



From the Bear Pit

Regional Council Newsletter

September 24, 2018



UBCM Convention held September 10-14, 2018 in Whistler, BC

The 2018 UBCM Conference attended by Mayor Bill Streeper, Regional Councillors Laurie Dolan, Lorraine Gerwing, and Danny Soles along with senior staff.

UBCM provides an organized venue for meetings with provincial cabinet ministers and senior provincial government staff. It also serves as an opportunity to meet with community stakeholders and service providers such as utility companies.

During the week of the convention NRRM met with eight provincial cabinet ministers, three official opposition critics, Ministry of Forestry staff, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure staff, Ministry of Affairs and Housing staff, the Northern Health Authority, BC Emergency Health Services, CN Rail, Canfor and Chevron.

A summary of the meeting discussions which occurred is included in the following:

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Meeting with the Honorable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture



Meeting with the Honorable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Also of note...

- Regional Council adopted Rural OCP Amendment (Shanghai Energy Corp) Bylaw No. 157, 2018. Changing the designation of leased crown parcel at site SIERRA C-25-K/94-I-11, from Rural Resource (R) to Resource Industrial (RI) use. [More Information](#)
- Regional Council adopted Rural Zoning Amendment (Shanghai Energy Corp) Bylaw No. 158, 2018. Changing the designation of leased crown parcel at site SIERRA C-25-K/94-I-11, from Rural Resource (R) to Resource Industrial (RI) use. [More Information](#)



Mayor Streeper providing the official proclamation of Small Business Week (October 14-20, 2018) to Chamber of Commerce Director Michele Mitchell.

Ice Plant Equipment Replacement Approved

At the September 24th Regional Council meeting Ice Plant Equipment replacement in the amount of \$1,500,000 was approved as part of the 2019 capital budget.

A Northern Development Initiative Trust Grant in the amount of \$50,000 has been identified and will be applied for. Additionally, discussions are occurring with the municipality's insurance broker and a claim has been filed for equipment failure.

This budget includes replacing the arena chiller with a plate & frame style chiller (similar to the curling rink chiller) and a new condenser and exchanger. The new design of the equipment would permit the installation of an adiabatic fluid cooler. This installation benefits include a reduction of the ammonia load in the system from its current 1,550 lbs to a much lower amount. The new system would allow the curling rink system and arena system to run independently (currently the arenas and curling rink share the ammonia system) with the curling rink system requiring only 90 lbs of ammonia and the arena system only requiring 180 lbs of ammonia for a total reduction 1,280 lbs or 82.5% less ammonia.

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Existing Shell and Tube Exchanger

Connectivity Grant

At the August 13th Regional Council Meeting, Council members had inquired about the UBCM Connectivity Infrastructure grant and requested staff review the technical requirements and related potential funding opportunities.

As the sole internet service provider for the region, Northwestel Inc. (has their rates are set through tariff by the Canadian Radio-Television Commission. This doesn't allow them the same flexibility as other service providers to create solutions to connectivity issues.

Communication for our unique situation is ongoing with other organizations and levels of government, to find economical solutions.

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- Regional Council adopted Zoning Amendment (Short Term Industrial Camps) Bylaw No. 159, 2018. [More Information](#)
- Regional Council adopted Industrial Revitalization Tax Exemption Program Bylaw No. 161, 2018. [More Information](#)

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