



Barber Memorial at Airport

Regional Council approved a request for a commemorative photo and plaque to be installed at the Northern Rockies Regional Airport (NRRRA). This photo of a cedar waxwing was taken by Dean Barber, a long time employee of the NRRRA and will be included as part of the memorial.

Photo is the work of Dean Barber, 1967-2020

[Administration Report No. 24/20](#) • [Attachment 1](#) • [Attachment 2](#)

Vermicompost Contract Awarded

After a successful pilot project, vermicomposting is now a permanent means of waste diversion in the NRRM. As the innovator behind the process, Wilf Hoath has been awarded the 3-year vermicomposting contract. Vermicomposting uses worms to digest organic and other waste and transform it into fertilizer and Mr. Hoath's system for vermicomposting in extreme cold weather is patent pending in Canada. Vermicomposting has multiple advantages as a means of redirecting waste from the landfill:

- Reduces waste going into landfill
- Reduces greenhouse gases produced by the landfill
- Turns waste into fantastic fertilizer.



The reduction in volume of waste extends the lifespan of the landfill, providing economic benefit to the Municipality. The project also increases availability of compost for use in the NRRM and decreases the need for synthetic fertilizers. [Administration Report No. 22/20](#).

Community Emergency Preparedness

Regional Council approved a request for submission of a grant application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities' (UBCM) Community Emergency Preparedness Fund. If approved, the grant of up to \$25,000 will offset the cost of a small generator and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) equipment to improve communications in remote areas. EOC training will be combined with Fire Fighter training and will be available to groups involved in emergency preparedness.

[Administration Report No. 23/20](#)

Increased Accessibility to Municipal Parking

At the [February 10th](#) Regional Council meeting, Ms. Kristi Leer gave a presentation to council regarding her initiative to raise awareness about accessibility with a program called [Step UP](#). Ms. Leer asked council to consider parking space size, access and locations of accessible parking spaces in municipal parking areas, as well as renewed more inclusive signage.



Regional Council approved several recommended options to update parking spaces in the municipal areas to reflect CSA B561-18 standards, updating on-street accessible parking areas at IDA pharmacy and Service BC. Parking signage with graphics created by Ms. Leer will

be installed in addition to existing signage in municipal areas. The NRRM Zoning Bylaw No. 119, 2013 will also be amended to incorporate these accessibility standards.

Dawson Creek is currently submitting a resolution to the North Central Local Government Assn. to request updated accessibility requirements for parking across BC. [Administration Report No. 20/20](#) • [Attachment 1](#)

NCLGA Solid Waste Management Forum

The North Central Local Government Assn. (NCLGA) is holding a solid waste management forum on June 16-17, 2020, and has invited the NRRM to participate in a panel to discuss the NRRM's vermicomposting waste diversion project. Regional Council approved a budget of \$5,000 to cover travel expenses for two staff members to attend to promote this municipal initiative. [Administration Report No. 21/20](#)

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Also of note...

- Regional Council approved a late grant-in-aid application from the Fort Nelson Curling Club for \$1,000 for curling rock reconditioning and ice scraper equipment upgrades. The funding will also assist with a grant application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT). [Administration No 18/20](#) • [Attachment 1](#) • [Attachment 2](#)
- Regional Council adopted NRRM [Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No 179, 2020](#). The bylaw allows for renewal of a revolving line of credit with CIBC, although it is not normally required.
- Regional Council adopted the [Regional Hospital District 2020 Annual Budget Adoption Bylaw No. 73, 2020](#) • [NRRHD Annual Budget Appendix](#) • [RHDBL 73 Annual Budget-Bylaw](#)
- After deciding to discontinue after-hour use of municipal office meeting rooms due to security concerns, Regional Council discussed options for non-profit groups to use space at the Recreation Center. Council has asked for more information preliminary to further discussion. [Administration Report No. 19/20](#)