



From the Bear Pit

Regional Council Newsletter

February 25, 2019

Successful Budget Open House

Mayor and Council would like to extend their thanks to everyone who came out the 2019 Preliminary Budget Open House on Wednesday, February 13th! The event was an opportunity for residents to meet members of council and learn more about the budget process in the NRRM. Some interesting conversations took place and good questions were asked of council and staff... and the fresh popcorn didn't hurt. If you were unable to attend, you can view the 2019 Preliminary Budget information on the [Budget Process page](#).



Mayors Discretionary Account

Mayor Foster requested a review of the reporting options for the mayor's discretionary account to increase oversight and transparency by more frequent reporting to Regional Council. Staff recommended that a report detailing the charges of all expenses expensed to the mayor's discretionary budget account be included in a Council agenda on a quarterly basis. Regional Council approved this recommendation. [More Information](#)

Development Variance Permit No. 1901

Regional Council approved Development Variance Permit No. 1901, relating to Ed's Building Supply Ltd., Reconstruction of Storage Structure. of Ed's Building Supply Ltd. is seeking to redevelop the structure severely damaged by fire on November 20th, 2018. Notification of adjacent property owners of the details of Development Variance Permit Application No. 1901 per s. 499 of the *Local Government Act* will be undertaken by staff. [More Information](#)



North Central Local Government Association Resolutions Approved

Regional Council approved two draft resolutions for submission at the upcoming NCLGA Conference held in Williams Lake May 7-10, 2019. [More information](#)

NDIT Grant Application for CultureFest

Regional Council approved a letter of support request from Fort Nelson Community Literacy Society. The society is applying to the [Northern Development Initiative Trust](#) (NDIT) for a grant to support their upcoming CultureFest event to be held in 2019. [More information](#)



Recreation Centre Ammonia Evacuation Drill

The Rec Center will be running a Mock "Man-Down" Ammonia Evacuation Drill in conjunction with the Northern Rockies Fire Rescue and BC Ambulance on Monday March 4th starting at 11am. The initial drill will interrupt services for approximately 1 hour from 11am-12pm. After that time the drill exercise will provide minimal interruption to Recreation Center operations and services will return to normal. [More information](#)



Fort Nelson Rotary Club Request

Regional Council resolved that Fort Nelson Rotary Clubs request for donation be denied as they have provided support in the way of Grant in Aid. Donation requests are something that Regional Council is reluctant to provide as outlined in our [Regional Council Gift Stock Policy](#). [More Information](#)



Also of note...

- Regional Council received Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL) letter for information regarding their activities in the Fort Nelson region. [More information](#)
- CAO Barry provided a brief update to Regional Council on the 2019 Budget Process—no additional items were added.

- Regional Councillor Todd Penney brought forth the deer issue we have been seeing within town. Regional Council asked staff to look into this issue and provide a report on options to regulate.



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