



# From the Bear Pit

Regional Council Newsletter

November 26, 2018

## Parade of Lights Display of Floats

In response to a citizen inquiry, at the November 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting, Regional Council directed staff to investigate whether the NRRM would be able to support a display of floats participating in the Parade of Lights along a municipal boulevard for a number of days following the parade.

Regional Council resolved to make an area along 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue South that has existing power capacity available for a one week float display following the parade for any interested parade float owners. Ultimately, the float display will not be active this year, but the potential has been identified for displays in future years.



## Grant Application to UBCM's Community Emergency Preparedness Fund

A grant application will be submitted to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities' (UBCM) Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (Evacuation Route Planning Funding Stream) to fund 80% (\$13,580) of a proposed \$16,975 budget for the completion of an updated evacuation plan for the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality.

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## Interim Audit Report and Audit Report

The financial statements of the NRRM are audited annually by an external auditor, Sander Rose Bone Grindle (SRBG), who have provided the 2018 Audit Planning Report. [More Information](#)

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## Also of note...

- REGIONAL COUNCIL approved the revised colour ad that will be submitted to the 2019 Legion Service Book. [More Information](#)
- REGIONAL COUNCIL RESOLVED to consider plastic bag options at a future recycling discussion.
- REGIONAL COUNCIL received for information a letter from Archie and Shirley Harrold regarding an Autowrecking and Towing application for 7496 Old Alaska Highway . [More information](#)

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## CRI Program Grant Application Approved to Support FireSmart Planning

Regional Council approved that an application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities' (UBCM) – Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) Program – FireSmart Community Funding & Supports be submitted for up to \$100,000 per year to assist with FireSmart planning and treatment activities that reduce the community's risk from wildfire within the areas identified as having a higher risk in the recently completed Northern Rockies Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).” [More Information](#)

## 2019 Budget Preparation Schedule

The goal of a municipal budget is to provide sufficient funding for the public services desired by the community, and balancing funding requirements with expected service levels. A well developed budget keeps the tax burden at an acceptable level while ensuring that services are sufficient to promote economic growth and provide community stability.

Regional Council received the 2019 Budget Preparation Schedule which defines a five-month process for next year's budget.

Keep watching for more updates on upcoming 2019 Budget public engagement opportunities. [More Information](#)



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