

**COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA**

Date: Monday, September 25, 2023, 7:15 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers of the Municipal Office
1 Mackenzie Boulevard, Mackenzie, BC

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1. CALL TO ORDER

We would like to begin by acknowledging the land on which we gather is within the traditional territory of the Tse'khene People of the McLeod Lake Indian Band.

1.1 Defer to Closed Meeting

THAT the Special Closed meeting be deferred until after the regular meeting;

AND THAT the basis of the Special Closed Meeting relates to Section 90 (1) (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Regular Meeting - September 11, 2023

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2.2 Special Meeting- September 12, 2023

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3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Please note that all comments and questions must pertain to items listed on the agenda.

Are there any members of the public in attendance this evening who wish to comment on the agenda?

Administration are there any members of the public attending through Zoom or

Phone that wish to comment on the agenda?

6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

7. CORRESPONDENCE

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

7.1 For Action:

- 7.1.1 National Disability Employment Awareness Month 11
Request received from the Ontario Disability Employment Network to light up the Recreation Centre in Purple or Blue on October 19, 2023 in support of National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

7.2 For Consideration:

Is there anything Council wishes to address in the "For Consideration" or "Centre Table File" correspondence?

- 7.2.1 Northern Health Healthy Communities E-Brief - September 2023 13
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THAT Council receives this report for information.

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**Regular Council Meeting
Minutes**

September 11, 2023, 7:15 p.m.
Council Chambers of the Municipal Office
1 Mackenzie Boulevard, Mackenzie, BC

Council Present: Mayor J. Atkinson, Councillor A. Barnes, Councillor V. Brumovsky,
Councillor K. Tapper, Councillor J. Wright

Council Absent: Councillor A. Hipkiss, Councillor R. McMeeken

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer D. Smith, Chief Financial Officer K.
Borne, Director of Recreation Services T. Gilmer, Director of
Operations J. Murray, Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn,
Land and Environmental Programs Coordinator L. Thorne,
Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant C. Smirle

1. CALL TO ORDER

CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:15 PM.

*Mayor Atkinson acknowledged the land on which we gather is within the
traditional territory of the Tse'khene People of the McLeod Lake Indian Band.*

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Special Meeting - August 28, 2023

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 28, 2023 were adopted
as presented.

2.2 COTW - August 28, 2023

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on August 28,
2023 were adopted as presented.

2.3 Regular Meeting - August 28, 2023

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 28, 2023 were
adopted as presented.

2.4 Special Meeting - September 6, 2023

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 6, 2023 were adopted as presented.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

N/A

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: 33069

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Shannon Bezo, Regional Principal at the College of New Caledonia, thanked Mayor and Council for the letter of support provided to their grant application to NDIT for funding towards upgrades to the new event space and notified that they were successful in receiving the grant from NDIT.

6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

6.1 Containment of Garbage

Mitch Binichakis (Mortensen) expressed his concerns regarding the containment of commercial garbage in Mackenzie to Mayor and Council.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolution: 33070

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

7.1 For Consideration:

7.1.1 Letter - Dominique Symbalistry

Council received a letter from resident, Dominique Symbalistry, requesting that as a community we find a way to recognize the displacement and lives lost to the "scattering of man". Mayor Atkinson agreed to look into this request and bring back further information for discussion with Council.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Grant Applications – Arena Slab and Energy Upgrades Project

Resolution: 33071

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council supports the District’s application to the South Peace Mackenzie Trust (SPMTrust) Program for the Arena Slab and Energy Upgrades Project;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the grant application, and if the application is successful, any related documentation.

CARRIED

Amendment:

Resolution: 33072

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council supports the District’s application to Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) Recreation Infrastructure Program for the Arena Slab and Energy Upgrades Project;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the grant application, and if the application is successful, any related documentation.

CARRIED

8.2 Temporary Use Permit Application 4520-20-23-01

Resolution: 33073

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council authorizes approval in issuing Temporary Use Permit 4520-20-23-01 to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 273 for the purpose of storing recreation equipment.

CARRIED

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 Mayor's Report

N/A

9.2 Council Reports

- 9.2.1 Councillor Brumovsky
Councillor Brumovsky provided a written report.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

11. NEW BUSINESS

N/A

12. BYLAWS

N/A

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

N/A

14. COMING EVENTS

14.1 Rec Fair and McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest BBQ
Saturday September 9, 2023 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Recreation
Centre

14.2 MCAC Opening Exhibition
September 14, 2023 - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

14.3 Mackenzie Nature Observatory - Owl Nights
Owl Banding
September 15, 23, 24, 29, 2023
Mackenzie Nature Observatory
Starting 1 hour after sunset

14.4 Mackenzie Seniors' Week
September 24 - October 1, 2023

14.5 FireSmart Curbside Pickup
Mackenzie Townsite - October 3
Gantahaz Subdivision - October 4

15. INQUIRIES

Dominique Symbalisty, resident, asked if we still have a Bear Committee in Mackenzie? Mayor Atkinson replied that the committee still exists, but a majority of the members have moved away, and the Committee is currently inactive. Ms. Symbalisty asked if she could connect with Mayor Atkinson about starting up the committee again. Mayor Atkinson replied absolutely.

Janice Nelson, Publisher of the Macktown Buzzette, asked why agenda item 8.3 was pulled from the agenda? Mayor Atkinson replied that after the vendor visited the airport, they determined that they did not have the proper equipment to complete the work at the airport.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: 33074

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:53 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer

**Special Council Meeting
Minutes**

September 12, 2023, 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers of the Municipal Office
1 Mackenzie Boulevard, Mackenzie, BC

Council Present: Mayor J. Atkinson, Councillor A. Barnes, Councillor V. Brumovsky,
Councillor K. Tapper, Councillor J. Wright

Council Absent: Councillor A. Hipkiss, Councillor R. McMeeken

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer D. Smith, Director of Corporate
Services E. Kaehn

1. CALL TO ORDER

CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:30 pm.

Mayor Atkinson acknowledged the land on which we gather is within the traditional territory of the Tse'khene People of the McLeod Lake Indian Band.

1.1 Defer to Closed Meeting

Resolution: 33075

Moved by: Councillor Tapper

THAT the Special Closed meeting be deferred until after the regular meeting;

AND THAT the basis of the Special Closed Meeting relates to Section 90 (1) (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

CARRIED

2. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution: 33076

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:32 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer

DRAFT

Mayor Joan Atkinson and Council
District of Mackenzie
Bag 340 – 1 Mackenzie Blvd.
Mackenzie, BC V0J 2C0

September 19, 2023

Dear Mayor Atkinson and Councillors:

I'm the Communications Strategist for the Ontario Disability Employment Network, and the National Campaign Co-ordinator of Light It Up! For NDEAM[®]. I'm writing to invite the District of Mackenzie to participate in this event. Over the past several months, I have been communicating with Chief Administrative Officer Diane Smith about the District's participation in *Light It Up! For NDEAM* this year.

Light It Up! For NDEAM is an annual national event that spotlights the many ways people who have a disability contribute to businesses and their communities, helping companies be successful and competitive.

But *Light It Up! For NDEAM* is more than a night; more than just a special lighting event on **the third Thursday** of every October during National Disability Employment Awareness Month. It has quickly become a movement that ignites conversation about disability inclusion in employment.

This event is led by the Ontario Disability Employment Network (ODEN). It happens nationwide every year through a collaboration between ODEN, the Canadian Association for Supported Employment, MentorAbility Canada and many community agencies across the country — including ones in British Columbia.

Light It Up! For NDEAM started province-wide in Ontario, in 2020 and went national in 2021.

Last year almost 440 locations in nearly 120 communities nationwide participated in *Light It Up! For NDEAM* by illuminating purple and blue.

Municipalities across Canada participate in *Light It Up! For NDEAM* by illuminating their town/city halls and signature signs, and/or other municipal buildings. This year they include:

- London, Hamilton, Mississauga, Oakville, Sarnia, ON
- Lethbridge & Red Deer, AB
- Charlottetown & Summerside, PE
- Estevan, SK
- Port Moody, Williams Lake, Whistler, Coquitlam, Nanaimo, BC

As well, most every iconic landmark across Canada participates in *Light It Up! For NDEAM*.

- CN Tower (has participated since 2020 inaugural event)
- Calgary Tower
- Niagara Falls (has participated since 2020 inaugural event)
- BC Place
- The Big Fiddle, Port of Sydney, NS
- Port of Halifax
- Canada Life Building, Toronto (has participated since 2020)
- Cabot Tower, Signal Hill National Historic Site (a new landmark location in 2023)

The federal government has also participated since 2021, lighting over 30 federal buildings across the country in both 2021 and 2022.

We'd love to have the District of Mackenzie joining the *Light It Up! For NDEAM* movement by lighting your Recreation Centre.

Light It Up! For NDEAM 2023 is the night of **Thursday, October 19**.

The colours I'm requesting are:

Purple: R 50 G 82 B 138

Blue: R 50 G 77 B 92

Our social media handle (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn) is @odenetwork.

The *Light It Up! For NDEAM* hashtags are:

#LightItUpForNDEAM #LightItUpForDEAM #EngageTalent

You can learn more about *Light It Up! For NDEAM* by visiting the web page:
<https://www.odennetwork.com/initiatives/light-it-up-for-ndeam-2023>.

Thank you for your consideration, and I will look forward to hearing back from you about participating in *Light It Up! For NDEAM* on Thursday, October 19.

Best regards,



Dean Askin

National Campaign Co-ordinator, *Light It Up! For NDEAM*
Communications Strategist, Ontario Disability Employment Network

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Cell: (416) 818-1514

Web: www.odennetwork.com

Vision Zero Grants support safer streets in Northern BC

The BC Vision Zero in Road Safety Grant program funds innovative projects that aim to improve safety for people who travel without a motor vehicle (vulnerable road users). Since 2021, successful BC Vision Zero applicants have used funding to improve road infrastructure and to launch education campaigns in their communities. Congratulations to the following communities that received funding:



Source: depositphotos.com

- **Hazelton:** Walk Safer information campaign
- **Kitimat:** Rectangular rapid flashing beacons crosswalk
- **Prince George:** Pedestrian controlled rectangular rapid flashing beacon
- **Prince Rupert:** Lions Club visibility program
- **Quesnel:** Bus shelter improvements
- **Saulteau First Nations:** Safe sledding hill and ice rink
- **Smithers:** Downtown Corridor Revitalization Plan and Cycle 16 underpass design
- **Telkwa:** Active Transportation Network Plan

Explore the Vision Zero [webpage](#) to learn more about these projects and future funding opportunities.

For your information

PlanH Healthy Community Grant recipients

Learn more about the [PlanH Healthy Community Grant Program](#) and the four successful communities in Northern BC that received funding for community connectedness and healthy public policy projects. Congratulations to the City of Fort St. John, Stellat'en First Nation, District of Stewart, and Gingolx Village Government.

Resources (toolkits, reports, websites)

COVID-19 resources and information

Find information about COVID-19 and how to protect yourself, your family, and your community. The [Northern Health COVID-19](#) and [COVID-19 information](#) pages have information about immunization clinics, testing and self-isolation, the community toolkit, and trusted contacts.

Disability and Physical Activity Program Evaluation Toolkit

Learn ways to evaluate your disability and physical activity programs and initiatives by using this new [toolkit](#) (Canadian Disability Participation Project).

Financial help in pregnancy

Does your organization support pregnant people and those with young families? This new [resource](#) (Vancouver Coastal Health) provides a list of programs and services providing financial support during pregnancy and post-partum.

Food allergy resources for back to school

Peanut or nut aware day care or school? Not sure how to proceed? This [Peanut and Nut Aware Lunches and Snacks](#) resource (Northern Health) has you covered with easy lunch ideas and tips for preparing food safely. To learn more about strategies for allergy awareness, prevention, and management in schools, review [Resources Guide for Allergy Aware Schools](#).

Local Government Levers for Housing Affordability

Discover ways to improve housing affordability by using this new [resource](#) (Community Social Planning Council).

Shaping Space: Culturally Responsive Public Spaces

Learn ways to create culturally responsive public spaces for more equitable access using this new [resource](#) (Toronto Metropolitan University).

Understanding Northern Health

Gain a better understanding of Northern Health's governance structure, services, processes, programs, and contacts by using this new [resource](#) (Northern Health).

Events and learning opportunities

School Garden Mentorship Program

Dates: September 12 and 21, October 3 and 12, 2023

Are you a K-12 educator who is creating a school garden or reviving an existing garden? Join the Farm to School BC after-school [online workshops](#).

Power and health equity workshops

Dates: September 13 and 20, 2023

Explore the [Let's Talk: Redistributing power for health equity](#) resource in this interactive [webinar](#) (National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health).

Physical Activity Alliance of Northern BC Virtual Summit

Date: September 22, 2023

Join the [Physical Activity Alliance of Northern BC](#) (PAANBC) Virtual Summit to hear about current Alliance activities and projects, to hear from community champions, and to learn about grant opportunities for physical activity projects in your community. Email physicalactivity@unbc.ca to register for this free event.

Funding opportunities

Fresh To You Fundraiser for K-12 schools

Deadline: September 7, 2023

Looking for a healthy fundraiser option this fall? Sign up for the [Fresh To You Fundraiser](#) to sell bundles of locally grown fruit and vegetables. Schools will receive a 40 per cent profit on all bundles sold.

Climate Change Adaptation Program

Deadline: September 22, 2023

Planning a climate adaption project? The Natural Resource Canada's Climate Change Adaptation Program is soliciting proposals for cost-shared projects that will make important contributions to advancing adaptation progress in Canada. Up to \$15 million in funding may be awarded through this [Call for Proposals](#).

IMAGINE Community Grants

Deadline: October 6, 2023

Planning a project that focuses on mental wellness, community diversity, harm reduction, climate action, food security, active living, or community safety? Northern BC community organizations, schools, Indigenous organizations, and local governments can apply for up to \$10,000 through the Northern Health [Imagine Community Grant](#).

Youth Innovation Enabling Accessibility Fund

Deadline: October 10, 2023

Do you know a dynamic youth who wants to demonstrate leadership and impact the lives of people with disabilities in their community? Learn more about the [Enabling Accessibility Fund \(EAF\) Youth Component](#), which provides up to \$10,000 for youth ages 15 to 30.

Telus Indigenous Communities Fund

Deadline: October 13, 2023

Apply for up to \$50,000 for Indigenous-led social, health, and community programs through the [TELUS Indigenous Communities Fund](#).

Community Gaming Grants

Deadline: Application deadlines vary

Did you know that the [Community Gaming Grants](#) provides \$140 million annually to not-for-profit organizations throughout BC to support their delivery of ongoing program and services? Learn how to apply for up to \$125,000 to help meet the needs of your community.

Climate Fund Finder

Deadline: Ongoing

Planning a climate action project? Need financial support? Not sure where to start? The [Funding Finder](#) is the tool for you. By answering a few questions, you'll be on your way to learning which programs fit your program best. If you're still looking for project ideas, the Funding Finder can show you a range of possibilities to help spark your imagination.

Northern Healthy Communities Fund

Deadline: Ongoing

Is your community near an LNG Canada or Coastal GasLink project? Apply for the [Northern Healthy Communities Fund](#) (NHCF) to help your community adjust to the economic growth expected to occur as a result of major economic development projects.

Provincial homelessness grants

Deadline: Ongoing

Apply for a [Homeless Community Action](#) grant to help your organization better respond to needs of those who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. Funding supports community-based action including demonstration projects, partnerships, research, and other collaborative efforts.

Rural Transit Solutions Fund

Deadline: Ongoing

Apply for the [Rural Transit Solutions Fund](#) to help your local government or organization plan and design new or expanded transit solutions for your community.

Northern Health Stories

Wildfires and protecting your mental wellness

The wildfire season has gotten longer, with increases in fire frequency, duration, and severity. At the time of writing this story, according to BC Wildfire Service, there were 236 active wildfires in the Northern Health region of our province...[continue reading](#).

See the latest stories at stories.northernhealth.ca

E-Brief information

The Healthy Northern Communities [E-Brief](#) is produced by [Northern Health's regional Population and Preventive Public Health program](#).

To subscribe, send a blank email to healthycommunities@northernhealth.ca with "subscribe" in the subject line.

To unsubscribe, send a blank email to healthycommunities@northernhealth.ca with "unsubscribe" in the subject line.

To share information, articles, or resources of interest to Northern BC communities, send an email to healthycommunities@northernhealth.ca. If you have any questions about our list and your privacy, please phone 250-637-1615.





September 8, 2023

Dear Mayor and Council,

RE: Municipal Protected Areas Project Webinar – 10 am October 4, 2023

I am contacting you on behalf of BC Nature to inform you of the Municipal Protected Areas Project (MPAP) and to invite you and the appropriate staff to participate in a webinar on the MPAP being held on October 4, 2023.

The MPAP is inspired by Canada's commitment at the 2022 United Nations Biodiversity Conference (COP15) to conserve 30% of our lands and waters by 2030 (30 x 30).

Municipal and local governments' protected areas are home to rich cultural and biological diversity and are integral to achieving Canada's biodiversity commitments, including 30 x 30.

The MPAP gives local governments the tools and resources to register their local protected areas on the Canadian database for protected lands. Taking part in this work will allow your community to demonstrate their conservation efforts on multiple levels ranging from contributing to global biodiversity goals, to enhancing community stewardship of local protected areas, and ensuring your community is well positioned to seek future support and resources for conservation efforts. The MPAP is an opportunity to validate and recognize your community's conservation policies and strategic plans.

We invite you and the appropriate staff to attend a webinar on MPAP being held at 10 am on October 4, 2023 to discover more. We will outline the requirements for candidate sites, how the registration process works, and how we can complete much of this work for you at no cost for your community.

Please RSVP at <https://tcmvqp6mf7d.typeform.com/to/VyOG2JiP>

If you require more information beforehand, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Stewart Guy
Executive Director
EDirector@bcnature.ca



August 30, 2023

RE: Invitation to upcoming sessions on the Heritage Conservation Act Transformation Project (Fall 2023)

The Joint Working Group on First Nations Heritage Conservation (JWG) is pleased to provide an update on the Heritage Conservation Act Transformation Project (HCATP) and invite stakeholders to participate in virtual engagement sessions on proposed near-term policy changes.

Beginning in July 2022, First Nations and external stakeholders (industry, heritage and archaeological professionals, local/regional governments, construction and land developers, etc.) were invited to engage on the *Heritage Conservation Act* (HCA) and its administration to identify priority areas for transformation. The outcomes of engagement have been captured in What We Heard Reports; the stakeholder report will be available shortly and accessible on the [HCATP website](#).

Informed by that feedback, a near-term suite of legislative, regulatory, policy and programmatic changes been co-developed through the JWG, with input from the Alliance of B.C. Modern Treaty Nations (ABCMTN). This work represents critical initial steps that lay a foundation for broader, long-term transformation of the HCA and its administration as envisioned in Action 4.35 of the Declaration Act Action Plan 2022-2027, which states that the Province will “work with First Nations to reform the *Heritage Conservation Act* to align with the UN Declaration, including shared decision-making and the protection of First Nations cultural, spiritual, and heritage sites and objects.”

Virtual Engagement Sessions

These two upcoming virtual stakeholder engagement sessions will provide an opportunity for meaningful discussion on the proposed suite of near-term legislative, regulatory, policy, and programmatic changes being proposed for Cabinet consideration and ultimately legislative introduction in Spring 2024.

Details are as follows:

Date	Time	TEAMS Registration Link
September 26, 2023	1:00-4:00pm PDT	September 26th Session Registration Link
September 28, 2023	1:00-4:00pm PDT	September 28th Session Registration Link

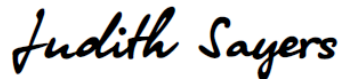
To register for the session that best works for your schedule, click the link above to receive a Microsoft Teams registration invitation and meeting link.

Materials to support the sessions are under development and will be provided in the coming weeks. In the meantime, supplementary documentation on the HCATP background and engagement to date are available on the [HCATP website](#).

Closing Comments

We appreciate you taking the time to engage on this important initiative and look forward to meeting with you. If you have any questions, concerns, or additional input regarding the HCATP, please send an email to EngageHCA@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,



Judith Sayers, JWG Co-Chair
President
Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council



Michelle Porter (a/ADM) on behalf of:
Matt Austin, JWG Co-Chair
Assistant Deputy Minister
Integrated Resource Operations Division
Ministry of Forests

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Financial Services

Date: September 19, 2023

Subject: Local Government Climate Action Program - Reporting

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receives this report for information.

BACKGROUND:

In conjunction with Clean BC's plan to lower climate-changing emissions by 40% by 2030 the provincial government has established the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP). This program provides local governments and Modern Treaty Nations with predictable and stable funding to support the implementation of local climate action that reduces emissions and prepares communities for the impacts of a changing climate.

The objective of this program is to:

- Provide flexible, long-term funding to support climate action in local governments and Modern Treaty Nations.
- Enable community-specific action to reduce emissions and increase climate resilience.
- Enable robust reporting to track results and help improve the program over time.
- Enable knowledge sharing among local governments and Modern Treaty Nations to promote innovative climate action across the province.

The LGCAP will provide \$67,082.00 annually from 2022-2024 to support local climate initiatives. For the 2022 year the funding was allocated to operational budget as well as the climate action reserve fund:

- 50% towards Corporate Services operational expenses including - climate action staffing wages, Climate Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) implementation, and reporting system software costs (\$33,541.00)
- 50% Climate Action Reserve Fund (\$33,541.00)

As a condition of the grant, local governments are required to annually complete and publicly post a copy of the program survey and attestation form. The documents have been included in this report as an attachment and will also be posted on the District of Mackenzie website and paper copies will be available at the District of Mackenzie Office.

For the 2022/2023 year funds were used to leverage funding for the Food Cycler Pilot Project, Electric Mobility Accelerator Project as well as providing leverage for the possibility of a level 2 charger through the Charge North Program.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Community and Social Development

- Our investment in the municipality's services and infrastructure, our commitment to principles of social equity and well-being, and our belief in the value of resident engagement, creates a healthy community in which everyone feels valued and enjoys a high quality of life.

Environmental Sustainability

- The way we operate has an impact on the environment. We are committed to integrating sustainability and Environmental, Social and Governance factors (ESG) into our decision making and business practices.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Kerri Borne, Chief Financial Officer

Reviewed By: Corporate Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer

LGCAP Year 2 Survey

The Survey

Question 1: How many staff in full time equivalents (FTEs) are dedicated to working on climate action?*

For example: Can include staff in engineering, emergency management, sustainability, transportation, waste management, etc.

If a staff member is a climate action coordinator and works 100% on climate-related issues, add 1.0. If a staff member works approximately 25% (please estimate) on climate-related issues, add 0.25. Working on climate-related issues does not need to be written into the staff member's job description to be counted here.

1.0

Question 2: Does your local government or Nation have a climate action plan or other guiding document(s)? *

Yes

No

Please select the type of plan(s) from the list.*

Integrated climate plan (addressing mitigation, adaptation and/or energy use)

Integrated climate plan (addressing mitigation and adaptation)

Integrated climate plan (addressing mitigation and energy)

Integrated climate plan (addressing adaptation and energy)

Standalone mitigation plan

Standalone adaptation plan

Standalone energy-related plan

Don't know

Please indicate the date the plan was adopted/approved.*

If you don't remember the month, you can enter "01" for January.

2021-03

Please include a link to the document or webpage if available.

<https://mackenzie.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/37058/?preview=57815>

If not, please select one or more options from the list.*

No, but we are currently undertaking one and it will be completed in the next two years.

No, we are not intending to undertake one due to lack of financial capacity.

No, we are not intending to undertake one due to lack of expertise or technical capacity.

Question 3: Has your local government or Nation declared a climate emergency?*

Yes

No

Question 4: Please select the top 3 challenges impeding the advancement of climate action in your community.*

Lack of jurisdiction.

Lack of staff capacity or expertise.

Lack of financial resources.

Lack of data or information.

Lack of local political support.

Lack of provincial or federal government support or collaboration.

Other.

Question 5: For the 2022 calendar year, has your local government or Nation measured and reported associated corporate GHG emissions?*

- Yes
- No
- No, but for a past year. (Please enter most recent year completed: YYYY)

If your local government or Nation measured 2022 corporate GHG emissions, please report the number of corporate GHG emissions from services delivered directly by your local government (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent).*

If your local government or Nation measured 2022 corporate GHG emissions, please report the number of corporate GHG emissions from contracted services (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent).*

If your local government or Nation measured 2022 corporate GHG emissions, please report the total number of corporate GHG emissions from both directly delivered and contracted services (in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent).*

This would be the sum of the two questions above.

Optional: Please indicate how many tonnes of CO2e are associated with facilities.

Optional: Please indicate how many tonnes of CO2e are associated with mobile sources.

Please provide the link to the public report if available.

Optional

If not, please select all that apply.*

- No, due to lack of staff and technical capacity.
- No, due to lack of financial resources.
- No, due to lack of awareness regarding which GHG accounting tools are available.
- No, corporate emissions are measured but not reported.
- Measurement is in-progress.
- Corporate inventory is not developed annually.

Optional: Please provide any further comments you wish to share on corporate emissions measurement and reporting here (e.g. system or approach used to measure corporate emissions).

Question 6: For the 2022 calendar year, have community-wide GHG emissions been measured for your local government or Nation?*

- Yes
- In-progress
- No

Please report your community-wide transportation sector emissions in tonnes of CO2e for 2022.

Please report your community-wide buildings sector emissions in tonnes of CO2e for 2022.

Please report your community-wide solid waste sector emissions in tonnes of CO2e for 2022.

If not, please select all that apply from the list.*

- No, community GHG emissions were not reported because the 2022 Provincial Community Energy and Emissions Inventory data has not been released.
- No, community GHG emissions were not reported because the 2022 Provincial Community Energy and Emissions Inventory does not report transportation data.
- No, we do not measure and report community-wide emissions data due to lack of financial capacity.
- No, we do not measure and report community-wide emissions data due to lack of staff and technical capacity.
- No, we do not measure and report community-wide emissions annually. (Please indicate most recent year completed: YYYY)

If not, has your community or Nation measured and reported community-wide emissions in the past?*

- Yes
- No

When was the last year your community or Nation reported its community-wide emissions and what is the interval for reporting (ex. every 5 years)?*

For the 2022 calendar year, did your community use raw data from the Community Energy and Emissions Inventory initiative to calculate community-wide emissions?*

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

Question 7: Currently, the Province's legislated GHG emission reduction targets are 40% by 2030, 60% by 2040 and 80% by 2050, relative to 2007. Please state your local government or Nation's target(s).*

	Reduction (format: e.g., 40%)	Baseline Year (format: 2007)
2030	n/a	n/a
2040	n/a	n/a
2050	net zero	n/a

If your local government or Nation's targets don't conform to the target years noted above, please enter them here.

Format e.g.: target 2035 50% baseline 2010, target 2060 70% baseline 2010, ...

Target 2025 15% baseline 2019, target 2050, net zero.

Question 8: The Province has also committed to introducing a target of net-zero emissions by 2050. Does your local government or Nation have a net-zero or carbon-neutral emissions target?*

- Yes: Net-zero (Net-zero refers to a jurisdiction achieving a balance between greenhouse gas emissions produced and removed from the atmosphere (e.g. planting trees or using carbon capture technologies))
- Yes: Carbon neutral (Carbon neutral refers to a jurisdiction achieving a state of no net carbon dioxide emissions being released into the atmosphere (e.g. Reducing emissions as far as practical and purchasing offsets or other similar mechanisms))
- No

Question 9: If data was provided by the Province, which three supporting indicators would be most valuable to your local government or Nation to advance climate action?*

- Housing type: Private dwellings by structural type
- Floor area: Average floor area by building category and era
- Residential density: Population and dwelling units per "net" land area
- Commute by mode: Employed labour force by mode of commute
- Greenspace: Land area that is parks and protected greenspace
- Walk score: Proximity to services
- Proximity to transit: Persons, dwelling units and employment within walking distance of a "quality" transit stop/line
- Other

Optional: Please provide any further comments you wish to share on community-wide emissions measurement and reporting here.

Question 10: Please indicate all climate initiatives your local government or Nation had in-progress or completed in the 2022 calendar year related to the buildings sector.*

The buildings and communities sectoral target for the province is 59% to 64% emissions reductions by 2030.

- Zero-carbon new construction (please enter date in pop-up textbox below)
- Highest efficiency standards for new space and water heating equipment
- Topping up Provincial energy efficiency programs
- Step Code adoption
- Zero Carbon Step Code
- Zero-carbon heating requirement
- Net zero buildings commitments
- Efficiency upgrades to public buildings
- Demand-side management
- Not applicable
- Other

Please enter date effective for zero-carbon new construction requirement.

Optional: Please highlight a community project(s) that was in-progress or completed in the 2022 calendar year related to buildings.

Question 11: Please indicate all climate initiatives your local government or Nation had in-progress or completed in the 2022 calendar year related to the transportation sector.*

The transportation sectoral target for the province is 27% to 32% emissions reductions by 2030.

- Demand-side management to reduce distance travelled (single-occupancy vehicle commute reduction programs, parking disincentives)
- Improving or expanding public transportation
- Mode shift targets in Official Community Plan, Regional Growth Strategy or other guiding document
- Established personal transportation target goals, and measures to reach them, in annual reports – must include target goals for vehicle kilometre reduction, mode share for active transportation and zero-emission vehicles – and report on progress
- Established commercial transportation target goals, and measures to reach them, in annual reports – must include target goals for vehicle kilometre reduction, mode share for energy efficient commercial transportation and zero-emission vehicles – report on progress
- Implemented zero-emission vehicle first procurement policy for all local government on and off-road vehicles purchases.
- Implemented a zero-emission vehicle preference or requirement for contracted work from a service provider
- Bylaws updated to prioritize energy efficient transportation hierarchy (i.e. pedestrians first)
- Revising existing bylaws or implementing new ones to support active transportation
- Active transportation planning
- Active transportation infrastructure investments
- Electric vehicle charging studies/planning
- Established electric vehicle charging ready bylaws
- Electric vehicle charging infrastructure investments
- Streamlined hydrogen fuelling station permitting process
- Required new and/or existing gasoline and card lock fuel stations to include zero-emission vehicle infrastructure development
- Required green roads certification for any new or significantly modified existing roads
- Not applicable
- Other

Optional: Please highlight a community project(s) that was in-progress or completed in the 2022 calendar year related to transportation.

Question 12: Please indicate all climate initiatives your local government or Nation had in-progress or completed in the 2022 calendar year related to community-wide action.*

- Complete, compact communities
- Organics diversion
- Circular economy or zero waste strategy
- Sustainable procurement policy
- Energy emission plans
- Renewable energy investments (e.g. district energy, waste heat recovery, biomass)
- Green/blue carbon sequestration
- Compliance carbon offset projects
- Voluntary carbon offset projects
- Bylaws updated to allow at least three units in all single-family zones
- Other
- Not applicable

Complete, Compact Communities - Please select all that apply.*

See Complete Communities Guide and Program for supports advancing identified community goals through the creation of more complete, compact and energy efficient communities.

- Rezoning
- Smaller lots
- Density bonuses
- Secondary suites and laneway homes
- Infill development
- Urban containment boundaries
- Official Community Plans
- Regional Growth Strategies
- Community Development Plans

Optional: Please highlight a community project(s) that was in-progress or completed in the 2022 calendar year related to community-wide action.

Question 13: Please indicate all initiatives your local government or Nation completed or had in-progress in the 2022 calendar year to adapt to and build resilience to climate impacts. *

- Undertaking or completing a risk assessment or <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/local-emergency-programs/assessment-analysis> (HRVA)
- Addressing current and future climate risks through plans, adaptation measure implementation, programs, service delivery, asset management and/or other functions.
- Collaboration with other communities on resilience planning/initiatives
- <https://www.weather.gov/safety/drought-hydroclimate> Hydro climatological data collection
- Monitoring climate risks (floods, wildfire, etc.)
- Public engagement on climate risks and actions
- Providing training (adaptation and mitigation skills)

- Creation of policy/procedures to affect change (putting climate considerations into decision-making processes)
- Creating data systems to support climate action
- Utilizing natural assets/nature-based solutions
- Developing emergency/hazard response plans
- Not applicable
- Other

Optional: Please highlight one or more climate adaptation project(s) that were completed or in-progress in the 2022 calendar year to reduce risk and increase resilience.

Question 14: Has a climate risk and vulnerability or similar assessment been undertaken for your local government or Nation?*

- Yes
- No

Please provide the link to the public assessment if available.

If not, please select one or more options from the list.*

- No, but we are currently undertaking one and it will be complete in the next two years.
- No, we are not intending to undertake due to lack of financial capacity.
- No, we are not intending to undertake due to lack of staff and technical capacity.
- No, we are waiting for direction from the Provincial Government before undertaking an assessment.

Question 15: What are the most significant climate hazards faced by your jurisdiction and what is the timeframe of their expected impact to your community? *

For each selection, please then indicate if the timeframe of their expected impact is short, medium, long or not sure. (short [current/by 2025]; medium [2026-2050]; long [beyond 2050])

- Extreme heat and heat stress
- Extreme cold, snow and ice
- Water shortages
- Wildfire
- Overland flooding
- Coastal flooding, storm surge events and/or other coastal hazards
- Wind, rain, and other storm events
- Ecological impacts (examples of ecological impacts include biodiversity loss and erosion)
- Cultural impacts (examples of cultural impacts include threats to identities, languages, and livelihoods)
- Human health impacts
- Not applicable/no hazards
- Not sure
- Other

Question 16: What information do you need to know to be able to plan effectively for the future of your community, with respect to the impacts identified in Question 15? Please select one or more of what you consider the most valuable types of information for planning.*

- Local observations and/or Indigenous knowledge
- Localized climate modelling and projected scenarios
- Assessment of potential community impacts
- Assessment of community vulnerabilities
- Risk assessment of hazards
- Mapping of climate change impacts and hazards
- Demographic information
- Projected development
- Adaptation planning information
- Technical expertise to implement solutions
- Community/stakeholder engagement and support
- Information on partnership opportunities
- Examples of actions taken by other communities
- Not sure
- Other

Question 17: Based on the hazards you indicated as most significant in Question 15, which groups are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate hazards?*

- Low-income households
- Indigenous Peoples
- Racialized communities
- Newcomers to Canada (immigrants and refugees)
- People experiencing homelessness
- Seniors
- Women and girls
- Persons with disabilities
- LGBTQIA2S+: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, Two-Spirit, and additional sexual orientations and gender identities
- Not sure
- Other

Question 18: Of the hazards identified in Question 15, please specify the associated adaptation measures completed or in-progress in the 2022 calendar year, if any.

If entering a hazard under "Other", please also write the hazard in the "Adaption measure" textbox.

Hazard

Hazard	Adaptation measure
Extreme heat and heat stress	<i>opened up a cooling centre</i>
Extreme cold, snow and ice	<i>opened up a warming centre</i>
Water shortages	<i>water restrictions</i>
Wildfire	<i>updated Community Wildfire Protection Plan</i>
Overland flooding	
Coastal flooding, storm surge events and/or other coastal hazards	

Wind, rain, and other storm events	
Ecological impacts	
Human health impacts	
Cultural impacts	
Other	

Question 19: How does your community ensure equitable access to and distribution of climate action opportunities and benefits?*

Please select all that apply.

- By collecting and analyzing disaggregated and/or spatial data on the impacts of climate policy and change.
- By engaging with equity seeking groups/frontline communities most impacted by climate policy and change.
- By designing and implementing climate actions that remove barriers to participation in planning and programs faced by equity seeking groups/frontline communities most impacted by climate change.
- There are no specific measures in place to ensure equitable access to and distribution of opportunities and benefits.
- Not sure how to integrate equity into our climate action work.
- Not sure if equity is being integrated into our climate action work.

Optional: Please highlight a climate initiative completed or in-progress in the 2022 calendar year that promotes equity and inclusion.

Question 20: What did/will your local government or Nation spend its LGCAP funding on for year one of the Program (2022)? Please select all that apply and indicate the total dollar value associated with each initiative (including funding from all sources).*

Textbox format: no dollar sign and up to two decimal points (i.e. 2500 or 657.25).

If selecting "Other", please write both the item and the amount of funding in the textbox.

- Staffing
- Climate study
- Energy study
- Asset management
- Risk and vulnerability assessment
- Emergency response planning
- Vulnerability and risk reduction strategy
- Climate finance planning
- Climate engagement
- Resilient infrastructure
- Green infrastructure
- Natural assets evaluation and accounting
- Buildings initiatives
- Transportation initiatives
- Community-wide initiatives

- Put in reserve for future project
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- Corporate emissions inventory measurement and reporting
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- Leveraging funds from other sources/ grant stacking
- Other

Resilient Infrastructure - Please select from the list.*

- Buildings
- Transportation
- Municipal infrastructure (wastewater treatment facilities, etc.)
- Energy systems

Green Infrastructure - Please select from the list.*

- Parks & other green space(s)
- Community forest(s)
- Community food systems
- Green streets/alleys/corridors
- Green roof(s) or wall(s)
- Permeable surfaces or substrates
- Stormwater management
- Wetlands

Buildings - Please select from the list.*

- Zero-carbon new construction requirement
- Highest efficiency standards for new space and water heating equipment
- Enhancing energy efficiency programs
- Step code adoption
- Carbon pollution standard
- Zero-carbon heating requirement
- Net zero buildings commitments
- Efficiency upgrades to public buildings

Transportation - Please select from the list.*

- Demand-side management to reduce distance travelled (single-occupancy vehicle commute reduction programs, parking disincentives)
- Encouraging "mode shifting" to more energy efficient forms of transport
- Mode shift targets in Official Community Plan, Regional Growth Strategy or other guiding document
- Zero Emission Vehicles fleet adoption
- Active transportation plan or investments
- Transit/pedestrian-oriented development regulation, multi-modal networks
- Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure plans or number of public installations

Community-Wide - Please select from the list.*

- Public awareness and education campaign
- Organics diversion

- Renewable energy project
- Developing or updating Official Community Plan or Regional Growth Strategy
- Circular economy or zero waste strategy
- Sustainable procurement policy
- Community Energy and Emissions Plan
- Green/blue carbon sequestration
- Carbon offset projects
- Complete, compact communities (infill development, rezoning, etc.)

Renewable Energy - What is the installed capacity (MW)?

Reserve funding - How will funds be allocated?

Please indicate the project(s) funds have been allocated to.

*Food Cycler Waste Diversion Project (2023),
Electric Mobility Accelerator Project (2023),
Level 2 Charging Installation Project (2023)*

No decision has been made.

Optional: Please highlight the initiative(s) your local government or Nation's LGCAP year one funding will support.

The initiatives that year one

Question 21: How much additional funding for climate action were you able to invest by leveraging your LGCAP funds? This could include matching grants as well as private investment.*

Format: no dollar sign and up to two decimal places

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Question 22: Please estimate the total investment in climate mitigation your local government or Nation made in 2022, including from sources beyond your LGCAP funds.

For guidance, this includes (but is not limited to): integrating climate change mitigation (i.e. GHG reduction) measures into policies, strategies and planning; improving education, raising awareness of climate change causes and solutions, and increasing human and institutional capacity with respect to climate change mitigation.*

Format: no dollar sign and up to two decimals

If no estimate is possible, please provide 0 as an answer.

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Question 23: If estimated and available, what are the expected emissions reductions from these investments?

Format: in tonnes CO2e

Question 24: Please estimate the total investment in climate adaptation and resilience your local government or Nation made in 2022, including from sources beyond your LGCAP funds.

For guidance, this includes all actions that strengthen resilience and the ability to adapt to climate-induced impacts. Examples include (but are not limited to): addressing climate-related hazards; integrating adaptation measures into policies, strategies and planning; improving education, raising awareness of climate change causes and solutions, increasing human and institutional capacity with respect to climate adaptation, and impact reduction and early warning systems.*

Format: no dollar sign and two decimal places

If no estimate is possible, please provide 0 as an answer.

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Question 25: Does your community or Nation use a formal framework to apply a climate lens on infrastructure planning and decision-making?*

This could include the Provincial preliminary GHG assessment guidance, the Federal climate lens guidance, or another climate lens framework.

Yes

No

Question 26: What is the value in the Program's continuity for your community?

Optional

Note on posting the survey publicly:

- Optional questions and responses such as this one can be omitted.
- The Province will use the information for internal purposes only.
- When posting the survey publicly, the design / format of the form can be changed.
- All information from required questions must be included.

Value is high

Attested by (first name, last name)*

Kerri Borne

Professional title*

Chief Financial Officer

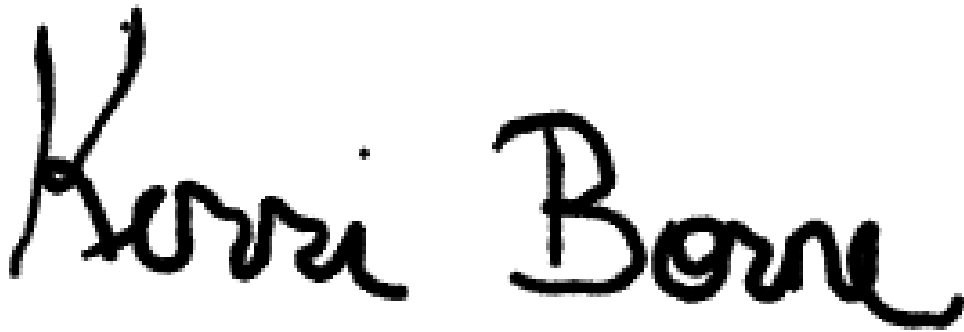
Local government or Modern Treaty Nation*

District of Mackenzie

Date*

2023-07-19

Attestor signature*

A large, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kerri Borne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Kerri" is on the left and the last name "Borne" is on the right, with a small space between them. The signature is contained within a white rectangular box.

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council
From: Administration
Date: September 25, 2023
Subject: Business Façade Improvement Program 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approves the applications to the Business Façade Improvement Program to a maximum amount of \$8,910.21.

BACKGROUND:

Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) approved the District of Mackenzie's application for \$20,000 in funding towards the Business Façade Improvement program on January 17, 2023. This annual funding is available to enhance economic development by encouraging private sector investment in business façade improvements.

The goal of the business façade improvement program is to beautify the commercial core and industrial area of Mackenzie and aid businesses in customer attraction. The District of Mackenzie Business Façade Improvement Program will provide the following types of reimbursement grants:

- **Category 1:** 50% up to a maximum of \$5,000 per building/project within the façade improvement area, and;
- **Category 2:** 50% up to a maximum of \$500 for homebased business wayfinding signage.

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Staff advertised the program with CHMM 103.5, through the District's website, distributed one public notice in mailboxes, handed out flyers to business storefronts, made cold calls to local businesses, and posted ads on social media. Program information was distributed through the Chamber of Commerce as well as staff took every opportunity to discuss the program with business owners during in person casual conversations and meetings, as well as assisted with application development when requested.

The last deadline for applications was April 23, 2023. Two applications were received and approved by Council. As funding was still available, staff offered continuous intake until funding had been allocated. Staff informed the Chamber of Commerce and posted information about the extension on social media and on the District’s website.

2023 APPLICATIONS:

Four applications were received and approved at the first, second and third intake for a total of \$13,248.29 leaving \$6,751.71 remaining; however, Ace Victory cancelled their improvement project due to logistics, leaving a total of \$8,910.21 remaining.

The two eligible project applications for consideration are as follows:

Evergreen Centre: CNC/AimHi/Ministry of Children and Family Development

Project	Total Project Cost	Maximum Eligible Grant	Recommended Grant
Accessible Entry Doors	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$5,000

Ydenberg Properties Ltd. owns the Evergreen Centre Mall. Evergreen Mall previously accessed the program in 2016 to complete improvements to their signage, lighting, and exterior. This application is eligible for maximum grant funding.

Before Photo



CNC Event Space

Project	Total Project Cost	Maximum Eligible Grant	Recommended Grant
Accessible Doors	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$3,910.21

Ydenberg Properties Ltd. owns the Town Centre Mall where the CNC Event Space is located. The CNC Event Space is a first-time applicant. This application is eligible for maximum grant funding.

Before Photo



NEXT STEPS:

If Council approves the above applications, there will be \$0 remaining to distribute in 2023. No further applications will be accepted for 2023.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Economic Vitality

- The District is a leader on efforts aimed at diversifying the community's economy, supporting local businesses, and attracting new investment to the community. Diversification, a strong business sector and new investment are key to our economic vitality.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Rachelle Dumoulin, Economic Development Clerk

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer

COUNCIL MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

To: Mayor and Council
From: Councilor Wright
Date: September 2023
Subject: Report for September 2023

Date:	Activity
August 10 and 11 th , 2023	Attended two days of the McLeod Lake Indian Band’s Annual General Assembly. Thursday was supporting youth during Youth Day and Friday was by having a table at the trade fair. Both were done in the role as staff member of Mackenzie Community Services.
August 12, 2023	Viewed the McLeod Lake Indian Band’s artifact exhibit hosted at the Recreation Centre with items found during the creation of the Site C Dam. I listened to multiple oral stories and read the histories of different sites and facts around the area.
August 28, 2023	Meeting with SD57 Board Chair and Mackenzie Trustee Rachael Weber to discuss different topics related to youth and education in Mackenzie.
September 8, 2023	Attended International Cybernetics Canada meet and greet, where they showcased their van and how they study Mackenzie’s roadways.
September 9, 2023	Participated in Recreation Services Leisure Fair, sat at the table for Council to discuss bear safety and mitigation strategies.
September 12, 2023	Participated in CNC’s Community Advisory Committee meeting. I was elected chair of the committee during the session.
September 13-14, 2023	Filled in as Mayor Atkinson’s alternate at RDFFG’s meetings. Participated in the agricultural committee, hospital board meetings, environment and parks committee meeting and the general regional meeting.
September 14, 2023	Attended the “Everyone at the Table PG” presentation at UNBC with fellow RDFFG Directors, heard about research being done around food security in the north and MLA Shirley Bond talked about provincial funding sources.
September 17, 2023	Participated in the community Terry Fox Run.

Respectfully Submitted,
Councilor Wright

3rd Annual Mackenzie Seniors' Week

Schedule of Events

Sunday September 24

8:00 – 12:00 Noon Location: Legion	Pancake Breakfast – Come and support the Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society. Cost is by donation.
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CANCELLED - GUIDED TRAIL WALKS

Due to the large number of bears in the community we will not be hosting the guided trail walks this year.

Monday September 25

10:00 am – 2:00 pm Location: Rec Centre	Floor Curling in the Community Hall – FREE for seniors 60+
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Tuesday September 26

9:30am – 10:15am Location: Pool	Aquafit – FREE for seniors 60+
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Wednesday September 27

10:00am – 11:00am Location: Rec Centre Arena	TENTATIVE: Drop-in Curling This will be dependent on the ice going in.
10 am – 2 pm Mackenzie Community Services	Mackenzie Community Services Open House Drop by and celebrate MCS's open house with the staff and a BBQ, cupcakes, tours, and friendly faces.
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm Location: Legion	Conversation Café –It is <u>wing night</u> at the Legion so how about starting off with Date Night then join us for fun, laughs, and our version of "Family Feud"! We have 8 teams this year vying for the title! <i>Note: Wing Night starts at 5 pm - Everyone Welcome!</i>

Thursday September 28

11:30 am – 12:15 pm (Seniors) but other times available Location: Rec Centre	Learn to Play Squash – This is part of the Squash BC Ambassador Tour and Shawn Zwierzchowski will be providing lessons. These are free, but you MUST sign up as spots are limited. Call the Rec Centre to book your spot 250-997-5283
4:00 – 7:00 pm Location: Rec Centre	Community Connection Fair - an opportunity for local small and home-based businesses to showcase what they have to offer to the communities of Mackenzie and McLeod Lake. Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society will have food for sale so come out for supper too!!

Sunday October 1

11:00 am – 12:00 noon Location: Rec Centre	Community Church Service – Everyone Welcome Pastor Andy Barnes
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Location: Rec Centre	Afternoon Classic Movie Matinee – Come out and watch the very first Indiana Jones movie, " Raiders of the Lost Arc "!! There will be popcorn!! Everyone welcome

FIRESMART CURBSIDE PICKUP

Residents are invited to pile brush and tree trimmings from your yard at the curb for pickup by Mackenzie Public Works for the following areas on the following dates:

MACKENZIE TOWNSITE - OCT. 3

GANTHAZ - OCT. 4

HOW DO I FIRESMART MY YARD?

**A FREE FIRESMART HOME ASSESSMENT
CAN HELP IDENTIFY AREAS TO FOCUS ON**

Contact Deputy Fire Chief Keinan Carty

Email: kcarty@districtofmackenzie.ca

Phone: 250-997-4221

