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MAJOR CHANGES CANADIANS WILL BE SEEING IN 2017

The new year always seems to bring a slew of increases and inflations and we all hope to see even just one decrease. Here is a list of increases Canadians will be seeing in 2017.

- BC Hydro customers will see a 3.5% increase starting April 1st.
- ICBC has increased basic coverage premiums by 4.9%.
- Fortis BC has increased by 2.76%, bringing monthly bills up at least \$3.00 or more.
- Federal income tax thresholds, the basic personal amount and several other credit amounts, will increase by 1.4%.
- BC Ferries (although the ferries are not much concern for those living in the North), could be seeing a 1.9% increase this year. It already costs a family of four \$200 to cross to Victoria and back, and it will now unfortunately cost even more.
- Property Tax increases for the Greater Vancouver area of up to 3.9% to combat the opioid (fentanyl) crisis. Property assessments will be coming in the mail with a bit of sticker shock to some. Drastic increases have been made in the assessed worth of homes, bringing property taxes up as well. In some areas of BC, homeowners could be seeing a 30-50% increase in the assessed value of their home. It is said that the increase will not make much of a difference for property tax amounts owed. I suppose we will see in the spring when we get our bills in the mail.
- Child tax credits for fitness, arts, education, and textbooks have been completely eliminated. More tax credits are under the microscope because of the pressure felt from the possible personal and corporate cuts in the near future for the United States.
- Income splitting for tax purposes also saw an overhaul. Income splitting is a tax reduction measure that used to allow \$50,000 to be transferred to the spouse with the lower income if they had a child under 18; the amount is now capped at \$2000.
- Beginning January 1st, 2017, Medical Services Plan will not charge for coverage for children and young adults, and will continue to provide full coverage to those who make under \$24,000 a year. Single parents with two children who earn between \$36,000 and \$44,000 will pay roughly \$1,100 less than they did in 2016. But seniors and couples with no children will be paying much more in MSP premiums.

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2005 Hino cube van, 3 ton diesel, very good cond, new batteries, new roll up door cables, loading ramp near new rubber, \$9500 OBO. Call 250-788-6604

1999 Doepker Super B log trailer. Call 250-788-5720 or 250-788-2312

1993 Jeep Cherokee GRC decent tires, 4x4, \$900 OBO. Call 250-401-7513

1984 Volkswagon Jetta, runs well, \$800. Call or text Alex 250-401-8768

2005 Ford F-350 superduty, 8" lift, 35" tire, EGR delete done, heavy duty bush bumper, good cond, 219,000 kms, \$13,000 OBO or trade + cash for a triple axle 5th wheel flat deck trailer. Call 250-788-6604

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ComParrot

by Bonnie J. Malcolm

Can you spot 12 differences between these pictures?



Solution: 1. Stripe on girl's shoe is missing. 2. Extra fold in bag. 3. Latch on lunchbox is missing. 4. Top of baker's hat is colored in. 5. Handle on cart is colored in. 6. Spot on coffee pot has moved. 7. Wheel on cart has moved. 8. Brick in wall behind girl has moved. 9. Girl's skirt is longer. 10. Pocket on apron is larger. 11. Spoon on cart is reversed. 12. Mannequin's arm is different.

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Lost: Envelope with Katherine written on it and UGG, chestnut coloured gloves. Return to Coffee Talk or call 604-832-2322

Lost: iPhone 6 with red tape on the bottom of the case. Call 250-401-7019

Lost: Big black cat from Aspen Trailer Park. Has been gone since Thursday, Dec 15. Call Shelley at 250-556-9142

Lost: Drone on Dec 25 from 42nd St NE toward Rodeo Grounds. Call Mike 250-401-8148

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DISTRICT OF CHETWYND RECEIVES AWARD FOR COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

Congratulations was extended to the District of Chetwynd on their award for their non-evaluated 5 Bloom BC Communities in Bloom award.

Edward Stanford presented the award to Fire Chief Leo Sabulsky who accepted it on behalf of the Mayor, the Council and the Communities in Bloom Committee.

Chetwynd has been a strong contender every year for awards and Chief Sabulsky has sat on the Communities in Bloom Committee of the District from its conception. Originally set up by Councillor Rose and Roberts, it has performed the role of bringing beauty to the community.

In 2016, it received recognition specifically for the Greenspace Trail-System and Community Forest Wayfinding Strategies and New Municipal Centre and Landscaping.

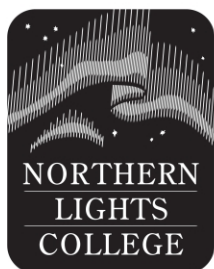
In the past, it received recognition for the well-known CN Berm and the Beautiful Gardens of Chetwynd Project,

Edward Stanford has been involved with Communities in Bloom since 2000. He represents Urban Systems as a sponsor of the BC CiB and he sits on the BC CiB Board.



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January 6, 2017

Unlike time's transition from 2016 to 2017, this transition happened so smoothly and so quietly that you had no idea that it had happened, that the old had given way to the new, that the threat of ruinous fines was past. It did and it has and your Mayor and Council, as well as the CAO and the Director of Engineering & Public Works, Paul Gordon, and the Utility Services Coordinator, Al Tricker, were so pleased with the result that we just wanted to stand there and flush the toilet to watch the water run. Of course we had to take the high road and get back to work.

The project had been going on for months with dredging and excavation and compaction and forming and pouring of concrete and laying of pipes and installation of IT. This 5-million dollar project has come to completion and you can open your drains with confidence.

Let me share with you a bit of the history of the new Sewage Treatment Plant. Fascinating stuff, really. It takes us back to the early winter of 2013 when it was discovered that, as a result of aging and inadequate equipment coupled with an especially hard winter, the District was out of compliance with its permit to discharge effluent into the Pine River. (For one thing, the old system had surface mounted aerators that became less effective when deep cold set in thus reducing oxygenation of the effluent.)

The immediate response was to contact Urban Systems (US) for a preliminary assessment of the problem and its solution. The US file was sent to Golder and Associates for detailed engineering work. Concurrently, various funding options were explored along with ongoing discussions with the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. By late 2013 predesign for the Treatment Plant was underway.

By the spring of 2014 the District had sufficient technical information to authorize the preloading of the site for the plant. Preloading simply means that thousands of tons of earth were stacked on the site of the plant to compress the subsoil sufficiently to support the new concrete treatment pond. Of course, all this earth had to be removed when construction commenced.

Funding such a massive project requires citizen consent to borrow which can be obtained in one of two ways: the Alternative Approval Process (AAP) is simpler and less time consuming and costly. With Government approval, the local government can take the process to the citizens. Within the specified time, if 10% of registered voters do not register their disapproval, the District of Chetwynd (District) is free to borrow the funds for the project. (Failure of the AAP would necessitate a referendum. In this case the AAP succeeded.)

The District also applied for the Canada-BC Grant for approximately three million and received it with thanks to Canada and BC staff who approved the application and, of course, thanks to our MP Bob Zimmer who represented our needs superbly. The Peace River Regional District contributed \$500,000 through the good offices of Dan Rose and the remainder of the funding came from our own sources.

The new Sewage Treatment Plant now is a prime example of how projects come together when people and their governments work in cooperation. Had the District been forced into a referendum, the prolonged process may have shut us out of the Canada-BC Grant competition at a loss of the three million. It would not have stopped the plant's construction but it would have put the financial burden squarely on the residents of Chetwynd.

Over the next decade your succeeding Councils will be considering a number of major capital undertakings that may require borrowing. The first is the East Trunk Main which your present Council has approved for borrowing and is going through the AAP steps as you read this.

Here's to a 2017 that is known for cooperation at all levels.

Merlin Nichols, Mayor



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KELSEY'S CHRONICLE

As the hustle and bustle of the holidays comes to a close, we look into what 2017 can bring. We all want to start our year off on the right note, so let's go through some things to get our year started in the right

direction.

While reflecting on the past year we should ask ourselves a few questions - What went well for me? What didn't go so well? How did I improve myself? Did I remove toxicity, and did it help? What do I wish I had more time for?

When asking yourself these questions, be completely honest with yourself. Even if things didn't go as planned for you last year, there is no reason you can't try again. Being realistic with your goals is the first step to change. If your goal is to become healthier, don't set yourself up for failure by eliminating something completely out of your diet. If it's exercise you fancy, set a goal of a few hours a week and go from there. Setting unrealistic goals is a good way to get discouraged before even trying.

For some it's just boredom in your daily routine that maybe could use some spicing up. Switch up your routine and add new things. Take a fitness class, join a book club, or check out the adult sports at CSS. You could plan a small trip to check out our beautiful province or somewhere else in Canada to help celebrate Canada's 150th birthday.

Lots of us need to work on stress reduction, coping skills or even just balancing a busy schedule. Organization can do wonders for stress, and walking can do wonders for your brain, in turn helping with stress. Organization begins with pin pointing a spot where you could use it. Making lists is a good way to stay focussed on your task. Walking for even just 20 minutes can help you tremendously. Indirectly, exercise improves mood and sleep, and reduces stress and anxiety.

Toxicity in your life can put you in a bad spot. Whether it's an unhealthy relationship with a friend or spouse or a toxic habit you can't break, it's never too late to break free from the entanglement of toxicity. In this day and age, there are so many resources to help people, anonymous hotlines for physical abuse, free tobacco quitting products from the government, or alcohol and substance abuse help. If you want help it is available to you in all areas.

Finally, a positive attitude and a positive outlook on life is the key to everything. All mixed in with a healthy work-life balance, throw in some daily appreciation and you've got a concoction for a great year, my friends.

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When it comes to Universal Life Insurance, new policy holders will see a decrease in the ability to buildup investment gains. Because of the new formula used for calculations, plans will become more expensive or reduce death benefits.

RRSP contributions, tax brackets and max amounts of credits will increase in 2017 to reflect inflation. More changes are expected to happen throughout the year, and with the changes happening in the U.S., we can be sure this is only the beginning.

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