

THE REGIONAL REPORT

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IN THIS EDITION, WE WILL RECAP SOME OF THE PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON WITHIN THE REGIONAL DISTRICT OF FRASER-FORT GEORGE. ▲

WELCOME TO THE REGIONAL REPORT,

a regular newsletter designed to keep residents aware of programs, initiatives and events underway in the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. If you have comments, feedback or ideas for articles to be featured in future editions of Regional Report, please email us at district@rdffg.bc.ca, call 1-800-667-1959 or write to us at: Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, 155 George St., Prince George, B.C., V2L 1P8 ▲

Composting HELP

REAPS is hosting a variety of workshops open to the public at their facility all about composting, recycling and being water wise. Check out their updated website and workshops at www.reaps.org for more information.

Select Regional District transfer Stations and Landfills are available to take green composting items such as grass, leaves, tree branches, shrubs and flowers.

For more information please visit our website at www.rdffg.bc.ca ▲

APPROVED COMPOST

PLEASE ONLY PLACE APPROVED ITEMS IN THIS BIN



GRASS CLIPPINGS



LEAVES



SHRUBS



BRANCHES
(up to 3" in diameter)

MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED:

Plastic bags, food waste, dirt & rocks, pumpkins, apples & berries, lumber. If you are unsure, please feel free to ask the attendant.

NORGROW DONATION Helps Mackenzie's Community Market & Gathering Space Grow

The Regional District donated NorGrow compost to the District of Mackenzie to assist in the development of the new Community Market & Gathering Space.

NorGrow is a soil amendment produced at the Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill centralized composting facility. Residents drop off leaves, grass clippings, tree prunings, and shrubs which is then composted to produce NorGrow.

As a soil amendment NorGrow is an excellent source of organic matter and improves plant growth by enhancing the soils physical properties. For example, when NorGrow is added to a sandy soil, it increase the water retention capacity of the soil resulting in less watering. When NorGrow is rototilled into a clay soil, the variable size breaks up the tight clay bond and allows air and water to get to the plant roots. NorGrow also provides a source of energy to beneficial soil organisms, and enriches the reservoir of soil nutrients.



Photo from District of Mackenzie Facebook page

NorGrow compost is available for purchase from the Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill. Compost loading is 11am to 6pm each day (except Wednesdays) and 10am to 4pm on statutory holidays. NorGrow is also for sale at the McBride &

Valemount Regional Transfer Stations (bring a shovel).

For more information visit the RD website or call Environmental Services at the Regional District office. ▲



Fruit trees making a mess?

Want fresh local fruit?



Keep fruit off the ground and out of bears' bellies.

Northern Bear Awareness Society and Social Media

Learn more about our fruit exchange program

We have shifted our primary activity to our Face Book Page [Northern Bear Awareness Society](#). We can still be contacted at our email address nbasociety@gmail.com or contact us directly at 778-281-BEAR. The Fruit Exchange Program now has its' own Face Book page: [Prince George Fruit Exchange](#). We are still monitoring our email for those wanting to email us, or you can call us directly at 778-281-BEAR (2327).

Fruit Exchange PROGRAM

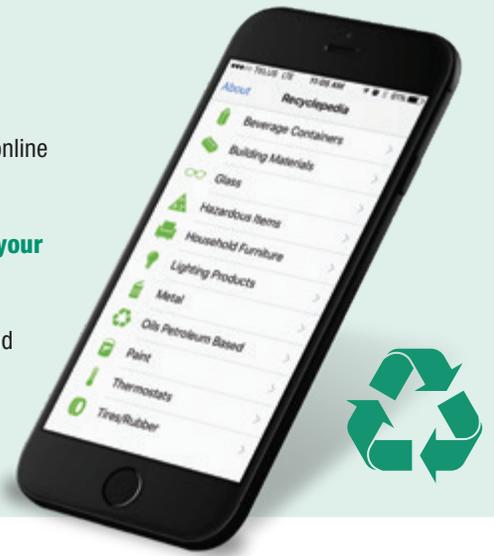
The summer weather makes gardens grow! As harvest season approaches, many residents are looking for ways to share their crops. Northern Bear Awareness Fruit Exchange Program can help residents in getting rid of their excess fruit without it going to the Landfill. ▲

RECYCLING HELP – There’s an App for that!

Did you know that finding out what can be recycled is right at your fingertips! The Recyclepedia is an online database that let’s residents in our Regional District search hundreds of items for take back locations.

The Recyclepedia can be found online at www.rcbc.ca or the app can be downloaded onto your smart phone!

This is a great time to check out this online resource, as many residents will be doing fall clean ups and finding little used items like paint, oil, batteries and tires. Knowing where these items can be recycled can make clean up quick and easy and keep unwanted items out of our Landfills. ▲



2018 Elections

Local government elections will take place on October 20, 2018. People interested in running as an Electoral Area Director for the Regional District or a Bear Lake Local Community Commissioner can now pick up nomination packages. Packages are available at the Regional District office at 155 George Street in Prince George or can be downloaded from our website at www.rdffg.bc.ca. Candidates can return completed nomination packages to the Regional District between September 4 – 14.

Further information, including candidate eligibility requirements, can be found on our website. ▲

MCBRIDE Library and Museum opens

The doors have officially opened on the new library and museum in McBride. The McBride and District Library and the Valley Museum and Archives held their official grand opening on July 6. In 2016, residents in the area voted in favor of purchasing the building at 521 Main Street as the new home of the library and museum. ▲



McBride Library and Museum building

COMMUNITY RECREATION CONSULTATION in the Robson Valley

Residents in the Robson Valley are invited to weigh in with their thoughts about community recreation facilities in McBride and Valemount. As a result of things like building condition, new regulatory requirements and service levels, the cost to continue to run these centres in their current state is prohibitive. The Regional District wants to engage with the communities in the Robson Valley to help determine funding priorities, operational standards and future needs for recreational facilities in the Robson Valley. An online survey is available for residents to share their thoughts about facility usage and future spending priorities from August 7 – September 5.

The surveys can be found on the Regional District website at www.rdffg.bc.ca ▲



ABOUT US

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is home to over 93,000 residents and covers 52,000 square kilometers in central British Columbia – an area almost as large as the province of Nova Scotia. It extends from the Pine Pass in the north to Hixon in the south, and from Bednesti Lake west

of Prince George to the Alberta border. As a local government, the Regional District is accountable to the residents of the region. Services provided include fire protection, 9-1-1 emergency services, solid waste management, community sewer and water systems, land use planning, cultural and recreational services and parks. Total operating expenditures in 2017 were \$36.65 million.

The governing board of the Regional District has fourteen directors: four appointed by the City of Prince George from its council, one appointed by each of the councils of the District of Mackenzie, Village of McBride and Village of Valemount, and seven directors elected from within each of the seven electoral areas covering the unincorporated portions of the Regional District. ▲