

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Date: Monday, March 25, 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.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Regular Meeting - March 11, 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:

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7.2.4	Media Release - High Speed Connectivity Coming to Mackenzie The District of Mackenzie announces that they have signed a partnering agreement with Internet Service Provider CityWest to bring high speed fibre-optic connectivity to Mackenzie. Start date of the project will be Spring 2024 with an anticipated completion date by Fall 2025.	25
7.2.5	Request for Assistance - Regional Centre of Excellence for Children and Youth in Northern BC A letter received from Terry Robert, Executive Director of the NCLGA requesting assistance in a consultation process to design a regional Centre of Excellence for Children and Youth in Northern BC.	26
7.3	<u>Centre Table File</u>	
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8.1 BCCFA Conference Sponsorship 28

THAT Council choose which option they wish to proceed with for sponsorship support towards the BC Community Forest Association's Conference and Annual General Meeting being hosted in Mackenzie in June 2024 by the McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest.

8.2 Temporary Use Permit Application 4520-20-24-01 30

THAT Council authorizes approval in proceeding with Temporary Use Permit 4520-20-24-01.

8.3 Recreation Service Rates & Fees Policy 8.1 Update 36

THAT Council approves the updates to Council Policy 8.1 Recreation Services Rates & Fees Policy as attached to this report.

8.4 Cancelling Regular Meeting May 13, 2024 47

THAT the Regular Meeting on May 13, 2024 be cancelled.

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9.2 Council Reports

9.2.1 Councillor Wright 51

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. BYLAWS

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

13.1 Truth and Reconciliation Calls for Action 52

THAT Council directs staff to bring a report back outlining the progress that has been made in reaching the goal of: "Adopt and make progress on the specific Truth and Reconciliation Calls for Action identified for local Government."

14. COMING EVENTS

14.1 International Epilepsy Day - March 27, 2024

The District of Mackenzie has proclaimed March 27, 2024 as International Purple Day in support of Epilepsy Awareness and will be lighting up the Rec Centre in purple in support.

15. INQUIRIES

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

**Regular Council Meeting
Minutes**

**March 11, 2024, 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 R. McMeeken, Councillor K. Tapper, Councillor J. Wright

Council Absent: Councillor A. Hipkiss

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer D. Smith, Chief Financial Officer K. Borne, Director of Recreation Services T. Gilmer, Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn, 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 - February 15, 2024

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 15, 2024 were adopted as presented.

2.2 Special Meeting- February 20, 2024

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 20, 2024 were adopted as presented.

2.3 Special Meeting - February 26, 2024

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 26, 2024 were adopted as presented.

2.4 Committee of the Whole Meeting - February 26, 2024

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on February 26, 2024 were adopted as presented.

2.5 Regular Meeting - February 26, 2024

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 26, 2024 were adopted as presented.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Resolution: 33318

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the following late items be added to the agenda;

7.1 For Action

7.1.3 NCLGA Request - Initial Fire Attack Crew Relocation

THAT the District agree to be a co-submitting member of the Initial Fire Attack Crew Relocation resolution to be included in the 2024 NCLGA Annual Report along with the District of Hudson's Hope and the District of Tumbler Ridge.

7.1.4 Sekani Biofuels Letter of Support Request - NRCAN

THAT the District of Mackenzie provide a letter of support to Sekani Biofuels towards their grant application to Natural Resource Canada (NRCAN) for their funding application under the Clean Fuels Fund - Indigenous production projects stream.

7.1.5 Sekani Biofuels Letter of Support Request - Tidewater Midstream Project

THAT the District of Mackenzie provide a letter of support to Sekani Biofuels towards their grant application for funding for the Tidewater Midstream project through the Low Carbon Fuels Branch under the Energy Decarbonization Division of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation.

7.1.6 Recreation Pass Donation

Request received for a donation from the District of Mackenzie for a fundraiser that will be held this weekend at the Legion with donations going to supply the Loaner Medical Equipment Cupboard. Council has approved up to \$100 in the past for similar requests.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: 33319

Moved by: Councillor Tapper

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Shannon Bezo, resident, commented that she hoped items 7.1.3, 7.1.4, and 7.1.5 would be discussed, and hoped that the reasoning for selecting the construction company would be discussed.

6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

N/A

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolution: 33320

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

7.1 For Action:

7.1.1 Recreation Pass Request - Medical Students

Resolution: 33321

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT the two medical students coming to Mackenzie to complete their 2 year residency as requested by Joy Davy, Recruitment Leader, be provided with recreation passes during their residencies in Mackenzie.

CARRIED

7.1.2 Letter of Support Request - Auxiliary Thrift

Councillor Barnes left the room to avoid conflict of interest. (Councillor Barnes returned after the motion was carried).

Resolution: 33322

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council provide a letter of support to the Mackenzie & District Hospital Auxiliary to the McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community forest for funding towards renovations at their new location, the Living Joy Church.

CARRIED

7.1.3 NCLGA Request - Initial Fire Attack Crew Relocation

Resolution: 33323

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the District agree to be a co-submitting member of the Initial Fire Attack Crew Relocation resolution to be included in the 2024 NCLGA Annual Report along with the District of Hudson's Hope and the District of Tumbler Ridge.

CARRIED

7.1.4 Sekani Biofuels Letter of Support Request - NRCAN

Resolution: 33324

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the District of Mackenzie provide a letter of support to Sekani Biofuels towards their grant application to Natural Resource Canada (NRCAN) for their funding application under the Clean Fuels Fund - Indigenous production projects stream.

CARRIED

7.1.5 Sekani Biofuels Letter of Support Request - Tidewater Midstream Project

Resolution: 33325

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT the District of Mackenzie provide a letter of support to Sekani Biofuels towards their grant application for funding for the Sekani Biofuels Mackenzie project through the Low Carbon Fuels Branch under the Energy Decarbonization Division of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation.

CARRIED

7.1.6 Recreation Pass Donation

Resolution: 33326

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the District provide a gift basket of up to \$100 in value as a donation to the Legion to support their Loaner Medical Equipment Cupboard fundraiser.

CARRIED

7.2 For Consideration:

7.2.1 Letter to Minister Whiteside Regarding the Foundry Project

Resolution: 33327

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council send a letter to Minister Whiteside responding to the decision to not create a Foundry in Mackenzie

CARRIED

7.2.2 Canada Day Fundraiser

Resolution: 33328

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the District provide a gift basket of up to \$100 in value to the Autumn Lodge Society for their Canada Day Raffle.

CARRIED

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Arena Slab and Energy Upgrades Project – Construction Tender Award

Resolution: 33329

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council agrees to award the Arena Slab and Energy Upgrades construction project contract to Northern Legendary Construction Ltd for a price of \$3,164,985 plus GST;

AND THAT Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the contract and any other related documentation.

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.

9.2.2 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 Treasures of Mackenzie - MCAC Exclusive Exhibition

86 Centennial Drive

Exhibit runs from March 1 - 30, 2024

Open Tuesday - Saturday: 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

14.2 BC Council of Forest Industries 2024 Convention

April 10-12, 2024 - Vancouver, BC

14.3 Foster Parent Info Session

When: March 21

Where: Mackenzie Community Services

Time: 6:00 pm.

15. INQUIRIES

N/A

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution: 33330

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:43 pm

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer

DRAFT

**Special Council Meeting
Minutes**

March 11, 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 R. McMeeken, Councillor K. Tapper, Councillor J. Wright

Council Absent: Councillor A. Hipkiss

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

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.

1.1 Defer to Closed Meeting

Resolution: 33311

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

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: 33312

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:01 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer

DRAFT

Dear Mayor and Council,

I would like to request your support for the endeavour of starting a recycling depot in Mackenzie. It has been a desire of mine to establish a depot for Recycle BC and other stewardship programs since 2018. Due to the requirements of space needed, and Recycle BC being ready to establish depots in smaller communities it has taken some time for this to be a viable option in Mackenzie.

In the last couple years, our local Elks looked into and came very close to establishing a local depot but were unable to commit. I think it is imperative that we have a depot accessible to our community. In light of recent updates from the Regional District Fraser Fort George (RRFD), our local residential self drop off bins will be leaving the community at the end of May. I personally am in support of this outcome as those bins are not staffed, and often have awful contamination issues making the entire bin refuse instead of recycling. And to the info of the Mayor, Council and any residents taking the time to read this, the option of Recycling BC is exponentially more dependable than the items collected will indeed be recycled opposed to being refuse as is commonly highlighted in things like social media. An unfortunate truth is that the program that has been available by the community gardens did fall into the refuse more than recycling category unfortunately due to contamination.

A depot in the local Mackenzie area would enable all residents to access free drop off recycling of commonly disposed of items due to lack of local options, these include Styrofoam, glass and flexible plastics like overwrap from toilet paper and plastic bags. The depot would also include common recycling options like newsprint, paper, cardboard and common container plastics. I believe it is in our communities best interest for the depot to be as accessible as possible. For this reason, I am asking the support of Mayor and Council to stand by Green Phoenix Recycling as we make ourselves an option to Recycle BC so that the depot can be located in town within walking distance to most of the residents of Mackenzie.

The opposing option would be for the RRFD to have these same options located at the transfer station site. I am happy to hear that the RRFD is looking into a more complete program however, the option of it being at the transfer station will inhibit the use of the program as many people do not want to make the drive, or are unable to for lack of vehicle.

Our community is fortunate to have an option of a more complete recycling program. I humbly ask that the Council support my effort to have the location be more accessible to our community.

Thank you for your consideration and time,

Dominique Symbolist

Owner of Green Phoenix Recycling

Dear Mayor Atkinson and Counsel Members.

I am writing to bring to your attention a matter of public concern regarding the accessibility of bylaws on the district's official website. As a resident of Mackenzie, I believe that transparency and easy access to information are crucial for the effective functioning of your local government and for ensuring that residents are aware of and can comply with relevant laws.

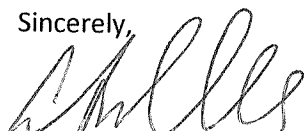
Upon visiting the district's website and attempting to review the bylaw governing our community, I noticed that not all the bylaws are available for public access. This presents a significant challenge for residents like myself, who are interested in understanding the laws that govern our community and ensuring compliance.

I urge the Mayor and Counsel Members to take immediate action to rectify this issue by ensuring that all current and updated bylaws are posted in a prominent and easily accessible manner on the district's website. This will not only enhance transparency but also empower residents to be informed about the laws they are expected to follow.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that steps will be taken to address this promptly. A well-informed and engaged community is essential for the continued prosperity and harmony of our district.

Thank you for your service to our community.

Sincerely,



Carmen Schalles

March 1, 2024



Council Members
District of Mackenzie
Bag 340
Mackenzie, BC V0J 2C0

Dear Council Members:

I am writing to invite the District of Mackenzie to renew its annual membership in the Union of BC Municipalities.

BC's communities are facing a complex set of challenges: climate change, housing attainability, the opioid crisis and more. While local governments are stepping up to respond to each of these crises, the complexity and scale of these issues require coordination with other orders of government to find effective solutions.

UBCM never stops working on behalf of local governments with other orders of government.

In the last 12 months, UBCM's Executive has called two unprecedented housing summits to discuss the pressures on the local government housing development frameworks. I was pleased to have both the federal and provincial ministers of housing, Sean Fraser and Ravi Kahlon, join me for discussions with UBCM delegates at this year's summit. The summits provided a valuable space for our members to share solutions and concerns directly, and served to strengthen relationships between UBCM, the Province of BC and the Government of Canada.

Last fall, in response to the challenges communities were facing with the provincial rollout of the decriminalization trial, UBCM's Executive called on the Province for a legislated approach to limit public consumption. The Province heard local governments and introduced legislation last fall to set clearer limits for the public consumption of illicit drugs.

UBCM continues to advocate for reform to the local government finance system. In a working group with the UBCM, the Province has agreed in a problem statement that local governments are struggling to raise enough revenue for "infrastructure capital costs and select service delivery costs driven by senior government regulations and environmental factors." Local government finance is a critical consideration as local governments tackle the multiple challenges facing communities. The need for a renewed framework for local government finance cannot be overstated.

Throughout the past year, UBCM has also worked with provincial and federal partners to develop a new administrative agreement for the Canada Community-Building Fund. This program has delivered close to \$5 billion in funding for local infrastructure since its inception. UBCM is working to ensure that critical aspects of the current program design are maintained.

Our effectiveness as an organization is rooted in the support and participation of our membership. I thank you for the renewal by the District of Mackenzie last year and look forward to working on your behalf this year with the rest of UBCM's Executive.

As always, if you have questions or feedback about our work, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mandewo". The signature is stylized with a large, looped 'M' and a trailing 'o'.

Councillor Trish Mandewo
UBCM President

TO: Local Government Chief Financial Officers

FROM: Hervinder Bains, Chief Financial Officer

RE: **UBCM 2024 UBCM MEMBERSHIP DUES**

UBCM President Trish Mandewo has written to all local councils and regional boards requesting them to consider renewing their membership for 2024 (enclosed).

UBCM membership dues are based on Executive Policies 2.1–2.3.
Rates for 2024 are:

<u>Population</u>	<u>Rate</u>
First 5,000	0.7378
Next 10,000	0.5358
Next 15,000	0.3372
Balance	0.0690

Membership dues are calculated on your population, and the population estimates used are those prepared by BC STATS, Ministry of Jobs, Trade & Technology, Province of BC (December 2023).

We also enclose for your attention our 2024 dues invoice.

UBCM is transitioning to only accepting direct deposit for payment of invoices; enclosed is the information required to pay your annual dues through direct deposit. Please feel free to contact our office (aferguson@ubcm.ca) if you have any questions.

Encls.

**UNION OF B.C. MUNICIPALITIES**

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Richmond, British Columbia
Canada, V6X 2W9

Phone: (604) 270-8226 E-mail: ubcm@ubcm.ca

INVOICE

TO: District of Mackenzie
Bag 340
Mackenzie, BC V0J 2C0

Invoice Date: Mar 1, 2024

Invoice No: D-5793

Due: upon receipt

Reference: 2024 UBCM Annual Dues

DISTRICT OF
MACKENZIE

MAR 12 2024

RECEIVED

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Population: 3,729 <i>Your UBCM dues have been calculated using population estimates (Dec 2023 release) provided by BC STATS, the central statistical agency of the Province of British Columbia.</i>	
Annual Dues:	
First 5,000 population at 0.7378	\$2,751.26
Next 10,000 at 0.5358	\$0.00
Next 15,000 at 0.3372	\$0.00
Balance at 0.0690	\$0.00
Subtotal:	\$2,751.26
5% GST: (10815 0541)	\$137.56
Total:	\$2,888.82

**UNION OF B.C. MUNICIPALITIES**

Suite 60 – 10551 Shellbridge Way, Richmond, B.C. V6X 2W9

REMITTANCE PORTION

District of Mackenzie
2024 Annual UBCM Dues

Date: Mar 1, 2024

Invoice # D-5793

TOTAL DUE:

\$2,888.82

**AMOUNT
ENCLOSED:**

Please return this portion of invoice with payment. Please do not combine payment of this invoice with any other billing you may receive from UBCM. Thank you.



OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL

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NCLGA Member Communities
North Central British Columbia

13 March 2024

Good day to your local government,

RE: 2024 NCLGA Resolutions

To our fellow NCLGA members we write to share three items that the City of Prince George has submitted to the annual conference. This year, we have again resolved to look at items that are not only of interest to our region but that also impact those across the province.

We hope we can count on you to support these three items when the time comes and have included full text of each resolution with the background below for consideration.

The City of Prince George has already written to the relevant Ministers directly on each of these items. Still, if you would like to be involved in future advocacy, separate from the NCLGA process, please reach out and our staff will work to coordinate interest with any emerging opportunities.

Working together to:

- Enhance emergency response options for North Central BC.
- Expanding educational curriculum to fight hate.
- Develop a mechanism to ensure each of our communities receives appropriate revenues.

These are three items we feel are a benefit to us all. We look forward to discussing these resolutions, and meeting at the NCLGA AGM this May in Smithers!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Prince George City Council.

North Central Local Government Association - 2024 Resolution Submissions

Resolution #1: Host Community Reception Centre in the City of Prince George

WHEREAS the City of Prince George is proud, well positioned, and routinely provides host community support to the region as community's grapple with more frequent emergencies, and;

WHEREAS no dedicated facilities have been constructed in the region to appropriately manage this response, leading to frequent reception center relocations which add unnecessary strain on all involved;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Central Local Government Association requests the province fund a permanent Host Community Reception Centre in the City of Prince George for the North Central Local Government Area.

Background: The City of Prince George is proud to support our neighbors as a host community during emergencies. Activating the Prince George Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has become an almost annual task. The City set up some form of host community Emergency Social Services (ESS) reception centre in 2017, 2018, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

For the 2023 season the City's EOC was activated on May 5th and continued to provide host community services until October 3rd (139 days). Within that period the ESS Reception Centre was moved 8 times to accommodate other municipal activities, adding unnecessary strain and confusion to the emergency operation as well as additional staff resources.

These movements were necessitated as no dedicated space for an ESS reception centre exists within the city. As such, civic facilities are used as they are available and reconfigured as prescheduled activities take place.

The proposed solution to this challenge would be for the establishment of a purpose-built, seasonally activated, facility to function as a dedicated host community ESS reception centre. Locating that facility in Prince George, as the most central and well positioned host community in the region, is suggested. Document Number: 703364 2

Resolution #2: Mandatory Holocaust Education in BC's Elementary Schools

Whereas Statistics Canada reported that there were 750 police reported hate crimes targeting religious minorities during 2022, of which 502 or 66.9% were aimed at Jews, and

Whereas Ontario recently became the first province to introduce mandatory Holocaust education into the elementary school curriculum,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED NCLGA recognizes the dangers of Holocaust denial and distortion, which so often targets our young people, and urges the Ministry of Education and Child Care to introduce mandatory Holocaust education to elementary schools as of the 2024-25 academic year.

Background: School boards are a vital governing body in our system and this resolution is intended to support our partners in their area of jurisdiction. Work has begun to suggest that a similar motion be advanced through the appropriate bodies by school district leadership. Still, as local governments have a social responsibility, and keen interest in, helping to foster inclusive diverse and peaceful communities it is appropriate that the membership of NCLGA considers this motion to advocate for mandatory Holocaust education in BC's elementary schools.

This is necessary as:

- In its 2022 audit of antisemitic incidents, B'nai Brith, Canada's oldest Jewish advocacy organization, nationally active since 1875, noted there were 2769 such incidents across Canada during the year of which 242 were in British Columbia.
- Statistics Canada in its 2022 document released July 27, 2023 on police-reported crime in Canada indicated that there were 750 police reported hate crimes targeting religious minorities during 2022, of which 502 or 66.9% were aimed at Jews.
- Ontario recently became the first province to introduce mandatory Holocaust education into the elementary school curriculum. Jewish organizations are urging all provinces and territories to introduce mandatory Holocaust education in elementary school.
- In tasking the Ontario College of Teachers to create an age-appropriate curriculum to teach the Holocaust starting in Grade 6, Education Minister Stephen Lecce indicated that according to the first study of antisemitism and Holocaust knowledge conducted by Western University and Liberation75 in 2021, 42 per cent of students surveyed said they have unequivocally witnessed an antisemitic event. This same study also found that one in three students in Ontario thought the Holocaust was fabricated, exaggerated or are unsure if it actually happened.
- Research compiled in the United States suggests that jurisdictions which make Holocaust education compulsory not only witness a dramatic decline in antisemitic incidents but also see a sizeable reduction in hate aimed at Blacks and Asians. A further study issued in September 2023 indicates that where Holocaust studies begin earlier in school and are mandatory there is heightened warmth toward religious and racial minorities.
- As survivors pass away, it is more important than ever that our schools play a key role in preserving Holocaust remembrance thereby protecting children from widespread Holocaust denial and distortion often disseminated online.

Resolution submission #3: Taxation on School District Property

WHEREAS there does not readily appear to be a mechanism by which local governments can recuperate the equivalent of property tax for childcare centers operating on school property, a placement that is encouraged by provincial policy, and;

WHEREAS local governments need every opportunity to collect the appropriate revenue for providing our wide range of services considering inflationary pressures and the challenges posed by asset management;

THEREFORE, NCLGA advocates to the Minister of Education and Child Care that a mechanism by which local governments can recuperate the equivalent of property tax for childcare centers operating on school property be established.

Background: The City of Prince Geore is supportive of the province's efforts to increase the number of childcare spaces across the province. However, concurrently, we ask that there be thought given to a mechanism by which local governments can recoup the equivalent of property tax for childcare centers operating on school property. While these facilities are much needed, we note that the unique placement of these operations, specifically encouraged by provincial policy, moves a greater number of these businesses, outside of the municipal jurisdiction to levy taxes. This is challenging financially and as all local government strive to ensure equitable taxation to service providers across the community.



**SERVICE CANADA WILL BE IN YOUR
COMMUNITY ON**

April 16 2024

From: 9:00am - 12:00pm
12:30pm - 3:30pm

At: Mackenzie Service BC Centre
64 Centennial Drive
Mackenzie, BC

We will be able to help you with:

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Guaranteed Income Supplement
Social Insurance Number
Passport Information



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**SERVICE CANADA SERA DANS VOTRE
COLLECTIVITÉ LE**

16 avril 2024

De : 9:00h - 12:00h
12:30h - 15:30h

À : Centre de service C.-B. Mackenzie
64, promenade Centennial
Mackenzie, BC

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-électroniques**

Dear Mayor and Council

I for one would love to see the dog boarding return to animal control here. I don't know how we would have managed some of my husbands illnesses and surgeries without that being in place. That was one of the things that made life so much easier and made Mackenzie a great place to live.

Sincerely,

Barbara Godin



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - March 12, 2024

HIGH SPEED CONNECTIVITY COMING TO MACKENZIE

MACKENZIE, BC - The District of Mackenzie has signed a partnering agreement with Internet Service Provider CityWest to bring high speed fibre-optic connectivity to Mackenzie. CityWest is a municipally owned telecommunications company that provides Internet, telephone, and television services. CityWest was founded in Prince Rupert more than 100 years ago and has been providing reliable telecommunication services across British Columbia since that time.

Funding from the Federal government of \$3,116,795 will cover the cost of high-speed internet to 1208 households. The remaining 720 homes located in the townsite will be funded by the partnership between the District of Mackenzie and CityWest, who will equally share the required additional investment of \$2.2 million (at \$1.1 million each). This additional funding of \$2.2 million is required to provide high speed service to the 720 homes who were identified ineligible by our current local service provider. Start date will be Spring 2024 with an anticipated completion date by Fall 2025.

Quote from Mayor Joan Atkinson

"This is very exciting news for Mackenzie and addresses the long-standing issue of inadequate internet provision. We are very grateful for CityWest's commitment to partner with us. Council recognizes residents have waited a long time for this announcement and we thank them for their patience."

Quote from Stefan Woloszyn, CEO of CityWest

"We're thrilled to be partnering with the District of Mackenzie on this exciting project. As a company that was built in northern B.C., we're excited to bring urban-class connectivity to another northern community. We look forward to working with your local government to bring you improved service experience for decades to come."

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From: Sandra Moore <admin@nclga.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 3:04 PM

Subject: NCLGA Member Notice: Regional Centre of Excellence for Children and Youth in Northern BC, Request for Assistance

NCLGA Member Notice: Regional Centre of Excellence for Children and Youth in Northern BC, Request for Assistance

Dear Members,

We are thrilled to share an exciting initiative in Northern British Columbia that could positively impact the lives of children and youth across our region.

BC Premier David Eby announced funding for a consultation process to design a regional Centre of Excellence for Children and Youth in Northern BC, led by the Lheidli T'enneh Nation. This project aims to create a comprehensive resource center accessible to all children and youth in our region.

To make this vision a reality, they need your help:

- § **Register for Virtual Introduction Sessions:** Participate in one of four introductory sessions from March 26th to 28th, 2024, to learn more and get involved. Register at <https://www.lheidli.ca/centre-of-excellence/>.
- § **Host Engagement Sessions:** Consider hosting an in-person or virtual engagement session to discuss potential programs and services for the Centre.
- § **Visit and Share the Project Webpage:** Explore and share the project webpage [<https://www.lheidli.ca/centre-of-excellence/>] to raise awareness and encourage participation.

About the Proposed Centre of Excellence:

The Centre aims to provide specialized services covering 69% of BC's landmass and nearly 60% of the Indigenous population, including assessments, mental health support, and substance use treatment.

Principles:

The Centre's services will be guided by principles of accessibility, integration, cultural safety, and a welcoming environment.

Why This Matters:

Northern BC families face long wait times for services, increasing demand for youth substance treatment, and significant mental health concerns among children and youth.

Join:

Join the dialogue on creating a Centre of Excellence for Children and Youth designed for and by the North.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Terry Robert
Executive Director
North Central Local Government Association

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Administration

Date: March 19, 2024

Subject: BCCFA Conference Sponsorship

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council choose which option they wish to proceed with for sponsorship support towards the BC Community Forest Association's Conference and Annual General Meeting being hosted in Mackenzie in June 2024 by the McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest.

BACKGROUND:

At the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2024, Council requested a report back from staff with options for the District to become a sponsor of the BC Community Forest Association's Conference and Annual General Meeting being held in Mackenzie on June 11 to 13, 2024. In discussion with the McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest, staff are proposing two options which combine in-kind and cash sponsorship:

Option 1: Gold Sponsorship

In-kind donation of the room rental fees for the conference	\$1,576.18
In-kind donation of 150 Recreation Centre 3-day passes for delegates	\$2,902.50
TOTAL	\$4,478.68

Option 2: Platinum Sponsorship

In-kind donation of the room rental fees for the conference	\$1,576.18
In-kind donation of 150 Recreation Centre 3-day passes for delegates	\$2,902.50
Cash donation	\$ 521.32
TOTAL	\$5,000.00

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Either donation value will be allocated from the General Government Community Grants 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

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Administration

Date: March 11, 2024

Subject: Temporary Use Permit Application 4520-20-24-01

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council authorizes approval in proceeding with Temporary Use Permit 4520-20-24-01.

BACKGROUND:

Green Phoenix has approached staff with a proposal to establish a recycling depot at the rear of 320 Mackenzie Blvd. However, due to zoning restrictions in the current C1 – General Commercial zone, this endeavor is not permissible. The proposed business would be operating out of the rear of the strip mall facing onto Osilinka Rd, (see attachment A).

The proposed venture aims to accept and sort various recyclable materials. Green Phoenix is currently in discussions with Recycle BC to collaborate on this initiative. Should Recycle BC's support not materialize, Green Phoenix will reconsider their application for the temporary use permit. In such a scenario, they request that the \$500.00 temporary use permit application fee be refunded by the Council.

Technical Review: Administration has conducted a technical review as per the District of Mackenzie's Development Procedure Manual and included a review of:

- Impacts on adjacent properties
- Views and privacy
- Appropriateness of use
- Health and safety
- Provisions listed in the OCP

A copy of the technical review is attached to the report.

CONSIDERATION :

Council is being asked to proceed in principle with the permit application. If approved, Administration will refer the permit to the technical agencies for additional feedback as well as notifying neighbouring properties to give them a chance to voice concerns.

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:

Luke Thorne, Land and Environmental Coordinator

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer



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TEMPORARY USE PERMIT

ISSUED TO:

Dominique Symbolist

With respect to the following lands:

Unit #6 Lot B Plan 18122 District Lot 12463

1. This temporary use permit is pursuant to Section 493 of the Local Government Act.
2. The purpose of this permit is to allow for the temporary use of a Recycling Centre.
3. This permit does not relieve the owner or occupier from obtaining any other approvals required by the District of Mackenzie or any other jurisdiction or from meeting any other applicable regulations.
4. This permit is not a building permit and/or a development permit.
5. This permit shall expire April 12, 2027.

Certified a true and correct copy of
a Temporary Use Permit
issued by resolution of
The District of Mackenzie Council
passed this __th day of April 2024.

Diane Smith,
Chief Administrative Officer

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE TERMS OF CONDITIONS UPON WHICH THIS PERMIT IS ISSUED.

Authorized Signatory.
Dominique Symbolist

To: Council
From: Administration
Date: March 12th, 2024
Subject: Technical Review – Temporary Use Permit Application 4520-20-24-01

Applicant	Green Phoenix Recycling
Owner	Dominique Symbalisty
Location	Rear Unit #6 320 Mackenzie Blvd – Lot B Plan 18122 District Lot 12463
OCP/Zoning	C1 – General Commercial
Proposal Overview	Green Phoenix would like to apply for a three-year temporary use permit to allow for the use of a Recycling Facility in the C1 General Commercial Zone.
Appropriateness of Use	The use of a recycling depot would be appropriate of the site. The pickup/drop off point is at the rear of the building and shares sightlines of the current Bottle Depot and alike businesses in the C2 – Service Commercial Zone.
Safety Issues & Risks	Agency referral will be sent to the District of Mackenzie Fire Department and Building Inspector to ensure any safety risks are addressed.
Urban Design and Aesthetic Issues	The proposed area where the residents would drop off the recycling and where the recycling would be picked up by the carrier is at the rear of the building that fits with the C2 – Service Commercial Zone. In this zone, recycling depots are allowed uses.
Zoning Bylaw #1368	The subject property is zones as C1 – General Commercial. The proposed temporary land use aligns with the zoning bylaw definition of Recycling Centre.

RECYCLING CENTRE means the buying, selling, collection, sorting, baling, packing, and temporary storage of recyclable materials including cardboard, plastics, glass, paper, bottles, cans and similar household goods and electronics, household appliances, office equipment, and batteries, where all storage is contained within an enclosed building. This use does not include waste management or a wrecking yard.

Recycling Center's are only permitted in C2 – Service Commercial and M1 – Light Industrial.

**Official
Community
Plan #1304**

The application meets the Temporary Use Permit conditions set out in the District of Mackenzie's Official Community Plan.

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor & Council

From: Recreation Services

Date: March 20, 2024

Subject: Recreation Service Rates & Fees Policy 8.1 Update

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approves the updates to Council Policy 8.1 Recreation Services Rates & Fees Policy as attached to this report.

BACKGROUND:

At the Regular Council Meeting on February 26, 2024, Council passed a motion that the Recreation Access Program section of Recreation Services Rates & Fees Policy 8.1 be updated. The updates for the Recreation Access Program include increasing the qualifying income level, adding Little Mac Season passes to the program, as well as adding additional referral options from School District 57, AiMHi and Mackenzie Community Services. These updates will also be included on the Recreation Access Program Application Form.

The proposed policy changes have been attached for Council's review and consideration.

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- 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:

Terry Gilmer, Director of Recreation Services

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer

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DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE

Recreation Services Rates & Fee Policy

Established by Council on May 25, 1999 - Resolution No. 21533
Amended by Council on September 10, 2001 - Resolution No. 22757
Amended by Council on March 8, 2004 - Resolution No. 23952
Amended by Council on June 26, 2006 - Resolution No. 25099
Amended by Council on January 28, 2008 - Resolution No. 25979
Amended by Council on October 14, 2014 - Resolution No. 29219
Amended by Council on April 10, 2018 – Resolution No. 30205
Amended by Council on November 13, 2018 – Resolution No. 30793
Amended by Council on July 22, 2019 – Resolution No. 31079
Amended by Council on August 12, 2019 – Resolution No. 31095
Amended by Council on December 14, 2020 – Resolution No. 31770, 31771
Amended by Council on January 24, 2022 - Resolution No. 32286, 32287, 32288
Amended by Council on November 14, 2022 – Resolution No. 32695
Amended by Council on XXXXX – Resolution No.

Purpose:

To establish a consistent and fair basis for setting general admission, program registration and rental fees for Recreation Service facilities and services and to justify subsidy levels.

Definitions:

For this policy the following definitions shall apply:

Adult – for purposes of general admission aged 19- 59 years.

Base Rate – a single price which when applied to a formula determines all other prices of a similar category.

Child – for purposes of general admission aged 0 – 5 years.

Clean-Up Fee – where conversion of the community hall, arena dry floor or other large space is required for take down of seating, staging, tables, decorations and banners an additional two hours of the appropriate rental charge will be applied to recover some of the staff costs to take down in the space. This can also apply to cleaning up bodily products. Clean-up fees will only apply when additional staffing is required.

Drop-in Program – a Recreation Services Department sponsored activity which allows the participant to pay the general admission rate at the time of the program without preregistering. The program may be self-directed or require an instructor.

Family – for purposes of general admission a group of 6 or less with at least one, but no more than 2 adult(s), all living at same address, gaining entrance as a unit.

General Admission – the price charged for participation in drop-in activities occurring in one visit during open public hours.

Minor Sport Organization – an organized not for profit group which rents facility space to provide sport/recreation opportunity to participants under 19 years of age under adult supervision.

Multipass – A FOB (chip programmed key-style tag) programmed with pre-paid general admissions. Each admission can be used for drop-in activities for one visit during open public hours. When purchased in quantities of 25 visits discounts apply. There is an annual expiry date.

Non-Resident Fee – someone who has no proof of residency in Mackenzie, McLeod Lake, or the Powder King residential area.

Program Costs – the variable costs of providing the programs of the Recreation Services Department i.e.: instructors, lifeguards, materials and supplies, administration, advertising and registration services.

Recreation Membership – a FOB (chip programmed key-style tag) programmed at a pre-set price to allow unlimited access to drop-in activities during open public hours for a pre-set duration of time (1, 6, or 12 months). The user determines how much of a savings by frequency of use.

Registered Program – a Recreation Services Department sponsored activity requiring predetermined minimum number of participants to run which require the participant to commit their participation by pre-registering and paying before the program will commence. Usually the program requires an instructor or leader.

Senior – for purposes of general admission aged 60 years and over.

Set-Up Charge – where conversion of the community hall, arena dry floor or other large space is required for seating, staging, tables, decorations and banners or other requirements an additional two hours of the appropriate rental charge will be applied to recover some of the staff costs to set up the space.

Special Event – An occasional event hosted and sponsored by an organization other than the Recreation Services Department which utilizes Recreation Services Department facilities i.e.: tournament, meet, trade show, concert, circus, conference etc.

Special Event Rate – a discounted fee charged to the sponsor who utilizes large blocks of facility time for the purposes of hosting a special event. The incentive recognizes the positive economic effects that such events bring to the community.

Youth – for purposes of general admission aged 6 – 18 years.

General Admission

1. The same General Admission rates will apply to public skating, public swimming, aquafit, fitness classes, fitness area.
2. The Adult General Admission rate will serve as the Base Rate and the following formula will determine admission prices:

Adult	(19-59 years)	Base Rate + GST
Child	(0-5 years)	Free
Youth	(6-18 years)	50% Base Rate + GST
Senior	(60 yrs. & over)	50% Base Rate + GST
Family	(maximum 6)	200% Base Rate + GST

3. The Director of Recreation Services will recommend the General Admission Base Rate for Council's approval which if approved will automatically set all General Admission rates, and multipasses. In recommending the general admission rate, comparisons will be made to the rates of similar services in other Northern BC communities as well as considering the level of service received for the admission (access hours, experience offered, facility amenities etc.).

Multipasses

1. Discounted quantities for purchase in a Multipass will be determined in the following manner:

25 admissions – 22 x the General Admission price + GST
2. Multipasses will be made available for the following categories:

Adult, Youth, Senior
3. Multipasses can be used for one visit at a time for swimming, skating, fitness area, aquafit classes and other appropriate drop-in activities.

Recreation Membership

- 1. The Adult Membership rate will serve as the Base Rate and the following formula will determine admission prices:

Adult	(19-59 years)	Base Rate + GST
Child	(0-5 years)	Free
Youth	(6-18 years)	50% Base Rate + GST
Senior	(60 yrs. & over)	50% Base Rate + GST
Family	(maximum 6)	200% Base Rate + GST

- 2. The Director of Recreation Services will recommend the Membership Base Rate for Council's approval which if approved will automatically set all membership rates. In recommending the membership rate, comparisons will be made to the rates of similar services in other Northern BC communities as well as considering the level of service received for the admission (access hours, experience offered, facility amenities etc.).

Little Mac Season Pass Rates

- 1. The Little Mack Adult Season Pass rate will serve as the Base Rate and the following formula will determine admission prices:

Adult	(19-59 years)	Base Rate + GST
Child	(0-5 years)	Free
Youth	(6-18 years)	64.29% Base Rate + GST
Senior	(60 yrs. & over)	64.29% Base Rate + GST
Family	(maximum 6)	200% Base Rate + GST

- 2. The Little Mack Day Pass rates will be half of what seasonal rates are.
- 3. The Director of Recreation Services will recommend a Little Mac Season Pass Base Rate for Council's approval which if approved will automatically set all Little Mac Season Pass rates. In recommending the membership rate, comparisons will be made to the rates of similar services in other Northern BC communities as well as considering the level of service received for the admission (access hours, experience offered, facility amenities etc.), and maximizing use of the facility.

Facility Rental

Rental rates will be determined for the arena ice, arena floor, community hall, and swimming pool with the District's Recreation Fees and Charges Bylaw, as amended, or in the following manner:

- 1. The Base Rate for Arena Dry Floor is 50% Arena Ice Base rate + GST.

2. The Base Rate for the Community Hall are based on the District's Recreation Fees and Charges Bylaw, as amended.
3. Arena Ice Rental charge shall be 100% of the Base Rate + GST.
4. Minor Sports Organizations will pay 45% of the appropriate rate + GST.
5. Special Events rates will be the appropriate hourly rate x minimum hours + GST if block booked as follows:

Pool	6 hours or more
Arena Ice	9 hours or more
Arena Floor	7 hours or more (set up charge not included)
Community Hall	6 hours or more
6. School District No. 57 use of District of Mackenzie Facilities during school hours are charged according to provisions in the Joint Use Agreement.
7. The Director of Recreation Services will recommend the Base Rate for each rental space for Council's approval and when approved will automatically set all rental fees. In recommending the rental base rates, comparisons will be made to the rates of similar facilities in other Northern BC communities. Within those parameters the rate will be set in consideration of remaining one of the lowest rental rates in the comparison markets.

Aquatic Programs

1. Lifesaving, Lifeguard, Leadership and specialty Courses will be the base rate x total instruction hours plus associated program costs (manuals, exam fees etc.) + GST.
2. Private Lessons – rate set to recover entire cost of the instructor's wages.
3. The Director of Recreation Services will recommend the cost per service hour base rate for Swimming Lessons for Council's approval based on the above parameters and which once approved will set all Aquatic Program fees.

Registered Programs

1. Program Fees will be set to approach a recovery rate of a minimum of 50% of the cost to operate the program (program costs) plus GST if appropriate. Programs which have the greatest benefit to the public, for example: healthy lifestyle education initiatives, activities for seniors and general children's programs (preschool programs, summer day camps, Pro D Day camps, after school programs, children's health promotion and physical literacy) may have the highest subsidy. Specialized programs, special interest and programs which have no or limited benefit to the community (skill specific learn to program, birthday parties etc.) will recover more or all the

program costs associated to run the program. In setting these fees consideration is given to current market value of the program services and whether the program is appropriate for the public sector to offer.

2. The Director of Recreation Services will set fees, minimum and maximum enrollments based on the above criteria. The fee paid by the participant may be reduced or free when costs are covered by sponsorship from another agency or successful grant funding.

Miscellaneous Fees and Charges

1. The Director of Recreation Services will recommend all Miscellaneous Rates for Council approval.
2. To recover some of the replacement costs for equipment and supplies owned by the Recreation Services Department which are frequently loaned out for community use, i.e. PA system and stage lighting, the department shall set reasonable rate fees.
3. Set up and take down fees for rentals in the Mackenzie Rental Centre; audio-visual equipment rental fees will be established under the Recreation Services Fees & Charges Bylaw, as amended.
4. Junior Hockey Team fees are determined in their lease agreement as approved by District of Mackenzie Council.
5. Ice rates will be set for the ice season, which generally runs from September to April.

Exceptions

1. In fairness to all Mackenzie residents, the Recreation Services Department will not deviate from the established rates by providing reduced rates or no charge for use of facilities for any individuals or groups.
2. Groups and individuals who request Council to waive or deviate from the approved fees covered by this policy will be referred to the established Annual Cash Grant/Grant-in-Kind policy or other established programs or policies where they qualify.
3. District sponsored Community Events, which are deemed open and a benefit to everyone in the community and where the nature and venue of the event makes it difficult to collect fees and control access may be offered at no charge.
4. The Recreation Services Department will have a limited authority to allow free access or special promotional rates for marketing services and for customer service.

Recreation Access Program

This program provides a free a Recreation Centre Membership and Little Mac Ski Hill Pass for economically disadvantaged residents of Mackenzie or surrounding areas who qualify under one of the following categories:

1. Referral by the Ministry of Children & Family Development/Ministry of Employment & Income Assistance, Family Services Child & Family Services Guardianship Workers, School District 57, AimHi, or Mackenzie Community Services.
 2. BC Seniors Supplement Recipient (Photocopy of your BC Seniors Supplement Statement is required).
 3. Qualifying income levels (previous years' Notice of Assessment from Revenue Canada when filing taxes is required, line 15000 from the Notice of Assessment must be below the Statistics Canada Low Income Cutoffs) and checking annually on the Federal Government website is the responsibility of the Director of Recreation Services.
- Recreation Access Program Memberships and Little Mac Ski Hill Passes may be used only by the person named and must be presented at each use.
 - Full-time students with no dependents are not eligible for the Recreation Access Program.
 - The Recreation Access Program Memberships and Little Mac Ski Hill Passes may be cancelled for non-observance of the rules.
 - The Recreation Access Program Memberships and Little Mac Ski Hill Passes will be valid for one year from time of issue. Applicants must reapply annually.
 - If application qualifies, membership cards will be picked up at the front desk, unless otherwise specified.

To apply for this program, applicants must complete an annual application form that can be picked up from the District of Mackenzie Municipal Office or the Mackenzie Recreation Centre. These forms are to be given to the Recreation Office in the Mackenzie Recreation Centre.

Implementation

Admission rates may take effect on January 1st of each year to coincide with a full fiscal year.

Base Rates will be subject to an increase annually as shown in the fees schedule as attached in the Recreation Fees and Charges Bylaw, as amended.

Recreation Access Program Application Form

Last Name	First Name	Gender	Date of Birth	For Office Use Only	
				Membership	Issued

Mailing Address: _____ Email Address: _____
 Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____

This program is for Individuals with limited income and allows them to participate in recreational activities, including **Little Mac Ski Hill**. In order to qualify the applicant(s) must be a permanent resident who lives within the District of Mackenzie or surrounding areas who qualify under one of the following categories: (please check A, B, C or D).

- A. ____Referral.** I have been referred by the Ministry for Children & Family Development/Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation. (Please include the Ministry’s signed form with your application).
- B. ____Referral.** I have been referred by School District 57, AiMHi or Mackenzie Community Services. (Please have your referral organization sign in the space provided below).
- C. ____BC Seniors Supplement Recipient.** I am eligible for a Recreation Access card under this category. (Photocopy of your BC Seniors Supplement Statement is required)
- D. ____Others in Need.** You MUST provide use with your previous years’ Notice of Assessment that you get back from Revenue Canada when you file your taxes. No other documentation will be accepted. After May 31st, only the current years’ Notice of Assessment will be accepted. Line 15000 of your Notice of Assessment must be below the Statistics Canada Low Income Cutoffs (see chart below).

Qualifying Income Levels	
# in family	Level of household income yearly
1	\$27,514
2	\$34,254
3	\$42,110
4	\$51,128
5	\$57,988
6	\$65,400
7	\$72,814

School District 57, AiMHi and Mackenzie Community Services <u>ONLY</u>	
<p>*(Please ensure client lives in Mackenzie, McLeod Lake or surrounding area before signing).</p> <p>I authorize that the applicant(s) listed above are being referred to the District of Mackenzie Recreation Access Program.</p>	
_____	_____
Print Name Clearly	Referral Staff Signature

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN BELOW

- Recreation Memberships and Little Mac Season Passes may be used only by the person named and must be presented at each use.
- Full time students with no dependents are not eligible for the Recreation Access Program.
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- The Recreation Access Program Memberships and Little Mac Season Passes will be valid for one year from time of issue. Applicants must reapply annually.
 - If application qualifies, cards will be picked up at the front desk, unless otherwise specified.
 - Please allow **TWO (2) WEEKS** processing time.

Applicant Signature

Date

Submit Application to:

Mackenzie Recreation Centre
Attention: Rec Office
P.O. Bag 340, 400 Skeena Drive
Mackenzie BC, V0J 2C0

Phone: 250-997-5283

*Personal Information collected on this form is for sole purpose of processing your application and administering the Recreation Access Program and will be managed in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Questions regarding the collection and use of your Personal Information may be directed to the
FOI Head at 250-997-3221 or at info@districtofmackenzie.ca.*

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Corporate Services

Date: March 19, 2024

Subject: Cancelling Regular Meeting May 13, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Regular Meeting on May 13, 2024 be cancelled.

BACKGROUND:

On May 13, 2024, enough members of Council will be absent from the Regular Meeting due to their attendance at the NCLGA Convention that the meeting would not reach quorum.

Council Procedure Bylaw No. 1470, 2022 covers the quorum requirements and sets procedure for cancelling meetings. Four items in this Bylaw cover the requirements for cancelling a meeting.

1. Part 2 6.(3)(a) of Council Procedure Bylaw No. 1470, 2022 states that Regular Council Meetings may "be cancelled by Council, provided that two consecutive meetings are not cancelled".
2. Part 2 6.(3)(b) states that they can also "be postponed to a different day, time, and place by the Mayor, provided the Corporate Officer is given at least two days written notice."
3. Part 2 10(6) states that "If the majority of council or committee members cannot attend in person at the designated meeting location, the meeting must be cancelled, and agenda items deferred to the next regularly scheduled meeting."
4. Part 4 16(1) states that "If there is no quorum of Council present within 15 minutes of the scheduled time for a Council meeting, the Corporate Officer must (a) record the names of the members present, and those absent; and (b) adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting. "

As there will not be quorum and two consecutive meetings will not be cancelled, staff are recommending cancelling the May 13th meeting rather than rescheduling it.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Rowan Paulsen, Local Government Intern

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer

COUNCIL MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Mayor Joan Atkinson

Date: March 25, 2024

Subject: Activity for month of February 2024

Date:	Activity:
February 5	Met with Cindy Heitman, New President and CEO of College of New Caledonia. Ms. Heitman was interested in identifying training needs for the community. I highlighted the need to train more forest professionals to address the many vacancies in that profession.
February 8	Met with Conifex General Manager Kelly Favron regarding ongoing challenges in the Forest Industry.
February 8	Met with Chief Johnny Pierre and Chief Negotiator Raymond Lamont from the Tsay Keh Dene (TKD) Nation regarding opportunities that may present themselves as a result of the tenure transfer from Canfor to TKD.
February 8	Attended BC Hydro public information session regarding the level of Williston Reservoir and potential challenges with reservoir levels due to ongoing drought conditions. The event was very well attended.
February 12	Chaired Community Awareness Meeting. Participants included Mackenzie & District Hospital, Mackenzie Secondary School, Morfee Elementary, BC Ambulance Service, RCMP, Mackenzie Community Services, Gammies Day Care, District of Mackenzie, Accessibility Committee, Autumn Lodge, New Horizons, Ministry of Children & Family Development and the College of New Caledonia. This provided a venue for stakeholders in the community to get to know each other and identify areas of collaboration
February 15	Attended Chamber Luncheon, Ricky Beaudet and Aaron Mannella from Enbridge were the guest speakers who provided an update on the Sunrise Expansion project.
February 15	Met with Christina Doll and Alanna Lecerf, representatives from Pacific Economic Development Canada.
February 20	Participated in an interview with MNP, who were retained by the

	Ministry of Forests to conduct interviews with stakeholders regarding the province's response to the Spruce Beetle Outbreak (identified in 2014) and offer suggestions on how the province can better respond to the next Bark Beetle Outbreak.
February 20	Along with CAO Smith I met with Management Team from Iris Energy. They have rebranded and have changed their name to IREN. Their Mackenzie facility is doing well, and IREN is currently expanding their data centres. I took the opportunity to thank IREN for their support for WinterQuest 2024.
February 21-22	Participated in monthly Board meetings for Regional District of Fraser Fort-George in Prince George.
February 23	Along with members of the McLeod Lake Indian Band, I participated in the opening ceremony of WinterQuest 2024.
February 28	Attended College of New Caledonia Open House.
February 29	Participated in South Peace Mackenzie Trust Regional Advisory Committee meeting. Funding requests two projects were approved (1) Slab Replacement at the Mackenzie Rec Centre (2) Establishment of a U-brew in the community.
February 29	Participated in an interview with Senior Features Writer with Forbes Magazine, Australia on the positive impact of Iris Energy (IREN) facility in our community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mayor Joan Atkinson

COUNCIL MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

To: Mayor and Council
From: Councilor Wright
Date: Second Half of March 2024
Subject: Report for Second Half of March 2024

Councilor Wright Council Appointments:

Education Liaison
New Horizons Liaison
Prince George Treaty Advisory Committee
Deputy Mayor (August 1, 2024 – October 31, 2024)

Alternate For:

Mining Liaison
Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Liaison
Asset Management Committee
Chamber of Commerce Liaison
Alternate Director for Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
Alternate Member of Northern Development Initiative Trust's Regional Advisory Committee

Activities:

Date:	Activity	Council Appointment:
March 6, 2024	Attended "An Evening with John Brink" fundraiser for Mackenzie Community Service's Seniors Programs. Volunteered to sit at front to collect money and monitor tickets.	N/A
March 7, 2024	Had a meeting with CAO Smith and Director Kaehn to learn about District's actions around the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action.	Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Alternate
March 14, 2024	Stopped by the retirement BBQ for 35-year employee Warren Grant, who is retiring in April.	N/A
March 18, 2024	Filled in as Mayor Atkinson's alternate at the NDIT Prince George Regional Advisory Committee meeting.	Alternate for NDIT RAC

Respectfully Submitted,
Councilor Wright

NOTICE OF MOTION

To: Mayor and Council

From: Councillor Wright

Date: March 19, 2024

Subject: Truth and Reconciliation Calls for Action

The date for this motion to be considered is at the April 8, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council directs staff to bring a report back outlining the progress that has been made in reaching the goal of: "Adopt and make progress on the specific Truth and Reconciliation Calls for Action identified for local Government."

BACKGROUND:

A current District of Mackenzie Council Strategic Priority is listed as follows:

Priority	Community & Social Development
Goal	The District's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation paves the way for stronger community ties to our neighboring First Nations.
Action	Adopt and make progress on the specific Truth and Reconciliation Calls for Action identifies for local Government.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) released 94 "Calls to Action." In this commission, the TRC believes five of these Calls to Action are within the authority of a municipal government. They are:

- **#43:** We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to fully adopt and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as the framework for reconciliation.
- **#47:** We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to repudiate concepts used to justify European sovereignty over Indigenous peoples and lands, such as the Doctrine of Discovery and terra nullius, and to reform those laws, government policies, and litigation strategies that continue to rely on such concepts.

- **#57:** We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to provide education to public servants on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal-Crown relations. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism.
- **#75:** We call upon the federal government to work with provincial, territorial, and municipal governments, churches, Aboriginal communities, former residential school students, and current landowners to develop and implement strategies and procedures for the ongoing identification, documentation, maintenance, commemoration, and protection of residential school cemeteries or other sites at which residential school children were buried. This is to include the provision of appropriate memorial ceremonies and commemorative markers to honour the deceased children.
- **#77:** We call upon provincial, territorial, municipal, and community archives to work collaboratively with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation to identify and collect copies of all records relevant to the history and legacy of the residential school system, and to provide these to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There is no budgetary impact to this request.

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.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Councillor Jesse Wright