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JULY 18TH CHETWYND COUNCIL MEETING

After the initial council business, Ryan Shelly of Summit Avalanche Consulting presented his agenda for signing another winter contract with the District of Chetwynd for Avalanche awareness. Ryan has been working with Tumbler Ridge, Mackenzie and Chetwynd since 2010, trying to bring awareness to the dangers of avalanches while snowmobiling with a mountain report website called Avalanche.ca, a completely non profit website.

In our area (Northern Rockies) there is a significant amount of people that sled in the winter months that do not have sufficient gear, or are not trained in case of an avalanche emergency. There has been nine fatalities due to avalanches in just over a year in our area. Avalanche.ca gives a basic idea of the conditions of the snow/weather on certain slopes. In Chetwynd the focus areas would be Silver Sands, Hasler and Upper Burnt River. Along with the help of the avalanche professionals who assess the conditions, they are asking for public help as well. The only way to have up to date info with their current budget is to outsource the information for the site. Not only can you go on the site yourself and give a basic description of the riding conditions of a certain mountain, but if you become a member of the BC Snowmobile Federation and take a quick course in avalanche safety, you could be getting paid for your day at the mountain.

Many community improvements, which we can all look forward to, were on the agenda as well.

- They plan to pave Carvers Lane (the old visitor centre location). There is also plans to add picnic tables, a gazebo and a bulletin board for community events.

- A bulletin board will be built in front of the Post Office for advertising yard sales and other events.

- There was discussion of an outdoor skating rink being constructed in Spirit Park with surrounding boards and even a covered bench area to lace up. The skating rink will be further discussed when it's brought in front of council in August.

- From the carwash to the entrance of the Rodeo Sub will be receiving street lights in the near future.

- A five year plan for the development of sidewalks throughout town is in the works, specifically in high traffic areas used by children or the elderly.

The Council voted in favour of Rat Race Contracting's proposed new industrial area, which will continue on to the next step in the process with a letter of support from the District of Chetwynd. Mrs Tremblay's previous request for the change of speed limits on 53rd has been approved. A survey was taken in the Legion Sub proving that 38 people agreed with the change from 50km to 30km, and only 17 people were opposed. The Chetwynd and District Rod and Gun Club renew their sublease for the property that the gun range is on for August 2016 - March of 2018. Usually a five year lease is signed with the district but in March of 2018 the 30 year lease from the province expires and will need to be renegotiated.

One of the main reasons that these council meetings are open to the public is to get input and for the public to have a better understanding of the intentions and future ideas as well as conflicts and solutions for our town. So get out to the next meeting and ask questions, because we all learn from listening and questioning. Let's all work together to become a better informed community.

Kelsey Roberts, reporter Coffee Talk Express

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MEET THE MAYOR

July 22, 2016

I recently had the opportunity to participate in judging in the Beautiful Gardens Contest 2016 – one of the duties of the Mayor, apparently, but more important, one of the exquisite pleasures attached to the sometimes-humdrum routines of this office. To witness the pride and satisfaction of the gardeners as they display the results of their labours of love is only part of the pleasure. The rest of it is simply the basking in the beauties that still spring out of the Creator's good earth. Color, texture, taste in abundant variety beyond my limited powers of description have transformed rather ordinary landscapes into park-like wonder.

Clearly, the owners, the gardeners, the landscape artists have the vision to utilize the surroundings, natural and contrived, to display the beauties of shrub, blossom, fruit, and vegetable. On one site the gardeners had turned at least three acres into a place I was reluctant to leave. On the top side a swampy drainage had been converted into a series of sparkling ponds, the kind you might expect to encounter in Sleepy Hollow, across two properties. The greens surrounding looked like a well-attended golf course. On the flat below a large vegetable garden without a visible weed promises food for the winter – and much to share. Ornamental trees, shrubs, and blossoms added color and character to the scene. Reluctantly we leave.

With happy anticipation we approach another delightful scene. Different – yet the same. Here the landscape artists have worked an abandoned set of corrals and an animal loading ramp into their garden. And, thanks to the generosity of the horses who once occupied the corrals, the soil has real punch. Strawberries, hascap, raspberries, peas, potatoes, flowering plants, and sparkling water all tended with care and attention to detail. Once again we are loath to move on preferring, rather, to stay and bask in the peace that envelops us.

Farther along we learn more about the spirit that moves some of us rural folk. Here the steep hillside has been transformed by truckloads of topsoil spread laboriously by back, legs, arms, and shovel. Magnificent results! A place of peace and reflection! Food for the stomach; food for the soul! What wonders the soil holds for those with the will and the mind and the energy to discover and uncover its treasures. In every place we visited the pride and satisfaction of the owners is palpable. We sense that life without the soil would not be real life.

Back in town we visit a number of businesses where the green thumb of humanity has joined with the powers of nature to bring color and vitality to our otherwise potentially drab lives. Yes, we are surrounded by green in the valleys and on the mountains. But to bring nature into the core of our existence is a privilege and duty of each one of us.

This is the reason that your new District Centre is coming more and more alive each day as our summer student crews, under the expert guidance of District staff are adding shape and color to our surroundings. An ancient wisdom from the Sanskrit comes to mind: If of your mortal goods you are bereft and from your meager store but two loaves to you are left, sell one and with the dole buy hyacinths to feed your soul.

Merlin Nichols, Mayor

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KELSEY'S CHRONICLE

Did you know one honey bee hive will produce approximately 30 pounds of honey? Many things determine the amount of honey per hive including weather, temperature, placement and pests, among other things. Did you also know that honey bees haven't always been North American residents? It has been documented that bees arrived in the early 1600's, brought across the Atlantic Ocean by European colonists. Now, most of BC's honeybees live in the southern regions. The colder temperature of winter in the north is too stressful on the hives, decreasing their production of honey.

Between 2006 and today, there has been a drastic decrease in honey bees who are crucial to the environment and critical to a

fair portion of our food supply. Scientists from around the world are trying to solve the mystery of what's causing their disappearance. Hobbyist beekeepers believe that starvation was the leading cause, while commercial bee keepers believe it is pests. Many theories have been considered, but the most discussed is that it's the pesticides and fungicides that we spray on our crops.

Since the beginning of the honey bee decrease, many Canadians have taken initiative and have invested in materials and hives of their own. Now, 2,300 beekeepers currently operate around 47,000 bee colonies in BC alone. Beekeeping is also a pretty decent source of income, not only for the honey sales but for the keepers who deliver their bees to pollinate peoples crops. Some crops, including blueberries and cherries, are 90% dependent on honey bee pollination. Something that I found interesting is that the ancient Egyptians floated bees on rafts down the Nile to get them from one crop to another.

Today bees are responsible for one out of every three bites of food you eat. Thinking of all the food that they help pollinate and the delicious honey they produce, it's a scary thought to imagine life without them. They are still very much in danger, and if the cause of their disappearance isn't discovered and reversed, honey bee populations will continue to decrease.

Kelsey Roberts, reporter Coffee Talk Express



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Quite often people associate heroes as professional athletes or celebrities. In reality, heroes live among us performing small acts that win our admiration. A hero can be described in many words: compassionate, selfless, caring and thoughtful are just a few that come to mind.

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