



Mayor and Council at the 2019 Year in Review Meet and Greet that was held December 19, 2019 at the Recreation Center to provide the community an opportunity to ask questions.



From the Bear Pit

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Solar Power Potential for the NRRM

Regional Council has resolved to consider a potential feasibility assessment for a solar panel project at the Recreation Centre as part of the 2020 budget. This potential project would look at the business case for installing solar panels on the Recreation Centre to offset power needs.



At the [November 25, 2019](#) Regional Council Meeting, Tom Bentham of Metis Nation Communications presented to Council on the potential for solar power in the NRRM. [Administration Report No. 08/20](#)

Council Meeting Video Recording/Streaming Coming Soon

Regional Council has approved the recording and streaming of regular council meetings starting in February. In keeping with the NRRM's Strategic Priorities to meaningfully engage with its residents, this new streaming service provides an option to observe Regional Council meetings regardless of schedule or location.

In 2019, Regional Council began looking into options for recording meetings, and successfully trialed a recording system using free software and existing hardware on January 13, 2020.

Check out the NRRM's YouTube Channel starting February 10th: <https://www.northernrockies.ca/councilcast>

[Administration Report No. 05/20](#) / [Administration Report No.84/19](#)



Municipal Website Redesign Project

Regional Council approved the submission of an application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) Marketing Initiative Program for a Municipal Website Redesign.



The Marketing Initiatives Program provides grant funding of up to \$20,000 to support projects that support economic vitality and diversification. The redesign includes new content creation, graphic design and a website that is more attractive to residents, visitors and potential investors. [Administration No. 07/20](#)

Bylaw Zoning Amendment for Vehicle Storage Regulations

Regional Council conducted first and second readings for the [Zoning Amendment \(Vehicle Storage Regulation\) Bylaw No. 178, 2020](#), preliminary to a Public Hearing to be held 6:00 pm Monday, February 10, 2020.



The purpose of the proposed zoning amendment is to enact changes to the Zoning Bylaw, providing clarity and consistency in the regulations for vehicle storage and impound facilities in conjunction with Major Home-Based Businesses in Rural Residential areas.

Grant Application for Water Loss Management Plan

Regional Council approved an application to the [British Columbia Infrastructure Planning Grant Program](#) be submitted for a maximum of \$10,000. The NRRM would benefit from an updated water loss study to ensure the efficient operation of the Fort Nelson water system, and to optimize the renewal program for water mains and service connections.

Typically, water loss studies are undertaken every 5 years. The project will include development of an asset renewal strategy for water service connections, to be completed in conjunction with the update of the Water Treatment and Distribution Management Plans. [Administration Report 09/20](#)



Also of note...

- Regional Council gave first, second and third readings to amend Bylaw No. 177, 2020 (Public Comment). [Bylaw Report No. 177/20](#) • [Regional Council Procedure Amendment \(Public Comment\) Bylaw No. 177, 2020](#)
- Regional Council ratified an [email poll](#) approving a [letter of support](#) to the BC Air Access Grant Program for Sky North Aviation Fuels. If approved, the grant would cover improvements that would allow 24/7 access to the commercial refueling station located at the Northern Rockies Regional Airport.
- A donation from the now-dissolved Northern Rockies Social Planning Council (SPC) was accepted in the amount of \$6,935.15 to support waste diversion projects. SPC was a non-profit society with an interest in the social development of the community. [Admin No. 6/20 Donation for Waste Management](#) • [Admin No. 6 Attachment I SPC Minutes](#)
- Director of Finance Toni Pike gave a [presentation](#) to Council on the relationship between Property Assessment and Taxation.