

Former Aquatic Centre Tenure Status Update

MUNICIPAL TENURE ON THE former aquatic centre property was established through a Sponsored Crown Grant (SCG) issued in 1992 to the Fort Nelson-Liard Regional District, for “so long as the land is used for the purpose of a swimming pool complex, subject to reversion if not so used.”

Since the pool’s closure in June, 2015, various community uses have been proposed for the facility. Council wished to investigate changing the building’s use after an April 9th meeting where Northern Rockies Search and Rescue proposed using the facility for storage and training.

Staff have submitted a request to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to begin the lengthy process of replacing the current crown grant with a tenure that allows more inclusive community use. [More information](#)

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OCTOBER 20, 2018

New Purchasing Policy Approved

STAFF PRESENTED A DRAFT Purchasing Policy to Council September 24th, and brought a version forward October 9th containing changes requested by Council, which was then approved. Amendments included:

- Clarification in application of the “local supplier differential”, especially as applied to the minimum procurement processes
- Defining the term “local” to specify that a valid business license be purchased at least 30 days before a bid opening
- Increasing the thresholds of local supplier differential beyond those identified in the trade agreements

Many of the changes made at the request of Council were intended to streamline the purchasing process, when implementing the goal of using local suppliers and contractors wherever possible, while still achieving high value-for-money. [More information](#) • [Purchasing Policy](#)

Also of note...

- [Email Poll](#) Ratification: Approval of Public Message—[Council Response to the LNG Canada Positive Final Investment Decision \(FID\)](#)
- **Regional Economic Strategy (RES) Development and Implementation contract award**—Council awarded the RES contract to Lions Gate Consulting in the amount of \$55,305. [More information](#)
- **NDIT Economic Development Capacity Building Fund grant application**—Council approved the submission of a \$50,000 grant application to partially fund a Regional Economic Development Officer position (\$5,000) and provide collaborative funding (\$5,000) to support additional activities in partnership with other community and regional organizations. [More information](#)
- **NDIT Grant Writer Fund grant application**—Regional Council approved the submission of an \$8,000 grant application to the NDIT Grant Writer Program to offset the 2019 grant writing service costs in the NRRM. [More information](#)
- **NDIT Local Government Intern Program grant application**—Council approved the submission of an application to the NDIT 2019 Local Government Intern Program for funding of up to \$35,000 (\$5,000 dedicated to professional development) toward the salary of a recent graduate for a 12-month contract. [More information](#)



From the Bear Pit

Regional Council Newsletter

October 9, 2018

New Report: Economic Impact of Boreal Caribou Habitat Recovery Measures in the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality

To assist with measuring potential impacts of the Boreal Caribou Restoration Implementation Plan (BCRIP, 2017), Council approved the appointment of Stantec to assess the economic influences of caribou conservation measures on the region’s forestry sector.

The *Economic Impact of Boreal Caribou Habitat Recovery Measures in the NRRM* is the first economic impact report in Canada that relates to specific Boreal Caribou recovery measures, and quantifies the potential cost to a local economy.

A [media release](#) was issued October 10th to announce the publication of the report, keeping Council’s goal of harmonizing economic development with conservation and restoration of boreal caribou populations at the forefront.

- [Admin Report](#)
- [Executive Summary: Economic Impact of Boreal Caribou Habitat Recovery Measures in the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality](#)
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NRRM Water Rates & Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 163, 2018 Adopted

REGIONAL COUNCIL ADOPTED A new Water Rates and Regulation Bylaw to replace the former bylaw, which had not been updated in eight years. After reviewing rates and regulations over several years, several changes were made to meet with goals identified as more immediate by Council, with the guidance of consultant, Kerr Wood Leidal (KWL).

Metered water rates may now be applied to home-based businesses/industries and multi-family residential users, and meter connection charges will reflect the actual installation cost in future. [More information](#) • [Bylaw 162, 18](#)

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- **NRRM Water Conservation Plan (September, 2018)** - The Water Conservation Plan identifies targets and opportunities for sustainable water use in the Fort Nelson Water Service Area, and was endorsed by Council. [Water Conservation Plan](#) • [More information](#)
- **NDIT Community Halls & Recreation Facilities grant application**—Council approved the submission of a grant application for \$50,000 toward the Recreation Ice Plant Chiller Replacement. [More information](#)
- **Adoption of *NRRM Regional Council Procedure Amendment (Electronic Participation) Bylaw No. 162, 2018***—An amendment to [Procedure Bylaw No. 1, 2009](#) to limit council meeting attendance by electronic means. [More information](#)
- **Council received [correspondence from Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, Claire Trevena](#)** in response to an [NRRM invitation](#) to meet to discuss CN Rail concerns. Council resolved to invite Minister Trevena to Fort Nelson to meet in person after the municipal election.
- Council received the **Northern Rockies Regional Recreation Centre September Stats report**. [More information](#)

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