

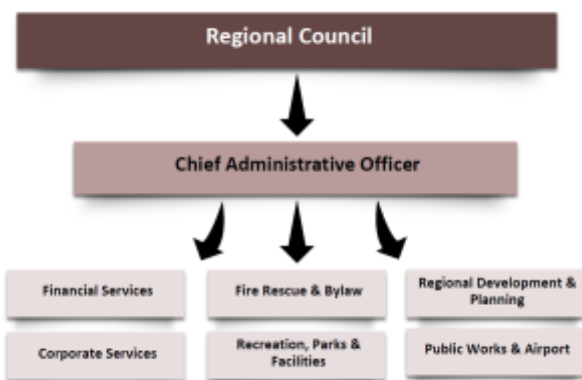


Newly elected Mayor Gary Foster presenting former Mayor Bill Streeper with his retirement photo of the Nelson River Bridge. Photo credit Jamie Smith Photography.



NRRM Municipal Overview

As part of the orientation process, Regional Council was presented with a Municipal Overview presentation. This presentation explains the role of the municipality, its services, and departmental organization as a whole.



[NRRM Municipal Overview](#)

Regional Economic Strategy Development Overview

Admin # 96 passed unanimously with Mayor Gary Foster and Regional Councillor John Roper being appointed to the Regional Economic Strategy Development working group. The establishment of a Working Group is a key factor in obtaining insight and guidance to the work plan and associated engagement activities throughout the Regional Economic Strategy's development.

Full project funding for the development of the Strategy (Phase I) is provided by the Federal Gas Tax - Strategic Priorities Fund (administered by the Union of BC Municipalities). This project is intended to contribute to the stabilisation, rejuvenation, diversification and expansion of the NRRM's economy by evaluating present factors for investment and economic development and providing a road-map to pursue future opportunities.

During the course of the project from November through March, significant emphasis will be placed on public engagement in a variety of forms including surveys, focus groups, key informant interviews and workshops. Please stay tuned for more updates on this project. [More Information](#)

Also of note...

- Regional Council ratified a Letter of Support regarding concerns about the 2018 Electoral Reform Referendum. [More Information](#)
- Regional Council approved Admin#92/18 regarding the staff statutory and other appointments and acting positions effective November 14, 2018. [More information](#)
- Regional Council generally discussed the NRRM's committee structure noting that improvements are needed and further discussion is expected. [More information](#)

2018 General Election Voter Turnout

Voter turnout in the 2018 General Local Election was 1487 electors, slightly lower in numbers than in the 2014 General Election with 1554 electors and the 2011 General Election with 1609 electors. Based on a fair determination, the number of eligible electors (as per the most recent Census information) for the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality is 3335 and for School District 81 is 3755. The voter turnout rate for 2018 was over 44% for the Northern Rockies and just under 40% for School District 81, notably higher than the rates of the previous two elections. For example, in the Northern Rockies, there was an estimated 35% turnout for the 2014 election and 39% for the 2011 election. [More Information](#)



2019 First Quarter Grant In Aid

Regional Council approved the 2019 First Quarter Discretionary Grant-In-Aid applications for the four compliant applications be approved in principle and that the 2019 Grant-In-Aid budget be pre-approved for \$20,000.

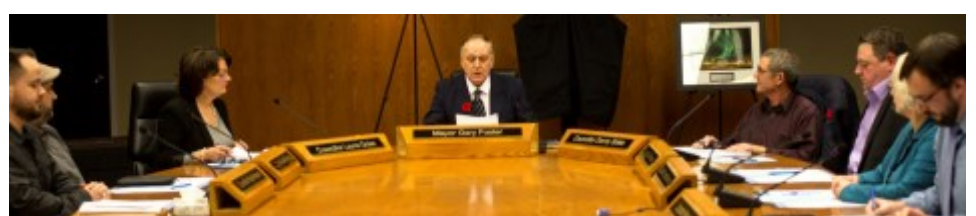
Non profit organizations that will benefit from this quarter are Fort Nelson Seniors Society, Fort Nelson Snow Mobile Club, Fort Nelson Playschool, and the Fort Nelson Trappers Rendezvous 2019. [More Information](#)

North Country Maintenance Inc. Application for Zoning Amendment No. 1804

Regional Council denied Zoning Amendment Application # 1804 to allow for the use of Salvage or Wrecking Yard on an RR-1 Rural Residential - Large Lot at 7496 Old Alaska Highway, legally described as Parcel A, Plan PGP39524, District Lots 2174 & 2214.

It was taken into consideration the concerned letters received from nearby residents as well as the property is not zoned to allow for such a business. [Administration Report](#) • [Attachment 1](#) • [Attachment 2](#) • [Public Feedback](#)

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