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Fire Prevention Tips

- **Install smoke alarms** on each level of a home, including all bedrooms.
- Be sure to **replace smoke alarm batteries** twice a year. Alarms should be tested monthly by pressing the test button.
- Have an emergency **escape plan** to follow in case of fire.
- **Get rid of stored newspaper or other unnecessary materials.** Newspapers stored in a damp, warm place may ignite spontaneously.
- Mount a **fire extinguisher** in the kitchen, garage and workshop.
- Keep **flammable objects**, including pot holders, dish towels and curtains, at least **three feet away** from the stove.

Protect Your Family From Fire

Regional Council has proclaimed this week of October 9 - 15, as Fire Prevention Week.

Many dedicated citizens have joined with volunteer, professional and industrial fire safety personnel as "Partners in Fire Prevention" in a relentless effort to minimize loss of life, destruction of property and damage to the environment.

Fire losses in Canada remain unacceptably high in comparison with those in other industrialized nations thereby necessitating improved fire prevention measures.

On average, eight Canadians die from fire every week. Most of these fires are preventable and caused by careless behaviour.

Northern Rockies Fire Department will be heading to our local schools this week to educate our children about potential fire risks and how to keep safe. The 2011 fire prevention theme for this period is: "Its Fire Prevention Week—



Mayor Streeper & Fire Chief McCleary

!New! Bylaw Dispute Adjudication System

Regional Council has adopted the Municipal Ticket Amendment Bylaw No.61, 2011. The Bylaw enables the newly adopted Bylaw Dispute Adjudication System to come into effect.

The new system will not only streamline and simplify current practices for ticket violation disputes, but it will also reduce costs associated with the process for all parties involved.

The new system will involve discounts on fines if paid early and the ability to dispute a ticket violation more efficiently through an independent adjudicator rather than through the Provincial Court System.

If you have any questions regarding the new system please contact Municipal Administration admin@northernrockies.ca or 250-774-2541.

Also of note...

- Regional Council adopted Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 63, 2011, which removes the Minimum Lot Depth Dimension in RR-1: Rural Residential Large from 150 metres to n/a.
- The Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw No. 64, 2011 was given First and Second Reading by Regional Council. The OCP will be on the agenda for Third and Final Reading at the next Regional Council Meeting.
- Regional Council has approved a more enhanced public communication approach through the provision of guidelines for Home Based Businesses, Property Maintenance, Graffiti, and Building Permits. The guidelines are intended to simplify existing bylaws, therefore ensuring clearer understanding by the public.
- Regional Council approved the restructuring of the Landfill Tipping Fees at the Fort Nelson Landfill. Also included with the restructuring is the reinstatement of the cardboard recycling program and consideration of further diversion opportunities i.e. green wood waste, recycling of metals and construction/demolition waste.