



Mayor Foster presents with Director of Public Works Lou-Ann Watson with the "Get To Know Your Municipality" Month proclamation.

From the Bear Pit

Regional Council Newsletter

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Get To Know Your Municipality Month

Mayor Foster proclaimed June 1—30, 2019 to be "Get to Know Your Municipality Month". Traditionally, Public Service Week has been held in conjunction with Water Week in June. This year, Council opted to change it up by sponsoring several events throughout June, where residents can take tours of municipal facilities, see movies and receive fire extinguisher training.

See the poster or check facebook for event locations and dates, then come on out and join us! [Municipal Services Month Events poster](#) • [Proclamation](#)

Meeting Scheduled With Northeast BC Land Users Stakeholder Group

Council will be meeting June 19, 2019 with Andy Ackerman, Co-Chair of Northeast BC Stakeholders Group to discuss the NRRM's potential involvement. Mr. Ackerman graciously offered to meet with Council when he is in Fort Nelson, June 19th at 5:00pm. [More information](#)

Bears in the Community

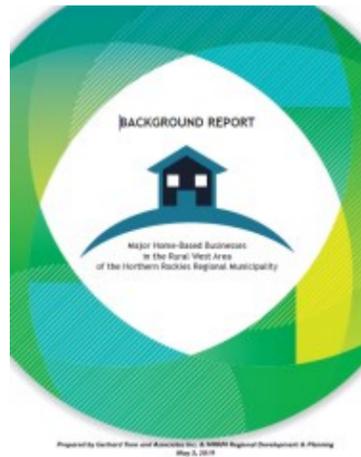
Council expressed concerns over the number of bears present in and around the community. Control of bears (and other wildlife) is under the jurisdiction of the provincial Conservation Office (CO), whose protocols vary with changing research. The municipality engages in education about human-wildlife interaction as well as enforcing the [Garbage Disposal and Wildlife Attractants bylaw](#).



Staff will be preparing a report to Regional Council detailing other communities experiences with bear-human interaction and what they have done to address conflict issues. CO Chris Hamlin will be invited to provide more information at a future meeting.

Find us on  for the most up-to-date information

Home Based Business Review—Next Steps



After reviewing the consultant's report presented at the May 12th Council meeting, regarding major home-based businesses operating in the Rural West Area of the NRRM, Council would like to discuss the next steps. CAO Scott Barry advised that staff will outline potential next steps to address both the short and long-term challenges related to zoning and home-based business in the rural area, bringing options forward for a decision at the next Council meeting.

[Administration Report No. 38/19](#) • [Background Report: Major Home-Based Businesses in the Rural West Area of the NRRM](#)

LNG Canada Conference



Mayor Foster had a chance to speak with representatives from several companies at the LNG Canada conference: Cryopeak LNG Solutions, KT Energy and Chevron.



2019 Road Work Program Contract Awarded

Public Works Administration Manager Terry Cavaliere noted that only one submission was received for the 2019 Road Works contract which was awarded to Terus Construction Ltd. (DGS Astro Paving). The total program budget is \$1.7M with additional funds from the Drainage Renewal program budget, with the \$1.5M tender coming in at approximately \$350,000 under budget. [Administration Report No. 44/19](#)

Also of note...

- Bev Vandersteen advised Council that two local policy statements were supported at the recent BC Chamber of Commerce AGM, regarding 9-1-1 services and local engagement. Council was encouraged to use these policies to support community initiatives.
- Council will continue the tradition of holding a Special Council meeting in Toad River with community residents. Staff will attempt to have the meeting coincide with a Toad River Community meeting (if one is scheduled in advance).
- Council proposed an "open house" style event prior to one of the Regional Council Meetings. It was agreed that a "meet and greet" would be arranged prior to the June 10 Regional Council Meeting from 5-6:30. Mayor Foster mentioned he is proposing a Council presentation at the Phoenix Theatre in October to mark the one-year anniversary of this Council being in office, where Council's activities will be recapped.

Learn more about what is happening in and around the community on the [NRRM website](#):

Engage Northern Rockies

Join us for Municipal Services Month

June 1

Free Family Movie: WALL-E
1pm at the Community Hall

Join us for an afternoon of family fun and learning.

Learn and engage on waste management with WALL-E the planet cleaning robot.

Also learn about the NEW worm composting at the landfill.

Bring a bowl and travel mug/cup for free popcorn and juice!



June 1 - 7

Information & Activities at the Recreation Centre

Visit the Recreation Centre all week to learn more about the recreation centre behind the scenes. Ask the front desk about when facility tours are scheduled.



June 15

Airport Tours start at 1pm, 2pm, & 3pm
from the Airport Maintenance Garage (follow the signs).

Experience the whole airport including the control tower, maintenance garage, and airport runway.



June 20

Free Movie: Clean Bin Project
7pm at the Phoenix Theatre

Watch as this couple competes for a year to see who can create the least amount of waste. Discussion to follow. Also, pick up some tips, tricks or DIY's to help you transition to a more sustainable lifestyle and learn about our NEW worm composting at the landfill.

Bring your own bowl and travel mug for free popcorn & pop.

Plus get 1 last entry into the draw for the \$100 shop local gift certificate!

(See details on the reverse page for more entries to win)



June 22

Water Treatment Plant Tours 10am - 2pm.

Learn about the municipal water treatment process and check out some of the public works heavy equipment.



Call to Book

Fire extinguisher training at the Fire Department

250-774-3955



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