

**COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA**

Date: Monday, January 22, 2024, 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) (c) labour relations or other employee relations.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Special Meeting- January 8, 2024

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2.2 Regular Meeting - January 8, 2024

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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 Dry Grad Dinner and Dance Venue Rental 19
Request received from the 2024 Mackenzie Secondary School Grad Class requesting an in-kind grant to waive the rental fees to use the arena and the Community Hall for their Graduation in June. Approximate costs for renting both spaces would be \$2,000. Note, the arena is scheduled to be blocked off this summer (April-September) for the arena slab project, the arena may not be available depending when construction begins.
- 7.1.2 The Skadi Tour - All 42 Lift Serviced Ski Areas in BC in 42 Days 20
The Tidbits of Change Foundation is planning to ski all of the BC Ski Areas this winter and to meet with school and parent teacher organizations in the communities in order to encourage students to take on initiatives, help get them started, showcase the benefits of youths collaborating with their parents/mentors, and outline the Foundation bursaries available. The Ski visits will be documented by video blog and shared on social and traditional media. The Foundation is requesting lift tickets for two people on January 31st as well as suggestions of an interesting character/legend/great story regarding the ski area. The cost for two day passes would be approximately \$65.00

7.2 For Consideration:

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Request received from the BC Epilepsy Society to light up the Rec Centre in purple on March 26, 2024 for International Purple Day for Epilepsy awareness. The BC Epilepsy Society has also requested the District of Mackenzie pass a motion to proclaim March 26, 2024 as International Purple Day, a sample motion has been provided.

- 7.2.5 Mackenzie Figure Skating Club Request 36
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THAT Council approves the 2024 Visitor Services Agreement with the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$28,000;
AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the agreement and any related documentation.
- 8.4 Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training Grant App 57
THAT Council approves the application to the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for \$30,000 towards Emergency Social Services equipment, training, and personnel wages;
AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the grant application and, if the application is successful, any related documentation.

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12.2	<u>Bylaw No. 1512 Water Rates and Regulations Amendment</u>	62
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14.1	<u>Mackenzie Community Arts Centre</u>	75
	What: Self Expression Through Art Exhibit	
	When: January 1-27, 2024 - Tuesday to Saturday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm	
	Where: Notable Expression Gallery - Ernie Bodin Community Centre	
	Special Meet the Artist: Sunshine Brown	
	January 25, 2024	
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	
	Limited spots available, please pre-register	
14.2	<u>Recreation Centre - Walk to Italy</u>	

Recreation Services is teaming up with the New Horizons Bridging the Gap project to provide a fun way to stay active and social during the long winter months.

Join us for our 9,966 km walk to Rome, Italy! The walk starts January 29 and runs until April 22. Register by calling 250-997-5283 or by emailing recoffice@districtofmackenzie.ca.

14.3 BC Hydro - Williston Reservoir Operations Open House

BC Hydro is hosting an open house to discuss Williston Reservoir operations. Members of the public are invited to attend. Due to low inflows from ongoing drought, below average water levels are forecast for Williston Reservoir this spring.

Date: Thursday February 8, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Location: Mackenzie Recreation Centre, 400 Skeena Drive

15. INQUIRIES

- In-person
- Online (Zoom/phone)
- Written comments received

16. ADJOURNMENT

**Special Council Meeting
Minutes**

January 8, 2024, 6:00 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 A. Hipkiss, Councillor R. McMeeken, Councillor K. Tapper, Councillor J. Wright

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer D. Smith, Chief Financial Officer K. Borne, Director of Operations J. Murray, Finance Manager W. Peterson, Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn, Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant C. Smirle

1. CALL TO ORDER

CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 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. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

N/A

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: 33201

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. BUDGET PRESENTATION

Kerri Borne, Chief Financial Officer, provided a brief presentation of the 2024 potential rates for water, sewer and garbage.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Cassandra Carter, resident, inquired about the implications of the town switching to bi-weekly garbage collection. Mayor Atkinson responded, highlighting concerns about this approach due to bear-related issues experienced in the

previous year. She reminded attendees that the Council had decided to implement weekly garbage collection for November and December of last year specifically to mitigate bear problems. Councillor Hipkiss expressed support for the bi-weekly schedule. She pointed out that such a schedule is common in most cities and could lead to budgetary savings. Ms. Carter further contributed to the discussion by noting that residents have landfill access and often incur no costs when disposing of garbage. Mayor Atkinson clarified the operational details, explaining that while the town is responsible for garbage collection, the actual disposal is managed by the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. The town, she noted, is charged tipping fees for this service.

Brad Ross, resident, raised a question about the town's water deficit, asking whether it was due to a lack of capacity to meet the community's needs and inquiring about potential solutions for increasing this capacity. Mayor Atkinson responded, explaining that addressing this issue would involve constructing an additional water reservoir. Councillor Brumovsky offered a clarification, stating that the town currently has an adequate water supply. He mentioned that the suggestion to increase capacity came as a recommendation from the town's insurance provider, not due to an immediate shortage. Mayor Atkinson further emphasized the importance of this issue, particularly in the context of potential wildfire risks. She advocated for a proactive approach in ensuring a sufficient water supply, underscoring the need to consider future challenges and the safety of the community.

Shannon Bezo, resident, raised a question regarding the recent increase in garbage rates, inquiring whether it was related to the cost of replacing numerous bins damaged by bears last year. Mayor Atkinson responded, clarifying that the rate hike was primarily due to the need to replace the commercial garbage truck, a replacement that had been overdue for two years. She noted that the town is currently renting a truck as the old one was no longer serviceable. Additionally, Mayor Atkinson mentioned that the new garbage bins being considered for implementation are designed to be bear-resistant. Kerri Borne, the Chief Financial Officer, further clarified the situation. She explained that the increased garbage rates were not a direct consequence of the costs associated with replacing bins. Instead, the rate hike is attributed to inflation. Ms. Borne also added that the town had purchased extra bins to ensure a sufficient supply for replacements as needed.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**
Resolution: 33202
Moved by: Councillor Barnes
THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:49 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer

DRAFT

**Regular Council Meeting
Minutes**

January 8, 2024, 7:15 p.m.

**Council Chambers of the Municipal Office
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Council Present: Mayor J. Atkinson, Councillor A. Barnes, Councillor V. Brumovsky, Councillor A. Hipkiss, Councillor R. McMeeken, Councillor K. Tapper, Councillor J. Wright

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, Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant C. Smirle

1. CALL TO ORDER

CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:25 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: 33203

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

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. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Regular Meeting - December 11, 2023

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 11, 2023 were adopted as presented.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Resolution: 33204

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the following late items be added to the agenda:

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.11 DOM 23-10 B Garbage Truck Replacement

THAT Council awards the DOM 23-10B Garbage Truck Replacement to Rollins Machinery in the amount of \$499,077 plus GST;
AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the contract and any related documentation.

8.12 2024 Water, Sewer and Garbage Proposed Rates

THAT Council directs staff on the proposed 2024 bylaw rate increases for water, sewer and garbage services.

8.13 Council Travel – NCLGA, UBCM, LGLA Costs and Policy

THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: 33205

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Jim Wiens, Mackenzie Museum Curator, spoke to Mayor and Council regarding the Ernie Bodin Community Centre lease extension Council report. Mr. Wiens noted that he provided a presentation to Council in November stating the Museum's plans and that they have been working with an Architect on a new building to host the Museum. He added that there have been delays with communication and they will be looking for a new architect. Mr. Wiens asked for clarification of the \$150,000 maintenance costs to extend the lease mentioned in the Council report. Mr. Wiens noted that the suggested space in the Rec Centre as a temporary location would not be big enough to hold all of the Museum's

belongings and care would need to be taken to ensure appropriate storage space would be designated. Mr. Wiens also noted that the Museum has been successful in raising over \$60,000 in donations for a new space. Mayor Atkinson asked if the Museum had applied for the Canada Cultural Museum Fund? Mr. Wiens replied that a majority of the grants require a plan to be in place before you can apply. Mayor Atkinson asked if the Museum plans to find a new architect? Mr. Wiens responded that yes they were hoping to find one as soon as possible and want to make sure they can find a respectable place for the Museum. Councillor Hipkiss noted that she would love it if the Museum could work with the Chamber of Commerce and have both under the same building.

Kathryn Cowie, Museum Board President, expressed her concerns for the Mackenzie Museum and requested that Council please give them some more time as the issues they have been faced with have out of their control.

6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

6.1 Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Presentation
Committee Members Elizabeth Blackburn, Chair, David Schindler, Cassandra Carter and Kimberly Grywinski, will presented a year in review of the committee's activities and their recommendations to Council.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolution: 33206

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

7.1 For Action:

7.1.1 Mackenzie Community Services - Ski Hill Use Request
Councillor Wright declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Wright left the room and returned after the discussion and vote. ;)

Resolution: 33207

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT employees from Mackenzie Community Services be authorized to use Little Mac Ski Hill free of charge during their regular hours of operation when working with a client as part of their programming.

CARRIED

7.1.2 District of Mackenzie Bursary

Resolution: 33208

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council approve a \$500 bursary to School District No. 57 towards their District awards program in 2024.

CARRIED

7.2 For Consideration:

7.2.1 Support Letter - BC License Plate Program

Resolution: 33209

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the District of Mackenzie share the BC Licence Plate Program survey link on social media.

CARRIED

7.2.2 Letter to Minister Farnworth Regarding the Community Safety Act

Resolution: 33210

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the District of Mackenzie send a letter to Minister Farnworth requesting the Community Safety Act and Community Safety Amendment Act be brought into force in support of the letter received from the City of Fort St. John regarding the crime residents are being exposed to.

CARRIED

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1 AIAC - 3rd and 4th Quarter Activity Report

Resolution: 33211

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

8.2 Age-Friendly Accessibility and Inclusion Action Plan

Resolution: 33212

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council defer the decision to receive the Age-Friendly Accessibility and Inclusion Action Plan until all final edits are made.

CARRIED

8.3 Ernie Bodin Community Centre (EBCC) – Lease Extensions

Resolution: 33213

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council does not extend the lease at the Ernie Bodin Community Centre for the Arts Centre and Museum.

Opposed (3): Councillor Brumovsky, Councillor Tapper, and Councillor Wright

CARRIED (4 to 3)

8.4 Short Term Rentals

Resolution: 33214

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT Council directs staff to proceed with the process for developing short-term rental regulations in Mackenzie.

CARRIED

- 8.5 Complete Communities Grant Application
Resolution: 33215
Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky
THAT Council supports the application to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for the Complete Communities Grant for up to \$150,000 towards a community sustainability review;
- AND THAT Councils authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the grant application and any related documentation.
- CARRIED**
- 8.6 Dental Equipment Use Agreement
Resolution: 33216
Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss
THAT Council authorize Administration to enter an equipment use partnering agreement with Dr. Johannes Yliruusi for the proposed operation of a dental clinic in the District of Mackenzie.
- CARRIED**
- 8.7 RDFFG Building Inspection Agreement
Resolution: 33217
Moved by: Councillor Barnes
THAT Council authorize the District to enter into the attached Building Inspection Agreement with the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George from January 2, 2024 to April 30, 2024;
- AND THAT, for the term of the agreement, the Building Inspectors for the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George be designated as building inspectors for the municipality and as persons to enforce the District's Building Bylaw as authorized agents under Section 16 of the *Community Charter*.
- CARRIED**
- 8.8 Council Remuneration Bylaw Amendment
Resolution: 33218
Moved by: Councillor McMeeken
THAT Council receives this report for information.
- CARRIED**

- 8.9 Contract Disclosure – Chrysalid Tech & Print
Councillor Hipkiss declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Hipkiss left the room and returned after the discussion and vote.)

Resolution: 33219

Moved by: Councillor Tapper

THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

- 8.10 Contract Disclosure – Garden House Bed & Breakfast

Resolution: 33220

Moved by: Councillor Tapper

THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

- 8.11 DOM 23-10B Garbage Truck Replacement

Resolution: 33221

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council awards the DOM 23-10B Garbage Truck Replacement to Rollins Machinery in the amount of \$499,077 plus GST;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the contract and any related documentation.

CARRIED

- 8.12 2024 Water, Sewer and Garbage Proposed Rates

Resolution: 33222

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council approve a 2024 water rate increase of 12%.

Opposed (1): Councillor Brumovsky

CARRIED (6 to 1)

Resolution: 33223

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT Council approve a 2024 sewer rate increase of 7%.

Opposed (5): Mayor Atkinson, Councillor Barnes, Councillor McMeeken, Councillor Tapper, and Councillor Wright

DEFEATED (2 to 5)

Resolution: 33224

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council approve a 2024 sewer rate of 9%.

Opposed (2): Councillor Brumovsky, and Councillor Hipkiss

CARRIED (5 to 2)

Resolution: 33225

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council approve a 2024 residential garbage rate increase of 6.5%.

CARRIED

Resolution: 33226

Moved by: Councillor Tapper

THAT Council approve a 2024 commercial garbage rate increase of 7%.

CARRIED

8.13 Council Travel – NCLGA, UBCM, LGLA Costs and Policy

Resolution: 33227

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT all Councilor's be approved to attend the annual NCLGA, UBCM and LGLA conferences without the expense included in their yearly budget;

AND THAT Council's annual training and travel budget be reduced from \$5,000 to \$3,000.

CARRIED

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 Mayor's Report
N/A

9.2 Council Reports

9.2.1 Councillor Wright
Councillor Wright provided a written report.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

11. NEW BUSINESS

N/A

12. BYLAWS

12.1 Bylaw No. 1511 Annual Mayor and Council Remuneration Amendment

Resolution: 33228

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Bylaw No. 1511 cited as "Annual Mayor and Councillor Remuneration and Expenses Amendment Bylaw No. 1511, 2024" be given the first three readings.

CARRIED

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

N/A

14. COMING EVENTS

14.1 "How Do I..." Speaker Series

Date: Sunday, January 21, 2024

Time: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Location: Mackenzie Community Services

Speaker: Wendy Chambers

15. INQUIRIES

Michelle Bobrel, President of the Mackenzie Community Arts Council, thanked Council for reaching a decision regarding the extension of the lease on the Ernie Bodin Community Centre. She added that now the Arts Centre can progress and move forward with their initiatives.

Shannon Bezo, resident, asked if day passes were still available for Little Mac Ski Hill? Terry Gilmer, Director of Recreation Services, replied that when COVID-19 hit we updated the bylaw to add in day passes in addition to seasons passes. We are just waiting for snow and to open the Hill.

Ms. Bezo expressed disappointment with the motion not to renew the lease for the Ernie Bodin Community Centre. A comment was made suggesting that the Museum and the Chamber of Commerce be housed in the same building, as President of the Chamber it is concerning that is an expectation. Ms. Bezo asked how long the suggested temporary location is sustainable? Mr. Gilmer replied

that storage should not be an issue as the Rec Centre has been decluttering. It was suggested that the groups moving into the Rec Centre try to de-clutter as much as possible as well.

Ms. Bezo asked if there will be a plan to advertise for developers to come to our community, regarding the short term rentals? Mayor Atkinson replied that the plan to bring short term rentals to the community would be a separate initiative. Emily Kaehn, Director of Corporate Services, added that we currently actively try to recruit new development in Mackenzie.

Ms. Bezo expressed appreciation for Councillor Brumovsky's stance on exercising caution with the proposed rate increase for water, sewer, and garbage services. She emphasized the existence of community members relying on food banks, underscoring their potential challenges in coping with heightened rates. Inquiring about potential assistance, Ms. Bezo asked if there were any available grants to support those who might struggle with the proposed increases. In response, Ms. Borne conveyed that the District actively seeks grants, utilizing every opportunity to maximize resources. She stressed the significance of accumulating reserves to address aging infrastructure without resorting to borrowing. Ms. Bezo then raised the possibility of a northern economic benefits agreement, prompting Mayor Atkinson to respond that, to her knowledge, such an agreement was not currently available.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: 33229

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:46 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer

Mackenzie Secondary School Graduate Class of 2024

January 10, 2024

Attention: Mayor Atkinson & Council

District of Mackenzie
Bag 340
1 Mackenzie Blvd
Mackenzie, BC V0J 2C0

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DISTRICT OF
MACKENZIE

Re: Dry Grad 2024 Dinner & Dance Venue Rental

Dear Mayor Atkinson & Council

I am writing to you on behalf of this year's graduate class from Mackenzie Secondary School.

Due to policies issued by School District 57, we are unable to use the school gymnasium to hold a supervised dry dinner & dance. This means that we need to secure a safe venue for our teenagers. When considering the size of the event and the requirements, we feel that the Recreation Centres Callahan Room and/or Arena floor would be the most appropriate option.

We are asking you, Mayor Atkinson and Council members, to wave any fees associated with the rental and wages that may be incurred during the event in support of this years Grad class.

We thank you all in advance for your time and consideration. If you require any further information on this matter, please feel free to contact me at (250) 997-7969.

Sincerely,

MSS Dry Grad 2024



Jennifer van der Horst
Parent Grad Vice President



The Skadi Tour - All 42 Lift Serviced Ski Areas in B.C. in 42 Days

Jan. 2, 2024
Terry Gilmour
District of Mackenzie
Little Mac Ski Hill
terry@districtofmackenzie.ca

Hi Terry,

The Tidbits of Change Foundation is aiming to visit Little Mac as part of The Skadi Tour – an effort to ski all the B.C. Ski Areas this winter. We believe it will be the first time someone has skied all of the areas in the entire province all in the same single winter. We will be visiting ski areas in the day and various school groups and parent/teacher organizations late afternoons/evenings to talk about youth bursaries of the Foundation and encourage youths to take on inspiring projects with their parents/mentors. We'll be documenting the visits to each ski area in a video blog and through social and traditional media – helping bring attention to skiing/ski areas, the youth bursaries available, and further encourage youths in each community.

We're hoping you can help us with our tour with 2 things:

1. Lift tickets for 2 people to be arranged for the day we are visiting – we will be there mostly to document our visit but will be skiing for a portion of the day as well.
 - We are scheduled to be there on January 31st.
2. If you have a suggestion of an interesting character / legend / great story regarding your ski areas – we would like to arrange a video interview as part of our visit.

The Tidbits of Change Foundation is a volunteer driven not-for-profit organization that encourages Canadian youth & parent/mentor partnerships to develop community initiatives together - centered on the notion that our society benefits greatly when young people collaborate with their mentors. More so when those collaborations create something that has positive impact on our communities and whose stories inspire the rest of us. The Tidbits of Change Foundation rewards Canadian youth behind the most inspiring initiatives with bursaries for post secondary education.

Greg Scott & his daughter Hali, founders of the Tidbits of Change Foundation, will be on a tour around B.C. this winter to visit the ski areas and to meet with school and parent teacher organizations in those communities in order to encourage students to take on initiatives, help get them started, showcase the benefits of youths collaborating with their parents/mentors, and outline the Foundation bursaries available.



The Tidbits of Change Foundation awards bursaries to Canadian youths who undertake the most inspiring and impactful initiatives in our local, national, or global communities.

The foundation evolved out of an annual daughter & dad adventure project where the founders, Greg and his daughter Hali since she was 11 years old, pick a local cause and city to visit each year and raise money and awareness for those causes by busking, playing music together. Their initiative ended up inspiring others to launch their own ideas and eventually grew into the formation of the Tidbits of Change Foundation.

More information at www.tidbitsofchange.org

Tour participants with potential of other youth/parents being added at various stops

- Greg Scott, co-founder of the Tidbits of Change Foundation, past President of the Alberta Alpine Ski Association, past VP Business Development for Alpine Canada Alpin and the Canadian Alpine Ski Team, former FIS Marketing Committee Representative for Canadian snow sports, former Marketing and Sales Manager for Mt. Washington Ski Resort.
Daughter, Hali, co-founder of the Tidbits of Change Foundation, recent university graduate, and Ski Instructor
- Ted Allsopp, founder of the Downhill Riders Ski Travel Company and Northern Escape Heli Skiing, former owner of Cowboys Nightclub in Calgary, and founder and creator of Canada's first Tiny House Village – Bluegrass Meadows in Terrace. Son, Cohen, avid young 9-year-old skier

Our team at Tidbits of Change is extremely passionate about what the Foundation strives for and committed to making the tour successful.

Would you be able to support our tour and help us with our three requests? We believe that we will be creating significant attention, content, and exposure to support our efforts. I can be reached at gs@tidbitsofchange.org or at 780 267 2527 if you have any questions or need any further information.

Thanks for your consideration – we are looking forward to our visit.

Cheers,

Greg Scott
Tidbits of Change Foundation
gs@tidbitsofchange.org
cell – 780 267 2527
www.tidbitsofchange.org



Councillor Jesse Wright
District of Mackenzie

Dear Councillor:

Nominate exceptional people for B.C.'s top honours

Nominations are being accepted for British Columbia's two highest honours – the Order of British Columbia and the Medal of Good Citizenship.

The Order of British Columbia, the province's top honour, celebrates outstanding achievement, excellence or distinction that has benefited the province or elsewhere. Eligible nominees are those British Columbians (former or current residents) who have made extraordinary contributions.

The Medal of Good Citizenship recognizes individuals who have contributed significantly to their local communities without seeking remuneration. This prestigious honour recognizes acts of selflessness, generosity and contributions to the betterment of someone's local community. Youth aged 15 to 25 and posthumous nominations are welcome.

Nominations for both honours must reach the Honours and Awards Secretariat by **Friday, April 5, 2024** to be considered this year. To submit a nomination please click on the boxes below.

I would be grateful if you could please consider nominating someone for one of these honours and share information about them widely in your community and with stakeholder groups.

Yours sincerely,

Lucy Lobmeier
B.C. Honours and Awards Secretariat





January 11, 2024

Her Worship
Mayor Joan Atkinson
The District of Mackenzie
1 Mackenzie Boulevard
Mackenzie BC V0J 2C0

Reference: 321852

Dear Mayor Atkinson:

Re: Kimta Transportation Society

Thank you for your letter of November 3, 2023, regarding the Kimta Transportation Society. Our government recognizes that the Kimta shuttle is highly valued by its community and partners. I was pleased to have the opportunity to discuss this with MLA Mike Morris, who brought it to my attention directly.

Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) has received an additional \$5 million in funding from the ministry to extend northern passenger transportation services, including the Northern Community Shuttle Program and BC Bus North, through 2026/2027. I encourage Kimta to reapply for funding at the next Northern Community Shuttle Program intake in 2024 to support its ongoing operating costs. If granted, this funding could help cover the ministry's annual licensing fee, as well as insurance and the vital safety and mechanical inspections that keep customers and other travelers safe.

As you note, Mackenzie is also served by BC Bus North and the Northern Health Connections Bus. There may be opportunities for the Kimta Transportation Society to coordinate with these other services and NDIT to integrate routes and scheduling to help ensure the needs of the Mackenzie community are met.

You may also know that the ministry has committed funding to support development of the Connected Network, a new online platform led by Pacific Western Transportation planned to launch in 2024. This program will allow users to plan and book trips in northern B.C. more easily and will allow providers to better understand ridership demand while improving service through schedule alignment and integration.

The ministry is continuing to work to learn more about the challenges that different regions and rural areas are facing to inform how we address passenger transportation across the province over the long term.

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Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rob Fleming". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rob" being more prominent than the last name "Fleming".

Rob Fleming
Minister

Copy to: Mike Morris
MLA, Prince George-Mackenzie

November 3, 2023

Honourable Minister Rob Fleming
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
PO Box 9055 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Via Email: minister.transportation@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Fleming,

I want to begin by thanking you for your outstanding performance in your role as Transportation Minister and former role as Minister of Education. I am writing to you today looking for your support on addressing challenges we are currently facing in our attempts to provide affordable, safe transportation to our residents.

In June 2016, the Kimta Transportation Group Society incorporated under the BC Society Act. One of the main drivers of this project was the need to provide safe, affordable transportation for students wishing to travel to sporting events. The Kimta Transportation Society spent the next number of years fundraising and establishing partnerships in the community to offset the purchase of a community bus and in August 2020, Kimta purchased a 24-passenger bus with accommodation for two wheelchairs. The bus is available for use to any organization in the region including the McLeod Lake Indian Band. Kimta has kept fees as low as possible to remove the financial barrier for clubs and organizations while maintaining a positive bottom line. It is utilized both in the community and for out-of-town travel and has transported students, sport teams, seniors, elders and tourists visiting Mackenzie.

The positive impact on our community with the addition of a community bus spurred the Kimta Transportation Society to address our next transportation challenge which was regular shuttle service between Mackenzie and Prince George. Mackenzie is a small rural community of 3,700 residents located 185 km north of Prince George. Due to our size, residents must travel to Prince George to access basic medical services such as dentists and optometrists and medical specialists. Options for residents without vehicles who require travel to Prince George are:

- Utilize the Northern Health Bus which travels to Prince George and back to Mackenzie each Wednesday. Although this a benefit, it is unrealistic to assume every resident in Mackenzie requiring out of town medical appointments would be able to book those appointments on a Wednesday.

- Our second alternative is the BC Bus North which travels to Prince George on Tuesdays with a return on Thursday; or travel to PG on Friday with a return on Monday. This requires residents to remain in Prince George for two to three nights.

In response to the need for daily shuttle service to Prince George, the Kimta Group applied to Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) for grant funding under “The Northern Community Shuttle Program” to operate a shuttle service to Prince George. In April 2022 we received funding from NDIT to purchase a 7 Seat Sienna Hybrid minivan and assistance with operating expenses for 3 years. Kimta in turn partnered with our newly established Taxi Service in the community who provide properly trained and certified drivers for the shuttle service. This service again was welcomed by the community and has seen continued usage particularly during the winter months when driving conditions can be challenging. The Shuttle Service also provides service to McLeod Lake and Bear Lake.

As you can appreciate, although this service currently meets the needs of our community, it is becoming increasingly challenging to cover operating expenses. To ensure this transportation option is maintained, our specific asks are:

- 1) Lobby the Passenger Transportation Board to provide a variance for Kimta to be exempt from fees to register with the Board. Not for profits, municipalities, Bands and private companies are not required to be registered with the board, unless the not for profit is primarily engaged in transportation. This requirement costs Kimta approximately \$1,000 per year for inspections and licensing. I understand regulations are in place to ensure safety of users, but this is another added expense for the Kimta Transportation Society.
- 2) We are also seeking long term financial support from the Province of BC to subsidize the daily shuttle to Prince George. The Kimta Transportation Society currently faces losses each month to keep the rates affordable. Kimta has committed to providing this service to our community even if only one passenger books a seat. Shuttle users have grown to include more than people attending medical appointments. It also provides residents the opportunity to access services not available locally such as Notaries and Lawyers.

By providing provincial funding for passenger and transportation services in our community, we can enhance the overall well-being of our residents, strengthen our communities, and contribute to the economic development of the region.

We kindly request that you consider our request to address these challenges effectively. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan Atkinson".

Mayor Joan Atkinson
District of Mackenzie

Cc: Mark Robillard, Chairperson, Kimta Transportation Society

January 10, 2024

Honourable Mike Farnworth
P.O. Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

Via Email: PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Farnworth:

I am writing to you in support of the letter of November 29, 2023, from Fort St. John Mayor Lilia Hansen regarding the Community Safety Act and why it has never been brought into force. As Mayor Hansen stated in her letter, it appears the Opposition from the BC Civil Liberties Association has effectively prevented the enactment of this much needed legislation.

The Community Safety Act received its 1st reading in 2013 and since that time we have seen the safety and security of neighbourhoods deteriorating at an alarming rate. We all respect and enjoy many civil liberties in Canada but it shocks me that an organization which promotes civil liberties has facilitated the loss and freedom of community members to enjoy the peace and safety of their own homes.

On Monday January 8th, I brought Mayor Hansen's letter forward to our municipal council to ask for their support on this important issue. Mackenzie Council unanimously supported sending a letter to yourself supporting Fort St. John's request to enact the Community Safety Act.

Ironically and tragically, at almost the exact time Mackenzie Council was discussing this issue, residents of Fort St. John were subject to another frightening incident in their community. As you are aware, on Monday evening, a deadly car chase involving three vehicles exchanging gunfire occurred on the streets of Fort St. John, which left one person involved in the incident fatality injured. It has been reported at least 2 homes in the area were struck by gunfire and RCMP are requesting homeowners to examine their residences for damage due to stray bullets.

On behalf of the District of Mackenzie Council and in support of Fort St. John Council, I respectfully request that the Community Safety Act be enacted as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,



Mayor Joan Atkinson
District of Mackenzie
joan@districtofmackenzie.ca

cc: Mayor Lilia Hansen, City of Fort St. John

Joan Atkinson

From: Lilia Hansen <LHansen@fortstjohn.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 3:22 PM
To: Joan Atkinson
Subject: RE: Mike Farnworth Letter of support

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Hi Joan.

I can't thank you enough for writing this letter to join our request for enacting the Community Safety Act.

It's excellently written and to the point.

All my best and wishing you and your community a wonderful year ahead!

Lilia Hansen

Mayor

Joan Atkinson

From: Milo MacDonald <MMacDonald@fortstjohn.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 9:12 AM
To: Joan Atkinson
Subject: Thank you!

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Hi Joan,

I just wanted to drop a line to thank you for your excellent letter supporting our advocacy on the Community Safety Act. I really appreciated that you took the time to do this.

Thanks again!

Milo

Milo MacDonald

Chief Administrative Officer

Direct 250-787-8161

From: Sonia Velji <sonia@bcepilepsy.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 9:34 AM

To: Chelsea Smirle <chelsea@districtofmackenzie.ca>

Subject: Request for Illumination of Mackenzie Recreation Centre in Purple on March 26th, 2024

Dear Chelsea,

As you may already be aware, epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, however, it currently has the least recognition in society.

My name is Deirdre Syms, and I am the Executive Director of the BC Epilepsy Society, which is a provincially incorporated non-profit organization and a federally registered charitable organization. We support the over 50,000 people living with epilepsy in BC and their families, friends and loved ones and work to raise awareness of epilepsy in the communities in which we live.

We are excited to let you know that International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness is coming up and will be taking place on March 26th, 2024.

International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness is a time when people in countries around the world wear purple and take part in events and activities to raise much-needed awareness of epilepsy.

Additionally, because International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness is also a time when many buildings and landmarks in countries around the world are lit with purple lights to raise awareness of epilepsy, the BC Epilepsy Society would like to request that Mackenzie Recreation Centre be lit with purple lights on March 26th, 2024, in honour of epilepsy awareness.

Through your participation in International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness on March 26th, 2024, you will not only be able to show people living with epilepsy that they are not alone but will also get people talking about epilepsy in an effort to raise awareness of epilepsy in the community.

We look forward to working with you on International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness on March 26th, 2024, and in the future. Please feel free to contact me via email at deirdre@bcepilepsy.com or via telephone at 1-788-533-0790 should you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,
Deirdre Syms
Executive Director
BC Epilepsy Society

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Kind regards,
Sonia Velji
Provincial Manager of Programs and Services
BC Epilepsy Society

Mailing Address: PO Box 30521, Burnaby RPO Madison, BC V5C 6J5

Phone: 236-334-7087

Email: sonia@bcepilepsy.com

Website: www.bcepilepsy.com

Social Media:

Instagram: [BCEpilepsySociety](#)

Facebook: [BC Epilepsy Society](#)

Twitter: [BCEpilepsy](#)

The BC Epilepsy Society empowers, educates, and supports British Columbians living with epilepsy.

From: Sonia Velji <sonia@bcepilepsy.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 11:06 AM
To: District Information <info@districtofmackenzie.ca>
Subject: Request for Proclamation from the District of Mackenzie

To Whom It May Concern,

As you may already be aware, epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, however, it currently has the least recognition in society.

My name is Deirdre Syms, and I am the Executive Director of the BC Epilepsy Society, which is a provincially incorporated non-profit organization and a federally registered charitable organization. We support the over 50,000 people living with epilepsy in BC and their families, friends and loved ones and work to raise awareness of epilepsy in the communities in which we live.

We are excited to let you know that International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness is coming up and will be taking place on March 26th, 2024. International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness is a time when people in countries around the world take part in events and activities to raise much-needed awareness of epilepsy.

We would like to request a Proclamation from the Mayor and Council designating March 26th, 2024, as International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness in the District of Mackenzie. Included with this email correspondence is a document outlining our draft Proclamation.

Through your participation in International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness on March 26th, 2024, you will not only be able to show people living with epilepsy that they are not alone but will also get people talking about epilepsy in an effort to raise awareness of epilepsy in the community.

We look forward to working with you on International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness on March 26th, 2024, and in the future. Please feel free to contact me via email at deirdre@bcepilepsy.com or via telephone at 1-788-533-0790 should you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,
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2024 Proclamation Draft

"Purple Day"

WHEREAS Purple Day is celebrated on March 26 annually, during Epilepsy Awareness Month, to increase the knowledge and understanding of epilepsy in the community;

AND WHEREAS Purple Day was founded in 2008 by Cassidy Megan, a nine-year-old girl from Nova Scotia, who wanted people living with epilepsy that they were not alone;

AND WHEREAS On Purple Day, people in communities around the world are encouraged to wear purple and host events in support of epilepsy awareness;

AND WHEREAS There are over 50,000 people in British Columbia, over 380,000 people in Canada and over 65 Million people worldwide living with epilepsy;

AND WHEREAS The onset of epilepsy can occur at any stage of life and does not discriminate against age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic status, geographic location, or sexual orientation;

AND WHEREAS Purple Day can improve the quality of life of people living with epilepsy, create a society that embraces the beauty of difference and help us understand how we can all come together to make the world a better place:

NOW THEREFORE I **[Insert Name and Title]** DO HEREBY PROCLAIM Tuesday March 26th, 2024 as

"PURPLE DAY"

in the **[Insert Name of Province/City/Municipality/Town/Village]**.

Mackenzie Figure Skating Club

Box 1837 Mackenzie, BC V0J 2C0
Mfsc1819@gmail.com



January 2024

To who it may concern,

The Mackenzie Figure Skating Club will be hosting a night of comedy and casino style fundraiser. This event will be occurring on February 3, 2024. The event will have comedians come to our community from out of town, followed by a casino type atmosphere with various games being played. The people that attend this fundraiser will be exchanging money for chips, which will then be used to bid on various prizes available.

I am writing to you to request a donation toward the comedy and casino night fundraiser. The money that is raised from this event will assist with the operational costs of the Mackenzie Figure Skating Club, skater incentives and skater/coach development.

We understand that the economic times currently are still struggling, and we would like to thank you in advance for your consideration in donating to the Mackenzie Figure Skating Club, as well as assisting in keeping the kids of the community active.

If you have any further questions, or are able to donate please contact Cindy Castle-Lindley at 250 981 1097. We are hoping to have the items collected by January 15, 2024

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cindy Castle-Lindley
Fundraiser Director

From: Dean Askin <daskin@odenetwork.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 5:58 AM
To: Diane Smith <diane@districtofmackenzie.ca>; Emily Walker <emily@districtofmackenzie.ca>
Subject: Light It Up! For NDEAM 2024 — 5th anniversary

Hi Diane and Emily,

Happy New Year up there 😊

I hope your 2024 is starting off well.

Can I submit a letter of request to council now, in January, to request the District's participation again this year in Light It Up! For NDEAM by lighting the Community Centre?

This year the date is Thursday, October 17.

Just want to check, as this is when I start looking after all the location requests that I handle for the event. And I know protocols & request timelines vary across the country.

Out in BC for 2024:

- The City of Burnaby has already confirmed their participation again this year. I submitted my request yesterday, and got confirmation this morning. They're lighting City Hall and the BC Parkway again.
- City of Nanaimo is lighting The Bastion again this year. Submitted my request on Tuesday, and got confirmation yesterday.
- City of White Rock is participating for the first time. They'll be lighting the White Rock Pier purple and blue. Had confirmation of this as well, yesterday.

Have a good day, and end to your week

Cheers
Dean

Dean Askin, Communications Strategist
Ontario Disability Employment Network
c. 416-818-1514 | 1 866-280-6336 ext. 107 | [email me](#)



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COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council
From: Finance
Date: January 16, 2024
Subject: Revised 2024 Budget Schedule

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approves the revised Council meeting dates for the 2024 annual budget process.

BACKGROUND:

At the November 13, 2023 Council Meeting, staff brought forward a proposed 2024 budget schedule for the upcoming budget process. A caveat was included that the schedule is subject to change based on operational needs. Due to time constraints and other operational factors, the meetings scheduled for January 22, 2024 and February 12, 2024 have been moved back one Council meeting date.

The revised 2024 budget schedule is shown below for the remaining event dates in the budget process.

2024 Budget Timeline

EVENT/TASK	DATES	EXPECTED OUTCOMES
Budget Discussion	Special Meeting prior to the Regular Meeting <i>Monday, February 12, 2024</i> 6:00pm	Discussion on the 2024 operating and capital budget. Proposed property tax rate will be presented. Department Heads and/or Managers will be on hand to answer questions.
Presentation of the 2024 Provisional Operating and Capital Budget	Special Meeting prior to the Committee of the Whole Meeting <i>Monday, February 26, 2024</i> 5:30pm	Presentation of the 2024 Provisional Operating and Capital Budget. Department Heads and/or Managers will be on hand to answer questions.

EVENT/TASK	DATES	EXPECTED OUTCOMES
Community Budget Consultation	After the Special Meeting prior to the Committee of the Whole Meeting <i>Monday, February 26, 2024</i> 6:45pm	Provide the opportunity for the public to comment or question the 2024 Provisional Operating and Capital Budget. Department Heads and/or Managers will be on hand to answer questions.
Presentation of the 2024-2028 Financial Plan Bylaw	Special Meeting prior to the Committee of the Whole Meeting <i>Monday, April 22, 2024</i> 6:00pm	Presentation of the 2024-2028 Financial Plan Bylaw. Department Heads and/or Managers will be on hand to answer questions.
Community Budget Consultation	After the Special Meeting prior to the Committee of the Whole Meeting <i>Monday, April 22, 2024</i> 6:45pm	Provide the opportunity for the public to comment on the 2024-2028 Financial Plan Bylaw. Department Heads and/or Managers will be on hand to answer questions.
First three readings of 2024-2028 Financial Plan Bylaw	Regular Council Meeting Monday, April 22, 2024 7:15pm	First three readings given to the 2024-2028 Financial Plan Bylaw.
Adoption of 2024-2028 Financial Plan Bylaw	Regular Council Meeting Monday, May 13, 2024 7:15pm	2024-2028 Financial Plan Bylaw adopted.

*The above schedule is subject to change based on operational needs

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.

Strong Governance and Finances

- As the municipality's elected governing body, we serve all residents and businesses in the community. We engage residents and stakeholders on important issues and make our decisions through open and transparent processes. We are careful in our use of resources, mindful of the need to maintain programs and services, while also meeting the community's infrastructure needs.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Kerri Borne, Chief Financial Officer

Reviewed By: Corporate Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Finance

Date: January 16, 2024

Subject: 2024 Water, Sewer and Garbage Bylaw Amendment

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receives this report for information.

BACKGROUND:

Utility services provided by local governments are intended to be fully funded through user fees, meaning the full cost of the programs, including the costs related to managing the life cycle of capital assets are covered by those user fees. User fees are typically adjusted annually to offset any changes in the cost of delivering the service.

At the January 8th Council meeting staff presented Mayor and Council with a variety of options for bylaw rate increases for utility services. The approved rate increase are listed below:

- Water – 12%
 - The increase to water rates covers all necessary operational costs and projects and provides a transfer to reserves in the amount of \$287,391 for current and future capital projects. This increase also applies to bulk water sales, water turn on and water turn off services as noted on Schedule B of the bylaw.
- Sewer – 9%
 - The increase to sewer rates covers all necessary operational costs and projects and provides a transfer to reserves in the amount of \$249,472 for current and future capital projects. This increase also applies to Other Sewer Related Service Fees such as lagoon dumping as noted on Schedule B of the bylaw.
- Residential Garbage – 6.5%
 - The increase to residential garbage rates covers all the necessary operational costs and provides a transfer to reserves in the amount of \$100,536 for replacement of garbage truck and garbage bins.

- Commercial Garbage – 7%
 - The increase to commercial garbage rates covers all the necessary operational costs and provides a transfer to reserves in the amount of \$25,715 for replacement of commercial garbage truck.

Below is the impact of the bylaw rate increases to residential and commercial customers for water, sewer and garbage:

Residential Customers

Water billing increase	\$48.98
Sewer billing increase	\$23.99
Garbage billing increase (weekly service)	\$12.24
Overall annual increase of \$85.21 or \$7.10/month	

*bi-weekly garbage service would see an increase of \$83.29 or \$6.94/month

Commercial Customers

Water billing increase (minimum charges)	\$43.86
Sewer billing increase (minimum charges)	\$28.50
Garbage billing increase (2yrd bin 1 pickup per week)	\$76.38
Overall annual increase of \$148.74 or \$24.79/bi-monthly	

*3yrd bin, 1 pickup/week customers would see an increase of \$168.96 or \$28.16 bi-monthly

*4yrd bin, 1 pickup/week customers would see an increase of \$189.12 or \$31.52 bi-monthly

Rates will become effective January 1, 2024. Residential customers will have their new rates shown on their 2024 property tax bill and commercial customers will have the new rates shown on their January/February utility billing.

HOUSEKEEPING

When reviewing the bylaws staff noticed a housekeeping issue that requires updating:

- Water Bylaw
 - Due to short notice/emergency requests for water turn on/off that result in reallocating work schedules within a time constraint, staff are recommending that a short notice request (less than 72 hours) fee be added to Schedule B.
- Garbage Bylaw
 - Schedule A currently displays the rates for single family dwelling, two family dwelling and secondary suites per month, but the rates are billed as an annual

amount on the property tax notice. Staff are recommending that the rates be presented as an annual amount on Schedule A.

A copy of the associated bylaws have been included in the Bylaw section of the agenda for Council's consideration.

COUNCIL PRIORITY:

Strong Governance and Finances

- As the municipality's elected governing body, we serve all residents and businesses in the community. We engage residents and stakeholders on important issues and make our decisions through open and transparent processes. We are careful in our use of resources, mindful of the need to maintain programs and services, while also meeting the community's infrastructure needs.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Kerri Borne, Chief Financial Officer

Reviewed By: Corporate Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Administration

Date: January 17, 2024

Subject: Visitor Centre Caboose Operations 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approves the 2024 Visitor Services Agreement with the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$28,000;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the agreement and any related documentation.

BACKGROUND:

The District has historically contracted visitor services in Mackenzie to the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce. They have operated the seasonal Caboose Visitor Centre facility at the junction of Hwy 39 and 97 as well as welcomed visitors year-round at their Chamber Office. The service agreement has come up for renewal for 2024. New this year is that the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce has applied for federal funding towards two summer students, with the intention of opening the in-town visitor centre on the weekends, if successful in their application. A copy of the draft agreement has been attached for Council's consideration.

The District has previously provided \$20,000 towards operations in addition to a grant of \$15,000 from Destination BC. Revenue made at the facility is also used to offset expenses. This has amounted to approximately \$4,500 each year but cannot be guaranteed.

In discussion with the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce, due to inflation, fuel costs, and increased administration of this agreement, the proposed baseline operating funding required for the 2024 Visitor Services Agreement is proposed to increase by approximately \$8,000, from \$35,000 to \$43,000.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The additional \$8,000 would be allocated from the General Government Operating Budget.

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:

Emily Kaehn, Director of Corporate Services

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer



AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT dated for reference this _____ day of _____, 2024.

BETWEEN:

DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE

Bag 340
1 Mackenzie Boulevard
Mackenzie, BC V0J 2C0

(the "**District**")

OF THE FIRST PART

AND:

Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 880
#11-600 Mackenzie Blvd
Mackenzie BC, V0J 2C0

(the "**Contractor**")

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS:

- A. The District has agreed to engage the Contractor and the Contractor has agreed to provide the services described in Schedule "A" to this Agreement (the "**Services**") to the District on the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement and the facility expectations set out in Schedule "A" to this Agreement.
- B. The intent of this Agreement and the funding commitment herein are specifically for supporting the operations of the Contractor and no other activities within the District.

NOW THEREFORE the District and the Contractor, in consideration of their mutual duties and responsibilities and in consideration of the payment to be made by the District to the Contractor agree as follows:

1.0 DEFINITIONS

1.1 In this Agreement:

- (a) **"Services"** means the services to be provided by the Contractor, as described in Schedule "A" to this Agreement.
- (b) **"Chamber"** means Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce

2.0 TERM

2.1 The term of this Agreement is for the period commencing February 1, 2024 and terminating on December 31, 2024 (the **"Term"**), subject to earlier termination as provided in section 7 of this Agreement.

2.2 Upon expiry of the term, the District's Corporate Services Department will conduct another information request and review of information in accordance with the guideline and criteria approved by the District and provide recommendations for amendments and renewal of the Agreement to the District. Upon agreement by both parties in writing, this Agreement may remain in effect after its expiration date to facilitate ongoing negotiations for successful renewal.

2.3 The District's Corporate Services Department will review this Agreement three (3) months prior to expiration.

3.0 CONTRACTOR'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 The Contractor must:

- (a) provide the District with the Services throughout the Term, in accordance with the specifications and requirements set out in Schedule "A" to this Agreement, and to the satisfaction of the District;
- (b) supply all labour, equipment and material, and do all things necessary for the provision of the Services;
- (c) perform the Services for the District with that degree of care, skill and diligence normally utilized by contractors having similar qualifications and performing duties similar to the Services;
- (d) charge only the fees which the Contractor is entitled to under this Agreement for the provision of the Services;
- (e) obtain and maintain in force throughout the Term the insurance required under Schedule "B" to this Agreement;

- (f) be registered as an employer with WorkSafe BC, and maintain workers compensation coverage with WorkSafe BC for the Contractor and its employees;
- (g) provide satisfactory proof of the Contractor's WorkSafe BC coverage upon request by the District;
- (h) not commit or purport to commit the District to the payment of any money to any person, firm or corporation, without the District's prior written consent;
- (i) keep proper and accurate books of account and records of any and all monies received and disbursed in the provision of the Services and make the books of account and records available for inspection and audit by the District or its authorized representatives upon request;
- (j) provide the Services in compliance with all applicable health and safety standards, rules, regulations, requirements and codes of practice prescribed under any federal, provincial or local government statute, regulation, bylaw or permit relating in any respect to the Contractor's provision of the Services; and
- (k) follow all Destination BC visitor centre operation protocols and funding requirements, and entering and reporting on all associated Destination BC data collection and annual reporting;
- (l) during the Term, not perform a service for or provide advice to any person, firm or corporation which gives rise to a conflict of interest with the duties and obligations of the Contractor to the District under this Agreement.
- (m) acknowledge the District and Destination BC as a funding source in its advertisements and promotional materials for the duration of this Agreement; and
- (n) following the issuance of funds, submit an annual activity report to the District by **October 31st** of each year and provide an in-person presentation to Council in November or December of each year of the Agreement, highlighting accomplishments, goals and objectives, benefits provided to the community and a financial statement outlining how the District's funding was utilized.

4.0 DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES & CABOOSE FACILITIES EXPECTATIONS

4.1 The Caboose Visitor Information Centre, owned by the District, is the main Visitor Information Centre during the summer months. Daily and as needed sweeping/mopping of the floors, emptying of garbage and general cleaning, and tidying of the Caboose, the grounds around the Caboose and public washroom facilities is the responsibility of Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce.

- 4.2 The District will handle general maintenance of the Caboose Visitor Information Centre grounds, outdoor empty garbage bins, and overview public washroom facilities. The District will conduct any repairs required at the facility.
- 4.3 The Chamber will be provided sets of keys to the Caboose Visitor Information Centre that they are the tenant of. Distribution of these keys will be the responsibility of the Chamber for its staff or other members that require afterhours access. Security of these keys is the responsibility of the Chamber.
- 4.4 It is the responsibility of the Chamber to ensure the Caboose Visitor Information Centre is locked at the end of daily operations and any afterhours meetings.
- 4.5 The District will be responsible for the annual seasonal opening of the facility in the spring and shutdown of the facility and grounds in the Fall.

5.0 CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

- 5.1 The Contractor represents and warrants to the District that:
- (a) if the Contractor is a not-for-profit society, it is duly organized, validly existing and legally entitled to carry on activities in British Columbia and is in good standing with respect to its registration with the Province of British Columbia and filings of annual reports in accordance with the *BC Societies Act*;
 - (b) the Contractor has sufficient trained staff, facilities, materials, and appropriate equipment in place and available to enable it to fully perform the Services.

6.0 FEES AND EXPENSES

- 6.1 In consideration for the provision of the Services, the District shall pay to the Contractor the fee for all Services rendered under this Agreement according to the amounts and times of payment set out in Schedule "A" to this Agreement.
- 6.2 Unless stated otherwise in this Agreement, all sums of money are in Canadian Dollars.

7.0 INDEMNIFICATION

- 7.1 The Contractor shall release, indemnify, and keep indemnified the District, its elected officials, officers, employees, agents and contractors of and from all claims, costs, losses, damages, actions, causes of action, expenses and costs arising from any error, omission or negligent act of the Contractor, or its officers, employees, agents or contractors, in the performance of the Services.

if to the Contractor:

P.O. Box 880
#11-600 Mackenzie Blvd
Mackenzie BC, V0J 2C0
Attention: Janey Morgan, Chamber Manager
Email: manager@mackenziechamber.bc.ca

11.0 TIME

11.1 Time is of the essence of this Agreement.

12.0 BINDING EFFECT

12.1 This Agreement will ensure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective heirs, administrators, executors, successors, and permitted assignees.

13.0 SURVIVAL OF CERTAIN COVENANTS

13.1 The covenants and agreements contained in sections 3.1(l), 6.1, and 8.1 shall survive the expiry or earlier termination of this Agreement and those sections are severable for that purpose.

14.0 RELATIONSHIP

14.1 The legal relationship between the Contractor and the District is that of an independent contractor and purchaser of services, and, in particular and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed so as to render the relationship between the Contractor and the District to be that of employee and employer.

15.0 ASSIGNMENT

15.1 The Contractor shall not assign its interest in this Agreement, or any right, benefit or obligation conferred or imposed hereunder, in whole or in part, whether by operation of law or otherwise, except with the prior written consent of the District, which may be withheld for any reason.

16.0 WAIVER

16.1 The waiver by a party of any failure on the part of the other party to perform in accordance with any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement is not to be construed as a waiver of any future or continuing failure, whether similar or dissimilar.

17.0 ENTIRE AGREEMENT

17.1 This Agreement, including the Schedules attached to it, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the matters herein.

18.0 INVALIDITY

18.1 If any part of this Agreement is or is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall continue in full force and effect and be construed as if the Agreement had been executed without the invalid portion.

19.0 CONFLICT

19.1 In the event of a conflict between a provision in this Agreement and a provision in a schedule attached to this Agreement, the provision in this Agreement shall prevail.

20.0 AMENDMENT

20.1 This Agreement may not be modified or amended except by the written agreement of the parties.

21.0 LAW APPLICABLE

21.1 This Agreement is to be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws applicable in the Province of British Columbia.

22.0 HEADINGS

22.1 The captions or headings appearing in this Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of it.

23.0 INTERPRETATION

23.1 Whenever the singular or masculine is used in this Agreement, the same shall be deemed to include the plural or the feminine or the body politic or corporate where the context or the parties so require.

24.0 COUNTERPART

24.1 This Agreement may be executed in counterpart with the same effect as if both parties had signed the same document. Each counterpart shall be deemed to be an original. All counterparts shall be construed together and shall constitute one and the same Agreement.

Signatures on next page → → →

IN WITNESS HEREOF the District and the Contractor have executed this Agreement as of the day, month and year first above written.

DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE, by its
authorized signatory(ies):

Diane Smith, Chief Administrative Officer

MACKENZIE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, by
its authorized signatory(ies):

Name:

Name:

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED by
MACKENZIE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
in the presence of

Signature

Name

Address

Occupation

Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce

SCHEDULE A

1. SERVICES

- (a) The Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce take a leadership role in the Visitor Information Centre and will offer visitor information services that:
- i. Promote Mackenzie and encourage visitation to the area;
 - ii. Enhance visitor satisfaction and recommendations;
 - iii. Facilitate travel planning, booking, and navigation;
 - iv. Support the District of Mackenzie brand and marketing campaigns;
 - v. Increase visitor spending, length of stay, and repeat visits;
 - vi. Strengthen and enhance the well-being of our community;
 - vii. Meet the goals and objectives of the District's Official Community Plan, the District's Tourism Plan, the District's Community Economic Development Plan, as well as Destination BC's Corporate Strategy;
 - viii. Answering visitor information requests over email and organize mail out of brochures and map requests;
 - ix. Actively attend provincial and regional visitor information services meetings, and provide the District with highlights from the meetings;
 - x. Meet with the District on a regular basis to provide updates on hiring, training, beginning of season, mid-season, and end of season operations;
 - xi. Facilitate a comprehensive exemplary training to staff involved in providing visitor information services;
 - xii. Report monthly statistics and trends to the District by the 12th day of each month for the previous month;
 - xiii. Continuously update visitor services websites such as Hello BC and Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce tourism website to stay relevant to visitor services;
 - xiv. Report to the District on urgent matters such as, but not limited to, visitor services trends, staffing issues, and comments from the public;
 - xv. Assist in the publication and distribution of the Mackenzie Visitor Guide;
 - xvi. Liaise, strategize, and partner with the District's Economic Development Department.
- (b) Programs and activities of the Chamber must not:
- i. offer direct financial assistance to individuals or families;
 - ii. duplicate services that fall within the mandate of either a senior government or a local service agency;

FACILITY EXPECTATIONS

- (a) The Caboose is the main Visitor Information Centre, operating from May until September. The Chamber of Commerce office will operate as a secondary Visitor Information Centre year-round.

- (b) Daily, and as needed, sweeping/mopping of the floors, emptying of garbage and general cleaning and tidying of the Caboose and the grounds around the Caboose.
- (c) Cleaning of public washroom facilities at the Caboose property is the responsibility of Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce.
- (d) Deep cleaning and maintenance of the washrooms at the Caboose property and provision of hand sanitizer is provided by the District.
- (e) The Caboose Visitor Information Centre is to be open seven days per week from mid-May until mid-September at a minimum of eight hours per day.
- (f) The In-town Visitor Centre is to be open during regular operating hours of the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce.
- (g) Annual deep cleaning of common areas will be the responsibility of Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce.
- (h) The Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce will be provided sets of keys to the Caboose. Distribution and security of these keys will be the responsibility of the contractor.

2. FEES

In consideration for the provision of the Services, the District shall pay to the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce, \$28,000 for all Services rendered under this Agreement. Destination BC has informed the District of Mackenzie that it will be contributing \$15,000 towards the Visitor Centre operations in 2024.

Payment will be distributed according to the amounts and times as follows:

Payment Schedule	DoM Service Fees	Destination BC Funding
By April 15, 2024	\$10,000	\$15,000
By July 15, 2024	\$10,000	
By October 15, 2024	\$6,000	
Within 30 days upon completion of final report	\$2,000	
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$28,000	\$15,000
TOTAL CONTRACT FUNDING	\$43,000	

SCHEDULE B

INSURANCE

1. The Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce shall, at its own expense, provide and maintain throughout the Term the following insurance in a form acceptable to the District, with an insurer licensed in British Columbia:

(a)	Commercial General Liability	\$2,000,000
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In all policies of insurance required under this Agreement the District shall be named as an additional insured and all such policies shall contain a provision that the insurance shall apply as though a separate policy had been issued to each named insured. All such policies shall provide that no cancellation or lapse of or material alteration in the policy shall become effective until 30 days after written notice of such cancellation, lapse or alteration has been given to the District.

Any deductible amounts in the foregoing insurance which are payable by the policyholder shall be in an amount acceptable to the District.

2. The Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce shall provide to the District at the commencement of the Term, and at any time during the Term upon request by the District, a certificate or certificates of insurance as evidence that the insurance required under this Agreement is in force.
3. Maintenance of such insurance and the performance by the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce of its obligation under this Schedule "B" shall not relieve the Chamber of liability under the indemnity provisions under the Agreement.

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Administration

Date: January 22, 2024

Subject: Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training Grant App

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approves the application to the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for \$30,000 towards Emergency Social Services equipment, training, and personnel wages;

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

BACKGROUND:

The intent of the Emergency Support Services Grant Program offered by the UBCM is to support communities to build capacity to provide emergency support services through training, volunteer recruitment and retention, and the purchase of equipment.

The District of Mackenzie plans to use the funding for wages towards the District of Mackenzie Emergency Management staff in their duties when performing Emergency Support Services (ESS) duties. This may include scheduling and participating in community engagements, training, personal development, equipment purchasing for ESS facilities and operations. Funding will also go toward training responders and equipment purchasing.

COUNCIL PRIORITY:

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.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Jamie Guise, Fire Chief

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer

COUNCIL MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Mayor Joan Atkinson

Date: January 22, 2024

Subject: Activity for month of December 2023

Date:	Activity:
December 6	Travelled to Prince George to participate in interviews for new CAO for Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. Chris Calder (Finance Manager for RDFFG) has been offered and accepted the CAO position replacing Jim Martin.
December 7	Along with CAO Smith, met with new RCMP Detachment Commander Chris Bezaire.
December 8	Attended District of Mackenzie Christmas Party at the Royal Canadian Legion.
December 9	Participated in Mackenzie's Annual Christmas Parade with Councillors Barnes and Tapper and CAO Smith. Our float highlighted winter sports to encourage residents to enjoy our fabulous winter season.
December 11	In my role as Chairperson of the RDFFG Regional Hospital Board, I participated in meetings with the Northern Health Authority Board of Directors. One of the major topics of discussion was the affordability of RDFFG taxpayers in respect to the ever-increasing costs of Regional Hospital Districts contributions to Northern Health Authority capital investments, including the new Acute Care Tower.
December 12	Met with new Duz Cho Logging General Manager Shane Garner. Shane has a very long and varied history in the forest industry and indicated Duz Cho Logging is anticipating a busy 2024.
December 19	Attended the McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest Board of Directors Christmas Dinner.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mayor Joan Atkinson

DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE

Bylaw No. 1511

A bylaw to amend "Council Member Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw No. 1338, 2015"

WHEREAS the Council of the District of Mackenzie deems it prudent and desirable to amend its Annual Mayor and Councillor Remuneration and Expenses Bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the District of Mackenzie in open meeting assembled, **HEREBY ENACTS** as follows:

1. That Bylaw No. 1338 cited as "Annual Mayor and Councillor Remuneration and Expenses No. 1338, 2015" is hereby amended as follows:

A. By deleting the current text in Part 2 Section 2.2 and replacing it with the following:

"2.2 The remuneration for Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors will increase annually according to Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation as calculated by Statistics Canada in November of each year to a maximum of 3%; and

B. By adding the following to new sections immediately after Part 2 Section 2.2 and renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

"2.3 if the CPI is negative, remuneration will be red-circled and the negative percentage will be deducted from a future raise when the CPI is positive."

2. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Annual Mayor and Councillor Remuneration and Expenses Amendment Bylaw No. 1511, 2024"

READ a first time this _____ 8th _____ day of _____ January _____, 2024.

READ a second time this _____ 8th _____ day of _____ January _____, 2024.

READ a third time this _____ 8th _____ day of _____ January _____, 2024.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

I hereby certify the foregoing
to be a true and correct copy
of District of Mackenzie Bylaw
No. 1511 cited as "Annual Mayor
and Council Remuneration and
Expenses Amendment
Bylaw No. 1511, 2024".

Mayor

Corporate Officer

Corporate Officer

DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE

Bylaw No. 1512

A bylaw to amend "Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1466, 2022".

WHEREAS the Council of the District of Mackenzie deems it prudent and desirable to amend its Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE Council of the District of Mackenzie, in open meeting, hereby enacts as follows:

1. That "Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1466, 2022" is hereby amended as follows:
 - (a) That Schedule "A" of the "Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1466, 2022" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with Schedule "A" as attached.
 - (b) That Schedule "B" of the "Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1466, 2022" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with Schedule "B" as attached.
2. This bylaw may be cited as "Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1512, 2024".

READ a first time this _____ day of _____, 2024.

READ a second time this _____ day of _____, 2024.

READ a third time this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

I hereby certify the foregoing
to be a true and correct copy of
District of Mackenzie Bylaw
No. 1512 cited as "Water Rates
and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No.
1512, 2024".

Mayor

Corporate Officer

Corporate Officer

SCHEDULE "A"

To the "Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1512, 2024"
of the District of Mackenzie.

FLAT RATE USER RATES

<u>Classification No</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Rates</u>
One (1)	Single Family Dwelling	\$457.11 per year
Two (2)	Two Family Dwelling	\$914.21 per year
Three (3)	Multi-Family Dwelling Row Housing - Per unit	\$ 38.12 per month
Four (4)	Trailer Park Per trailer	\$ 26.52 per month
Five (5)	Schools - Per Room	\$ 19.62 per month

SCHEDULE "B"

To the "Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1512, 2024"
of the District of Mackenzie.

METERED USER RATES - Bi-Monthly

Minimum charge	\$ 68.24
Usage in excess of 13,000 gallons	\$ 5.25 per 1,000 gallons
or 2,083 ft ³	\$32.80 per 1,000 ft ³
or 5.91 m ³	\$ 1.16 per 1 m ³

The above rates are due and payable on a bi-monthly basis.

Bulk Water	\$5.60 per cubic meter
Water Turn On*	\$56.00
Water Turn Off*	\$56.00
*Short Notice Request (less than 72 hours)	\$25.00

Due and payable on a monthly basis.

DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE

Bylaw No. 1513

A bylaw to amend "Sewer Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1467, 2022."

WHEREAS the Council of the District of Mackenzie deems it prudent and desirable to amend its Sewer Rates and Regulations Bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE Council of the District of Mackenzie, in open meeting, hereby enacts as follows:

1. That "Sewer Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1467, 2022" is hereby amended as follows:
 - (a) That Schedule "A" of the "Sewer Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1467, 2022" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with Schedule "A" as attached.
 - (b) That Schedule "B" of the "Sewer Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1467, 2022" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with Schedule "B" as attached.
2. This bylaw may be cited as "Sewer Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1513, 2024".

READ a first time this _____ day of _____, 2024.

READ a second time this _____ day of _____, 2024.

READ a third time this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

I hereby certify the foregoing
to be a true and correct copy of
District of Mackenzie Bylaw
No. 1513 cited as "Sewer Rates
and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No.
1513, 2024".

Mayor

Corporate Officer

Corporate Officer

SCHEDULE "A"

To the "Sewer Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1513, 2024"
of the District of Mackenzie.

FLAT RATE USER RATES

<u>Classification No</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Rates</u>
One (1)	Single Family Dwelling	\$290.54 per year
Two (2)	Two Family Dwelling	\$581.09 per year
Three (3)	Multi-Family Dwelling Row Housing - Per unit	\$ 24.21 per month
Four (4)	Trailer Park Per trailer	\$ 24.21 per month
Five (5)	Schools - Per Room	\$ 16.38 per month

SCHEDULE "B"

To the "Sewer Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1513, 2024"
of the District of Mackenzie.

SEWER USER RATES FOR WATER METERED PREMISES

Minimum charge	\$ 57.54
Usage in excess of 13,000 gallons	\$ 4.44 per 1,000 gallons
or 2,083 ft ³	\$27.66 per 1,000 ft ³
or 5.91 m ³	\$ 0.97 per 1 m ³

Commercial business with a greenhouse will be charged the minimum charge plus 10% of the excess water usage for the months of May up to and including August.

The above rates are due and payable on a bi-monthly basis.

OTHER SEWER RELATED SERVICE FEES

LAGOON DUMPING

Within business hours	\$ 98.10/load
Outside of business hours	\$163.50/load

CUSTOM WORKS

Except otherwise stated below, the following sewer related services are charged at an at-cost plus administration custom works rate as described in the District of Mackenzie *General Rates and Fees Bylaw*.

Good Neighbour Sewer Calls	
Commercial	At-Cost + Administration Fee
Residential	Free of Charge

The above rates are due and payable on a monthly basis.

DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE

Bylaw No. 1514

A bylaw to amend "Garbage Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1487, 2022."

WHEREAS the Council of the District of Mackenzie deems it prudent and desirable to amend its Garbage Rates and Regulations Bylaw;

NOW THEREFORE Council of the District of Mackenzie, in open meeting, hereby enacts as follows:

1. That "Garbage Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1487, 2022" is hereby amended as follows:
 - (a) That Schedule "A" of the "Garbage Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1487, 2022" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with Schedule "A" as attached.
 - (b) That Schedule "B" of the "Garbage Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1487, 2022" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with Schedule "B" as attached.
2. This bylaw may be cited as "Garbage Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1514, 2024".

READ a first time this _____ day of _____, 2024.

READ a second time this _____ day of _____, 2024.

READ a third time this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

I hereby certify the foregoing
to be a true and correct copy of
District of Mackenzie Bylaw
No. 1514 cited as "Garbage Rates
and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No.
1514, 2024".

Mayor

Corporate Officer

Corporate Officer

SCHEDULE "A"

To the "Garbage Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1514, 2024"
of the District of Mackenzie.

FLAT RATE USER RATES

(a)	<u>Single Family Dwelling (per unit)</u>	
	For one collection per week	\$199.75 per year
	For one collection every two weeks	\$169.21 per year
(b)	<u>Two Family Dwelling (per unit)</u>	
	For one collection per week	\$199.75 per year
	For one collection every two weeks	\$169.21 per year
(c)	<u>Secondary Suites (per unit)</u>	
	For one collection per week	\$199.75 per year
	For one collection every two weeks	\$169.21 per year

SCHEDULE "B"

To the "Garbage Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1514, 2024"
of the District of Mackenzie.

- (a) Monthly rates for pickup of solid waste from bulk containers, per size of bins, in any classifications shall be charged as follows:

Bulk containers with a capacity of 2 cubic yards:

Number of containers (2 cubic yards)	Number of Pickups per Week	
	1	2
1	\$ 41.10	\$ 82.20
2	\$ 82.20	\$ 164.39
3	\$ 123.30	\$ 246.59
4	\$ 164.39	\$ 328.79
5	\$ 205.49	\$ 410.99

Bulk containers with a capacity of 3 cubic yards:

Number of containers (3 cubic yards)	Number of Pickups per Week	
	1	2
1	\$ 61.65	\$ 123.20
2	\$ 123.30	\$ 246.59
3	\$ 184.94	\$ 369.89
4	\$ 246.59	\$ 493.18
5	\$ 308.24	\$ 616.48

Bulk containers with a capacity of 4 cubic yards:

Number of containers (4 cubic yards)	Number of Pickups per Week	
	1	2
1	\$ 82.20	\$ 164.39
2	\$ 164.39	\$ 328.79
3	\$ 246.59	\$ 493.18
4	\$ 328.79	\$ 657.58
5	\$ 410.99	\$ 821.97

Additional Containers

Applicable rate for 5 containers, per size, plus applicable rate for additional number of containers of the same size.

- (b) When bulk containers are utilized, the rates for individual use classifications do not apply.
- (c) All bulk containers shall be supplied by the District at the following monthly rental rates, per number and size of bulk containers:
 - \$56.22/month for a bulk container with a capacity of 2 cubic yards
 - \$61.38/month for a bulk container with a capacity of 3 cubic yards
 - \$66.55/month for a bulk container with a capacity of 4 cubic yards
- (d) Special requests for additional bulk containers outside the monthly rental options will be subject to the following fees:
 - \$ 50.00/delivery per bulk container
 - \$ 50.00/pickup per bulk container
- (e) Deliveries or pickups outside the regularly scheduled days, Monday and Thursday, will be calculated at three times the applicable rate.
- (f) Deliveries or pickups requested outside the scheduled business hours will be calculated at three times the applicable rate plus the applicable overtime rate.



Self-Exploration Through Art

Art has the power to heal. Inside every person is a story waiting to be told. Some of these stories are hard to express because of suppressed or overwhelming emotions. With the desire to help others tell their story, one must first explore their own shadow, their own darkness, to be able to see the light within. Self-Exploration Through Art documents this journey of personal understanding and healing taken by artist Sunshine Brown.

Meet The Artist: Sunshine Brown

Thursday, January 25th, 2024: 7 - 8 pm.

Limited Spots Available: Pre-register
by calling 250-997-5818 or stop by MCAC
86 Centennial Drive, Mackenzie BC

Sunshine has asked for donations to go to an organization close to her heart. If you would like to join the workshop or enjoyed her art, please donate to Share Tanzania.

<https://www.sharetanzania.co.uk/donate>