrange to make a presentation to Council via teleconference.

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