

**COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA**

Date: Monday, June 10, 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 (l) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [annual municipal report] and Section 90 (i) the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 COTW- May 27, 2024

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2.2 Regular Meeting - May 27, 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?

PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- 6.1 License to Use - Barn Extension 15
Rob Souka, resident, is asking Council to approve request for proposed barn extension.
- 6.2 License to Use - Fencing 19
Andre Garon, resident, is requesting Council's permission to build a fence on District-owned land, between his lot, 16 Selwyn Drive, and 14 Selwyn Drive

CORRESPONDENCE

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

- 7.1 For Action:
- 7.1.1 2024 UBCM Meeting Appointments 22
Letters from Premier David Eby and Minister Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding meetings at the Union of BC Municipalities Conference in September 2024. The deadline to request a meeting with the Premier, Minister Kang, and all other Cabinet Ministers is June 21, 2024.

To assist with booking, staff are requesting Council's feedback on:
- Who Council wishes to meet with at UBCM?
 - What Council wishes to list for discussion topics for each meeting (we can choose up to three (3) per meeting)
- 2024 UBCM Convention Provincial Appointment Book has been included in the Centre Table File for further information.
- 7.1.2 UBCM Convention - Invitation to Meet with BC Hydro 24
Invitation from BC Hydro to meet with Senior BC Hydro executives during the week of September 16, 2024 at the 2024 UBCM Convention. Deadline to reply is June 28, 2024.
- 7.1.3 Request for Support for Canadian Council for the Arts: Cultivate Grant 25
Support request from the Mackenzie Community Arts Centre for their application to the Canadian Council of Arts: Cultivate Grant to begin the process of building a tourism loop/online network.

7.1.4	Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce - Expansion Project Attached is a draft letter of support the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce is requesting Council provide in support of their application to the South Peace Mackenzie Trust.	28
7.2	<u>For Consideration:</u> <i>Is there anything Council wishes to address in the "For Consideration" or "Centre Table File" correspondence?</i>	
7.2.1	Letter to Honorable Bruce Ralston A letter to Minister of Forests, Bruce Ralston from Mayor Kermit Dahl of Campbell River, regarding the state of Forestry in B.C.	29
7.2.2	Mackenzie High Speed Internet Press Release Press Release from May31, 2024 outlining the District of Mackenzie and IREN's partnership bringing High Speed fibre-optic connectivity to Mackenzie.	31
7.2.3	IREN Mackenzie Community Grants Program Media release from IREN energy regarding Mackenzie Community Grants Program.	32
7.2.4	Sunrise Expansion Program Notification Update Letter to District providing updates regarding proposed Sunrise Expansion Program (Project) including information links, contact email and number.	33
7.2.5	BC Rural Health Network Newsletter The June 2024 BC Rural Health Network Newsletter for June 2024	41
7.3	<u>Centre Table File</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grader RFP Proposal - Brandt Tractor • 2024 UBCM Convention Provincial Appointment Book • Emails (3) from residents regarding roaming cats. 	

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1	<u>Building Inspection Services</u> THAT Council authorize the District to enter the attached building inspection services agreement with Praxis Solutions in the amount of \$6,750 per month, plus \$240 per occurrence to travel to Mackenzie, BC, plus GST; AND THAT, for the term of the agreement, the Building Inspectors at Praxis Solutions be designated as building inspectors for the municipality	52
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and as persons to enforce the District's Building Bylaw as authorized agents under Section 16 of the *Community Charter*;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be delegated the authority to renew the contract following expiration if mutually agreed.

8.2 DOM 24 - 02 Grader Replacement 62

THAT Council awards the DOM 24 - 02 Grader Replacement to Brandt Tractor Limited in the amount of \$644,755 plus GST;

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

8.3 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1517 (Housing Update) 64

THAT Council receive this report for information;

AND THAT Council waives the requirement for a public hearing.

8.4 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1518 (Shipping Container) 66

THAT Council receives this report for information.

8.5 Resident Concerns – Roaming Cats 71

THAT Council receives this report for information.

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 Mayor's Report

9.2 Council Reports

9.2.1 Councillor Brumovsky 72

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. BYLAWS

12.1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1517, 2024 74

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1517, 2024 be given first two readings.

12.2 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1518, 2024 76

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1518, 2024 be given first two

readings.

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

14. COMING EVENTS

14.1 MORATA Bike Rally

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15. INQUIRIES

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

**Committee of the Whole
Minutes**

May 27, 2024 7:00 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 Recreation Services T. Gilmer, Director of Public Works J.
Murray, Fire Chief J. Guise, Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn,
Land and Environmental Programs Coordinator L. Thorne, Legislative
Clerk/Executive Assistant, C. Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 7:00pm

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

3. REPORTS

3.1 Operations

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the Operations reports for the month of April 2024 be received.

CARRIED

3.2 RCMP

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the RCMP report for the month of April 2024 be received.

CARRIED

3.3 Fire

Moved by: Mayor Atkinson

THAT the Fire report for the month of April 2024 be received.

CARRIED

3.4 Recreation Services

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT the Recreation Services report for the month of April 2024 be received.

CARRIED

3.5 Finance

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the Finance report for the month of April 2024 be received.

CARRIED

4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

N/A

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:06pm

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer



**Regular Council Meeting
Minutes**

**May 27, 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 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 Corporate Services E. Kaehn, Land and Environmental Programs Coordinator L. Thorne, Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant, C. Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:15pm.

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: 33403

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

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 (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality and Section 90 (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 Special Meeting - April 22, 2024

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on April 22, 2024 were adopted as presented.

2.2 COTW- April 22, 2024

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on April 22, 2024 were adopted as presented.

2.3 Regular Meeting - April 22, 2024

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 22, 2024 were adopted as presented.

2.4 Regular Meeting - May 6, 2024

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 6, 2024 were adopted as presented.

2.5 Regular Meeting - May 12, 2024

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 12, 2024 were adopted as presented.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Resolution: 33404

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the following late item be added to the agenda;

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.6 NDI - Community Places - Pool Upgrades

THAT Council supports the District's application to the NDI Recreation Infrastructure grant program to cover 50% of the estimated \$503,590 project cost for the pool upgrade project;

AND THAT Council commits to finance 28% of the project at an estimated cost of \$141,795 and any unanticipated cost overruns, ineligible expenses, and any ongoing maintenance and operating costs associated with the operations of the completed project;

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

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: 33405

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

N/A

6. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

6.1 BC Rural Health Network

Phoebe Lazier and Bill Storey, Vice President, with BC Rural Health Network gave a presentation to Council providing an overview of BCRHN.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Resolution: 33406

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

7.1 For Action:

7.1.1 RDN - Legislative Reform Initiative - Request for Support

Resolution: 33407

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council receives this letter.

CARRIED

7.1.2 Letter to Trustees and Superintendent of School District 57

Resolution: 33408

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT amendments to the Letter to Trustees and Superintendent of School District 57 be made stating that all 4 Pillars of Learning will be affected by the proposed budget cuts.

CARRIED

7.2 For Consideration:

7.2.1 Support for Resolution - District of North Vancouver

7.2.2 Letter From Mackenzie Special Olympics Committee

7.2.3 MSS Girls' Volleyball

7.3 Centre Table File

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Active Transportation Master Plan - DRAFT

Travis Martin, VDZ+A, presented the DRAFT Active Transportation Master Plan.

Resolution: 33409

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council receives the Draft Active Transportation Master Plan for review.

CARRIED

8.2 Housing Legislation Changes

Resolution: 33410

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT Council receive this report for information.

CARRIED

8.3 Food Cycler Phase 2 – Next Steps

Resolution: 33411

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council authorizes staff to proceed with offering Phase 2 of the Food Cycler program to residents.

CARRIED

8.4 Licence to Use – Ace Victory Building Centre

Resolution: 33412

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into a Licence to Use agreement with Ace Victory Building Centre for the use of the additional storefront parking.

CARRIED

8.5 Petition for Recycling Services

Resolution: 33413

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Mayor Atkinson start conversations with the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George regarding the concerns expressed by residents about the changes to recycling services in Mackenzie.

CARRIED

8.6 NDIT – Community Places – Pool Upgrades

Resolution: 33414

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council supports the District’s application to the NDIT Recreation Infrastructure grant program to cover 50% of the estimated \$503,590 project cost for the pool upgrade project;

AND THAT Council commits to finance 28% of the project at an estimated cost of \$141,795 and any unanticipated cost overruns, ineligible expenses, and any ongoing maintenance and operating costs associated with the operations of the completed project;

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

CARRIED

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 Mayor's Report

Mayor Atkinson provided a written report.

9.2 Council Reports

Councillor Wright provided a written report.

Councillors Barnes, Hipkiss, and McMeeken gave verbal reports.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

11. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution: 33415

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT staff bring back a report providing recommendations for updates to the flag raising policy and the feasibility to erect another flag pole to accommodate additional flags that commemorate special occasions, with a possible location being at the Recreation Centre.

CARRIED

12. BYLAWS

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

14. **COMING EVENTS**

14.1 Mackenzie Special Olympics Qualifier

Meet & Greet - May 31, 2024 at 5:00 pm at the Recreation Centre
Qualifier Round - June 1, 2024 at 9:00am at Morfee Elementary School

14.2 Pride Flag Ceremony

On Friday May 31, 2024 at 5:30 pm, the District will be hosting a Pride Flag raising ceremony outside the Municipal Office in honour of Pride Month.

14.3 New Horizon Bridging the Gap Senior's Gathering

June 1, 2024. Mackenzie Seniors and the New Horizon Bridging the Gap project invite Residents to come and join seniors in Mackenzie for a day of connecting.

14.4 Go By Bike Week

June 3, 2024 to June 9, 2024 is Go By Bike Week!

14.5 Bike Rodeo

June 8th, 2024, Mackenzie Men's Shed, MORATA, PAC, RCMP will have a Bike Rodeo at the Recreation Centre at 10:30 - 2:30.

15. **INQUIRIES**

Shannon Bezo, resident, asked in response to the DRAFT Active Transportation Plan presentation, if there would be intentions to expand the parking behind the 616 area to accommodate the displacement from the new park for those attending education events or working in the buildings. Terry Gilmer, Director of Recreation Services, responded that this is something they could be considered further if/when the project moves forward.

Shannon Bezo further commented that it would be appreciated if verbal Council reports were included in minutes for public access.

Shannon Bezo asked about the meeting held between McLeod Lake Indian Band Chief and Council and District of Mackenzie Mayor and Council and whether there is anything that can be shared and whether there are any future directions/actions that may be moving forward from that meeting. Mayor Atkinson responded that the meeting's primary objective was getting to know one another and building the relationship between both parties.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution: 33415

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:58pm

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer

May 31, 2024

I have attached pictures of property and area around the proposed barn extension. I would like to note to you and the council that we have held the licence to use since 2006 and have every year made improvements to the aesthetics of the land around us. We have always provided liability insurance for the licence to use portion, for the District of Mackenzie. With both of us holding business licences in Mackenzie also comes the need for secure storage of our business assets. The addition would be built to code as well as be side with the ranch board to match the rest of the building. All the time keeping in mind this could be disassembled at any time if requested to do so. There is no permanent foundation etc etc. We would like you to please put us on the agenda for the next council meeting to answer any concerns. Also I would like the council to consider selling a portion of the property beside us. This would enable us to get off the licence to use and contribute more to taxes every year. Thanks for your time. Rob Souka







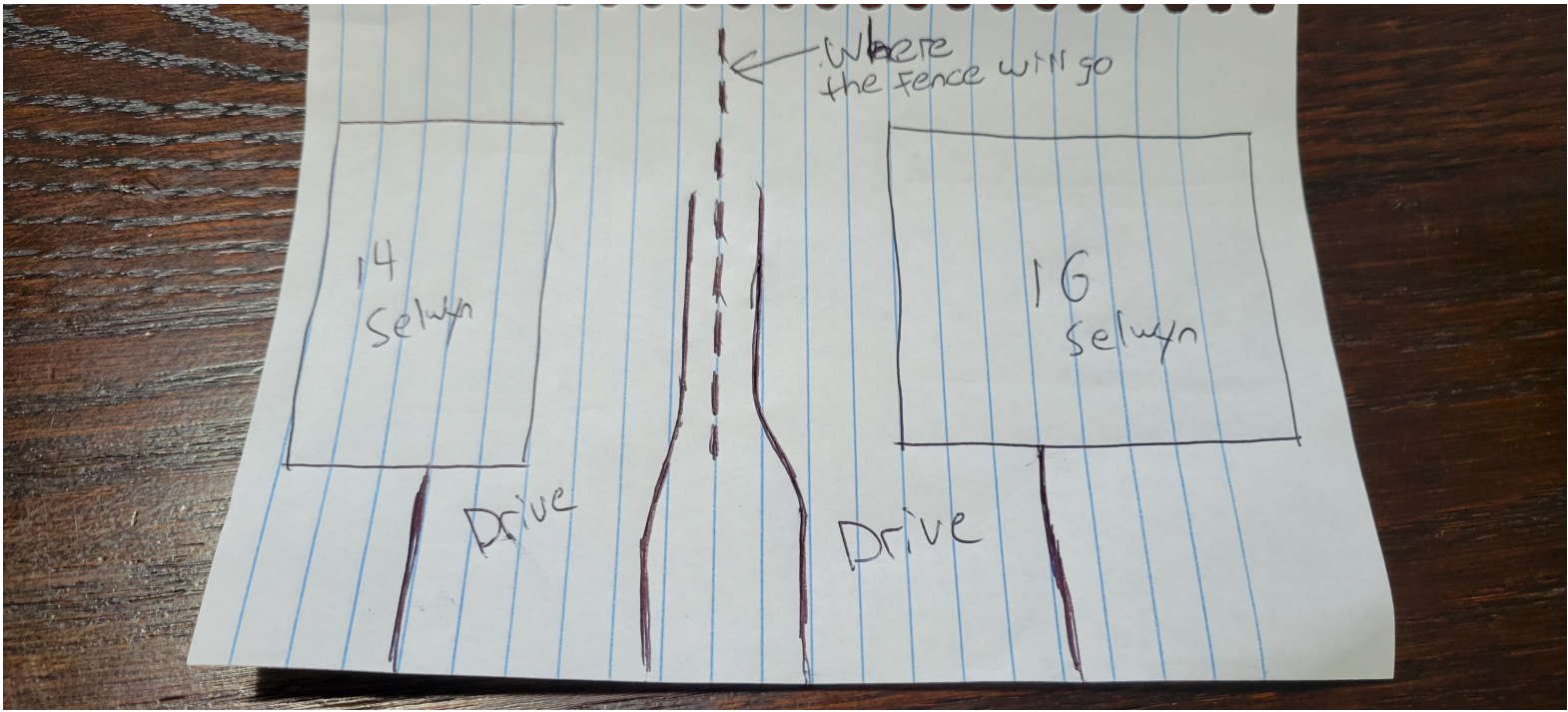
From: Andre Garon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 6:50 AM
To: Luke Thorne <luke@districtofmackenzie.ca>
Subject: Re: Licence to Use Policy

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To Whom it may concern

This is my application to the District of Mackenzie for my request to use district owned land. There is a small strip of land between me and my neighbor that is district owned and I would like to just put a fence for the privacy for me and my neighbor. I asked the owner of 14 Selwyn and she gave me verbal confirmation she was good with a fence added, can get in writing if/when needed. There is no vegetation to be removed just simply a fence between our driveways to separate our properties, attached is a sketch, and a picture of the lot. Thank you for your time for reading and viewing this email.







May 15, 2024

Dear Mayors and Regional District Chairs:

The 2024 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention will be held in Vancouver from September 16-20, 2024. As we prepare for the upcoming convention, my caucus colleagues and I are looking forward to meeting and working with you to continue building strong, sustainable and vibrant communities throughout our province.

We all have a role to play in finding ways to ensure our communities thrive, and UBCM provides a wonderful opportunity to listen to one another, share ideas and find new approaches. With local, provincial, federal and First Nations governments working together, we can continue to build a better BC for all.

If you would like to request a meeting with me or one of my Cabinet colleagues, please register online at <https://ubcmreg.gov.bc.ca/> (live, as of today). Please note that this year's invitation code is [REDACTED] and it is case sensitive. The deadline to submit your meeting requests is June 21, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact UBCM.Meetings@gov.bc.ca or phone 250-213-3856.

As well, further to invitations that were sent out by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs in April, I would like to remind you of two upcoming information sessions being held via Microsoft Teams on May 16 and 28, 2024. The content for each session will be identical, with ministry staff providing a technical overview of the meeting request process.

I look forward to once again being part of your convention, meeting with many of you and exploring ways that we can partner together to address the cost of living, public safety and other common issues.

Sincerely,


David Eby, KC
Premier

Office of the Premier

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Location:
Parliament Buildings
Victoria



May 15, 2024

Ref: 274670

Dear Mayors and Regional District Chairs:

It is my pleasure to write to you as the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the process for requesting a meeting with me, or with provincial staff, during the upcoming 2024 UBCM Convention in Vancouver from September 16–20, 2024.

You will receive a separate letter from the Premier, Honourable David Eby, containing information about the online process for requesting a meeting with the Premier or other Cabinet Ministers.

If you would like to meet with me, please complete the online request form at: [MUNI Minister's Meeting](#) and submit it to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs by **June 21, 2024**. This year's invitation code is [REDACTED] and is case sensitive. Meeting dates and times will be confirmed in late August. I will do my best to accommodate as many meeting requests as possible.

To get the most out of your delegation's meeting with me, it continues to be helpful for you to provide as much detail as possible, in the online form, on the topics you wish to discuss. Providing information in advance gives me a better understanding of your delegation's interests and helps me prepare so our discussion can be more productive.

Ministry staff will email you shortly with the Provincial Appointment Book. This document lists all the ministry, agency, commission, and corporation staff available to meet with delegates at Convention and which topics, projects, or programs fall under their purview. Importantly, it will also provide details on how to submit an online staff meeting request. Ministry staff are also hosting identical information sessions on May 16 and May 28, 2024, via Microsoft Teams, providing a technical overview of the meeting request processes; invitations were sent in April.

This will be my second UBCM Convention as the minister responsible for local governments. I appreciated the opportunities to connect in person last year, and our conversations are always illuminating. I have also enjoyed meeting with many communities and regions since Convention, to hear more about your challenges and accomplishments. I look forward to continuing our collaborative work this summer and at Convention in September.

Sincerely,

Anne Kang
Minister of Municipal Affairs

pc: Honourable David Eby, Premier
Trish Mandewo, President, Union of BC Municipalities

Ministry of Municipal Affairs

Office of the Minister

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<http://www.gov.bc.ca/muni>

BC Hydro is once again extending an invitation for local government officials to meet with senior BC Hydro executives during the week of September 16th at the 2024 UBCM Convention. These meetings are designed to address specific concerns affecting your community.

If you would like to arrange a meeting, please fill out our [Meeting Request Form](#) – (Link can also be found below) by **Friday, June 28th, 2024**. Please note, our meeting times are limited to 20 minutes to ensure we can connect with as many local governments as possible during the convention. As such, we encourage you to limit your topic selection to a single issue to allow for a more meaningful conversation.

The Meeting Request Form can also be scanned and submitted by email directly to Matt.Lahti@bchydro.com

<https://form.jotform.com/241074572876060>

As always, we are pleased to meet with you outside of UBCM to discuss any issues.

We will provide full meeting details in early September once we confirm the date and time.

Thank you,

Mike Kellett, APR | Manager, Northern Community Relations

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Smart about power in all we do



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June 1, 2024

ATTENTION: District of Mackenzie Mayor and Council

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Request for Letter of Support for Canadian Council for the Arts: Cultivate Grant

Mackenzie Community Arts Council would like to start by expressing our sincere gratitude to the District of Mackenzie and Recreation Services for your continued support through these exciting times. MCAC is about to relocate to our new facility and, to be sustainable, we need to develop new business models, explore new collaborations, and strengthen existing partnerships.

One of MCAC's Strategic Goals includes establishing our virtual presence/online commerce as well as a building a network of neighboring Galleries across Northern BC. To accomplish this, MCAC is working on a grant proposal intended to cultivate a strong network of stakeholders, all connected by a common need to fortify rural communities in Northern BC.

This project seeks to expand tourism through arts and culture, as well as establishing strong ties between various sectors for the benefit of the whole community. Our goal is to bolster community growth and impact, by connecting the Arts Sector with other Organizations that share common challenges, such as attracting and retaining volunteers and staff, by offering high-quality, enhanced programming, as well as increasing revenues through tourism. This Project will promote collaboration between organizations and various artists such as musicians, actors, sculptors, visual artists, and photographers by creating a network to expand reach, enhance tourism, increase economic prosperity, and attract new talent to our community.

Mackenzie is a hidden gem of the Canadian Rockies! It is also a picturesque mecca for outdoor recreation, offering rare opportunities to see wildlife such as caribou and migrating birds. Mackenzie is a place with vast untapped potential. Our forests and wildlife are a huge part of our local culture, and we are an undiscovered destination for

outdoor enthusiasts and creatives. We have world-class hiking, biking, skiing, canoeing, camping and scenery, all within range of our community.

MCAC's mandate is to build the community through the arts; bringing people together to share experiences that inspire the creative exchange of ideas; and to improve the quality of life, while developing, nurturing, and celebrating the arts. Our Mission is to increase and broaden arts and cultural opportunities for all community members. We support, encourage, and promote arts and culture in Mackenzie and surrounding areas, through education, coordination of programs and raising public awareness. MCAC seeks to connect Artists with emerging opportunities, to enhance arts and culture for the community and drive tourism.

The objectives of this project are to create new opportunities, expand tourism and increase revenues by cultivating a hardy network of individuals and organizations that can share resources and talent to strengthen connections across sectors, increase growth and expand collective impact. There are common challenges that affect all sectors, and by finding common solutions - such as increasing revenues and attracting/retaining talent - we intend to build a more resilient and sustainable arts sector. A thriving arts community helps to develop a healthier, happier community, with enhanced opportunities to connect and share experiences. This expansion will help to create a more equitable, accessible, and connected arts sector, with the potential of attracting new talent to our community.

This project will open communication and help to synchronize our efforts for compounded gains. MCAC seeks to increase engagement, by offering high-quality programming, events, and new opportunities to collaborate, between sectors. Attracting interest from cross-sector stakeholders will expand our reach, increase economic prosperity, improve the quality and enjoyment of life for residents, and therefore increase the retention of volunteers and staff in our community. The more Mackenzie has to offer, the more we will attract and retain newcomers, their families, entrepreneurs, and tourists, alike.

We will be applying for the Canadian Council of Arts: Cultivate grant to begin the process of building this tourism loop/online network. MCAC would like the support of the District and Council to partner with Recreation Services to pilot this online network. We require no financial commitment and will merely seek feedback and input to develop our platform, so that it meets the needs of our community.

MCAC would like to request:

THAT, the District of Mackenzie supports the application to Canadian Council for the Arts: Cultivate from the Mackenzie Community Arts Council for their Project, the Creative Hands of the North Talent Hub, with Recreation Services as one of our stakeholders to pilot the project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Michelle Bobrel
Mackenzie Community Arts Council President/Executive Director
w.250-997-5818/c.250-997-1339

I acknowledge that I live, work and create within the traditional territory of the Tse'khene People of the McLeod Lake Indian Band.

District of Mackenzie

To Whom it Might Concern:

The District of Mackenzie is pleased to provide a letter of support for the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce Expansion Project with their South Peace Mackenzie Trust grant application. The Expansion Project is seeking to increase the Chamber of Commerce's reach with promoting tourism in Mackenzie through hiring staff, renovation of the Chamber's office to make it more efficient for the extra staff and increasing the Chamber's support for the Not-For-Profit organizations in Mackenzie. Through the new Not-For-Profit Coalition and the Volunteer Hub, the Chamber is supporting a variety of initiatives that will provide services to Not-For-Profit organizations, which in turn will increase the Chamber's membership.

Tourism is a big focus for the District of Mackenzie, and with the increase in staff and the hours the Chamber of Commerce can be open will certainly help promote our community. Having year-round dedicated tourism ambassadors will help with marketing Mackenzie not just in the summer season, but all year. With more events happening in the winter, this will increase their impact.

The Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce provides a much needed service in the community, supporting our businesses and Not-For-Profit organizations and promoting economic development and tourism opportunities.

The District of Mackenzie is a proud sponsor of the Chamber of Commerce and we whole heartedly believe that if successful with their application, the Chamber will be successful.

Thank you for considering their application.



City of Campbell River
From the Office of the Mayor

May 28, 2024

The Honorable Bruce Ralston
Minister of Forests
Room 138 Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Via email: FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Ralston,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the provincial government's recent management of forest practices, which are having severe repercussions on local communities and the broader provincial economy. As you may be aware, two weeks ago, Canfor Corporation announced its decision to close a sawmill in Bear Lake, curtail production at a pulp mill in Prince George, and suspend plans for a new mill in Houston, BC. This announcement has sent shockwaves through these three BC communities, resulting in hundreds of job losses that support families and sustain local economies.

The forest sector in BC is facing significant challenges, compounded by uncertainties surrounding fibre supply and the BC Government's Forest policies and directives. Our forests have supported communities and families for generations, and it is essential to maintain this legacy.

According to the BC Council of Forest Industries' 2024 report, the forest industry in BC supports approximately 100,000 jobs across the province. The industry contributes \$17.4 billion in value-added activity, with significant portions derived from forestry, logging supported activities, wood products manufacturing, and pulp and paper manufacturing. Additionally, the sector generates approximately \$9.1 billion in labour income and contributes \$6.6 billion in government revenue, benefitting provincial, federal and municipal levels.

This decline in the forest sector is not just a statistic; it represents a real crisis affecting people and communities. It is imperative that all levels of government take immediate and decisive action to protect good forestry jobs and ensure a sustainable future for this vital industry.

Without significant change, announcements like the one Canfor made two weeks ago will become more frequent, affecting communities across BC, including Campbell River. It is vital that we prioritize the health and sustainability of our forest sector to protect our communities, families, and the economy. I urge you to consider the far-reaching impacts of current forest management practices and to work

collaboratively with industry stakeholders to develop policies that support the long-term viability of BC's Forest sector.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kermit Dahl', with a stylized, cursive script.

Kermit Dahl
Mayor



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – May 31, 2024

District of Mackenzie partners with IREN on high speed connectivity

The District of Mackenzie is partnering with IREN to bring high speed fibre-optic connectivity to Mackenzie.

The District of Mackenzie and IREN will share the C\$1.1 million funding requirement (at C\$550k each) to bring high speed internet to the households in the townsite that were not eligible for Federal government funding which will help reduce the cost to the local taxpayers.

IREN acquired land from the District of Mackenzie in 2021 to develop next-generation data centers, help the local economy to capitalize on emerging technology-driven growth opportunities, and assist with economic diversification from the traditional forestry industry following recent mill closures.

Quote from David Shaw, Chief Operating Officer for IREN

"We are proud to continue supporting the District of Mackenzie. This enhances connectivity for Mackenzie residents, and also provides dual redundancy for our next-generation data centers as we look to further grow our AI Cloud Services business."

Quote from Mayor Joan Atkinson

"We are delighted at IREN's partnership to help fund this project which addresses the long-standing issue of inadequate internet provision to the town and is aligned to the Province's goal of providing all B.C. communities with access to high-speed internet."

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MACKENZIE COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

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KEY FUNDING PRIORITIES INCLUDE:

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- Community Sustainability
- Community Safety
- Education and Youth Development
- Improve local STEM participation (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

Applications

Applications for the IREN Community Grants Program can be submitted online

www.IREN.com



Applications will be accepted electronically from April - June 2024 with up to a total of C\$100,000 allocated to successful applicants.

The maximum funding to any one organization will be C\$10,000.

For more information visit

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June 3, 2024

Notification Letter for potentially affected Indigenous groups, landowners and other stakeholders

Dear CAO Diane Smith,

Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast), an Enbridge company, would like to provide you with an update regarding the proposed Sunrise Expansion Program (Project).

Westcoast filed its application for the Project with the Canada Energy Regulator (CER) on May 30, 2024. The application, which includes information on the Project need, engineering details, potential environmental and socio-economic effects, land matters, Indigenous and stakeholder engagement, and other Project information, can be found at the following links:

- apps.cer-rec.gc.ca/REGDOCS/Item/View/4457533 (Part 1 of 3)
- apps.cer-rec.gc.ca/REGDOCS/Item/View/4457544 (Part 2 of 3)
- apps.cer-rec.gc.ca/REGDOCS/Item/View/4458003 (Part 3 of 3)

Should you have any outstanding Project-related concerns, you may reach out to the CER's Process Advisor for the Project by e-mail at sunrise.help@cer-rec.gc.ca or toll free: 1-800-899-1265.

We are also attaching additional supporting documents to provide further information on the Project, including actions we're taking to ensure responsible Project execution and protection of people and the environment. Also included in the attached material is a postcard with a link to a short informational video explaining the next steps in the regulatory review process for the Project. For ease of reference, all this information can be found on our website: www.enbridge.com/sunrise.

We're excited to be able to share all the work that has been done to date, and to continue through the regulatory process. Thank you for engaging with us and for providing critical feedback into the Project design so far.

In addition, please let us know if you have any questions or you would like to meet with a Westcoast representative to review any of the information provided or the application itself. We encourage you to contact us at the information provided below or phone us toll free at 1-833-267-2220.

Yours Sincerely,

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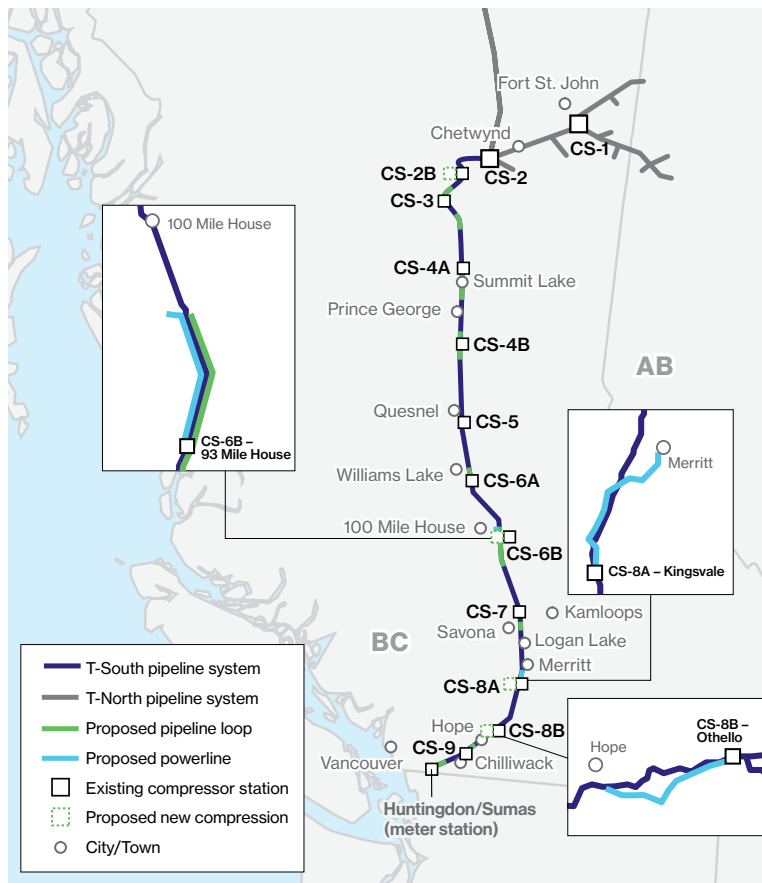
- Sunrise Expansion Program factsheet
- Responsible Project execution brochure (Environment and Socio-economic Assessment)
- Postcard containing a QR code, video and website links, and other additional resources



Sunrise Expansion Program

> Image above: existing compressor station 5 – “Australian” – near Quesnel, BC

Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast), an Enbridge company, owns and operates a natural gas transmission system in British Columbia (BC) that transports processed natural gas for markets throughout BC, Alberta and the Pacific Northwest. This gas is ultimately used to heat homes, businesses, hospitals and schools. It is also used as a fuel for electric power generation and is a staple in a number of industrial and manufacturing processes that produce hundreds of products that improve our lives.



Map is for illustrative purposes only and not to scale. Project design is under development and configuration of pipeline loops, compressor units, additional compressor station modifications, and powerlines are subject to change.

Project overview

Westcoast is proposing the Sunrise Expansion Program (Project), an expansion of the southern portion of its BC Pipeline system known as T-South. The Project is being proposed based on demand for additional natural gas transportation capacity. It will provide up to 300 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d) of natural gas on the T-South system. The targeted in-service date is late 2028.

The proposed Project currently includes the installation of pipeline loops and additional compression at select existing compressor station sites. Westcoast is planning to use electric-driven compressor units, which would require new powerline infrastructure.

Pipeline loops

In order to increase transportation capacity, pipeline loops will be added along Westcoast’s existing right-of-way (ROW). The additional loop segments will run parallel and connect to the existing pipeline system.

A total of approximately 137 km of 42-inch pipeline looping in various segments along the system is currently anticipated.

Preliminary Project timelines

- Environmental studies began: Q2 2023
- Geotechnical studies began: Q4 2023
- Regulatory application submission (CER): Q2 2024
- Construction: Q2 2026 – Q4 2028
- In-service: Q4 2028

Project timelines are subject to change.

Compressors and infrastructure upgrades

In addition to pipeline looping, additional compression and upgrades will be required. Over extended distances, friction and elevation differences reduce the pressure within the pipelines and slow the flow of gas – compressor stations give the gas a needed “boost”, helping it get from one point to the next.

Westcoast plans to install new compressors at existing compressor stations located at Azouzetta Lake (CS-2B), 93 Mile (CS-6B), Kingsvale (CS-8A), and Othello (CS-8B).

To reduce environmental impacts, Westcoast is proposing the use of electric-driven compressor units for some of the compression required for the Project. If electric-driven compressor units are used, the Project will prevent about 360,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) emissions per year. That is equivalent to removing 100,000 cars off the road in a year. The electric-driven compressor unit would substantially cut greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions that would be produced with a natural gas drive. Electric drives are also known for their quieter operation compared to natural gas drives.

To power the new electric-driven compressor units and ensure reliable operations, up to approximately 34 km of new electric transmission powerlines may be required. These overhead powerlines will largely follow existing linear infrastructure such as roads or ROWs to minimize environmental and local community impacts.

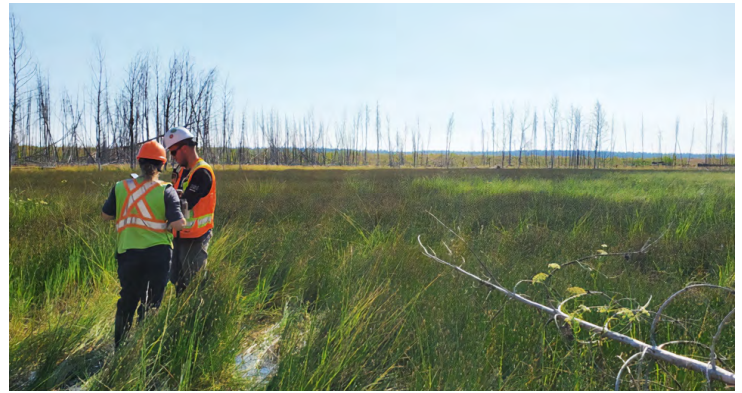
Regulatory

Westcoast filed an application for the Project with the Canada Energy Regulator in Q2 2024. Environmental, geotechnical and socio-economic studies were conducted to support the application. We are engaging with Indigenous groups, landowners, and other stakeholders to ensure they are updated with the regulatory processes.

Indigenous and community engagement

Since 2023, Westcoast has been engaging with potentially affected Indigenous groups, landowners, and other stakeholders. By gaining a deep understanding of their interests and how they may be affected by the Project at an early stage, we have incorporated local knowledge and feedback into the Project planning.

Westcoast is dedicated to creating economic opportunities for Indigenous groups and local communities. This ranges from training and employment opportunities to procuring goods and services from Indigenous businesses through a proactive supply chain process. These opportunities are provided from the early investigative studies through construction and into long-term operations.



Investigative field studies

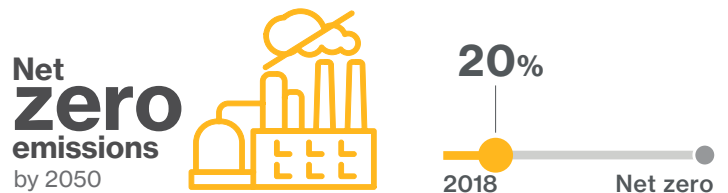
To support Project routing and design, Westcoast is conducting investigative geotechnical and environmental studies. In 2023, we spent a total of 75,000 hours performing environmental and cultural surveys, with over half of the fieldwork hours completed by Indigenous partners. These studies will help identify any environmental or geotechnical factors that should be considered in designing the Project and in developing mitigation.

Environmental studies include surveys of fish and fish habitats, wildlife, vegetation, soil, watercourses, wetlands, air quality and archaeology assessments. Geotechnical studies aim to understand geological conditions beneath the surface for optimal pipeline routing design.

Environmental performance commitment

Enbridge's environmental, social and governance (ESG) goals represent the next stage of our evolution as an ESG leader to ensure we're positioned to grow sustainably for decades to come. Specifically on the environment, our goal is to achieve net-zero GHG emissions from our business by 2050 and a 35% reduction in the intensity of GHG emissions from our operations by 2030. Our emissions reduction targets include future projects we might develop, and anything we do will be assessed against our emissions reduction commitments. The installation of electric-driven compressors in this Project help Enbridge meet these goals.

To find out more about how we plan to meet these goals, please visit enbridge.com/esggoals.



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Sunrise Expansion Program

Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast), an Enbridge company, filed its application for the expansion of the southern portion of the Westcoast or BC Pipeline system. Known as the Sunrise Expansion Program (Project), this Project is needed to meet market demand for natural gas. This natural gas is used to heat homes, hospitals, businesses, and schools. It is also used as a fuel for electric power generation and is a staple in many industrial and manufacturing processes that produce hundreds of products that improve our lives.

For more information, please visit enbridge.com/sunrise or scan the QR code.

The Project website also has:

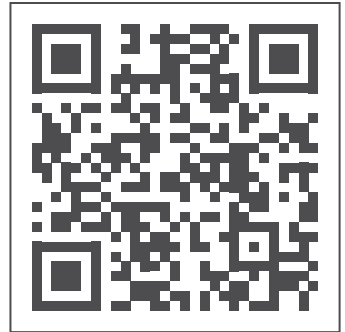
- A copy of the Project application
- A short video explaining the next steps following the application filing
- The link of the virtual open house: sunrise-program.com

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Protecting people and the environment

Our commitment to responsible natural gas pipeline construction and operation

At Enbridge, ensuring the safety of both people and the environment is our top priority. From planning, to building and operating a pipeline project, we are committed to minimizing impacts on the surrounding environment and communities. At the same time, we prioritize providing economic opportunities and benefits to local and Indigenous communities during all phases of a project and into its ongoing operation.

The Project: Sunrise Expansion Program

Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast), an Enbridge company, is proposing the Sunrise Expansion Program (Project), which is an expansion of the southern section of the Westcoast system. The Project is needed to meet market demand for natural gas.

For nearly 70 years, the Westcoast system has been transporting natural gas for markets throughout British Columbia (BC), Alberta, and the U.S. Pacific Northwest. This natural gas is used to heat homes, hospitals, businesses, and schools. It is also used as a fuel for electric power generation and is a staple in many industrial and manufacturing processes that produce hundreds of products that improve our lives.

The Project consists of installing pipeline loops along the existing Westcoast system and additional compressor units at existing compressor stations. Some of the compressor units will be powered by electricity which will require installation of overhead powerlines.

Westcoast requires approval from the Canada Energy Regulator (CER) for the Project. If approved, construction may start as early as Q2 2026, with planned in-service by Q4 2028.

Planning the Project

In early 2023, Westcoast began engaging with potentially affected Indigenous groups, landowners and other stakeholders to understand their interests in the Project and to incorporate local knowledge and feedback into Project planning.

Stakeholder and Indigenous engagement

The Project is made stronger through active and ongoing feedback from stakeholders and Indigenous groups. From participation in field work studies, to attending open houses and hundreds of individual meetings – local input into the Project has been incorporated every step of the way. Since early 2023, highlights of Westcoast's engagement program include:

500+
meetings and presentations with Indigenous groups

900+
meetings with landowners

60+
meetings and presentations with municipal and regional district representatives

9
public open houses

50+
community sponsorships and events

2,000+
visitors to the Project's virtual open house

40,000+
views on the Project webpage

Understanding Project effects: Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment

Westcoast has conducted an extensive Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment (ESA) for the Project, completing thousands of hours of investigative field studies and surveys to assess potential effects on the environment and local communities. The results from these studies are being used to develop mitigation plans to mitigate effects on the environment and surrounding communities. These are all detailed in the ESA, submitted with the Project application to the CER.

\$10.7 million

in Indigenous business spend on the Project as of April 1, 2024 through various scopes of work required for the ESA.

Westcoast has collaborated with environmental experts, Indigenous groups, landowners and other stakeholders to consider potential effects. In 2023 alone, Westcoast spent a total of 75,000 hours conducting environmental and cultural surveys, with over half of the fieldwork hours completed by Indigenous partners.

The ESA is comprised of thousands of pages of technical reports that describe Westcoast's studies and findings for various topics on the environment, as well as the social, cultural and economic well-being of potentially affected communities and Indigenous groups. These topics are listed below:

Environment

- Landscape and weather
- Soil and soil productivity
- Vegetation
- Water quality and quantity
- Fish and fish habitat
- Wetland function
- Wildlife and wildlife habitat
- Species at risk
- Air quality
- Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
- Noise

Socio-economic

- Human occupancy
- Heritage resources
- Traditional land and resource use
- Indigenous rights
- Social and cultural well-being
- Human health
- Navigation
- Infrastructure and services
- Jobs and economy

The following summarizes some of the key studies completed and underway and describes measures that have been proposed to mitigate potential effects of the Project.



Wildlife and wildlife habitat

The environmental crews documented various wildlife populations, including snails, frogs, lizards, birds, beavers, bears, and caribou. The ESA also considered the activities associated with Project construction and operation that may interact with wildlife and wildlife habitat. Wildlife protection strategies for each wildlife group have been outlined to help protect their populations, habitats and movements, which include measures like adjusting work areas to avoid impacts to

wildlife habitat and planning construction outside of critical timing periods for wildlife species. Worksite restoration activities will also be undertaken following construction to return work areas to their original state.

2,700+

biophysical field surveys completed in 2023.



Vegetation, wetlands and watercourses

Field studies have been conducted to assess the potential effects of the Project on vegetation, wetland health and function, and water quality and quantity. This includes the incorporation of traditional ecological knowledge and an assessment of the potential effects of the Project on key cultural species and areas of importance identified by Indigenous groups. Where potential effects have been noted, mitigation plans have been developed to avoid or minimize impacts. For instance, Westcoast proposes to install berms or gates at strategic access points to help preserve access to culturally

important vegetation areas. Plant and timber salvage and reclamation plans will also be developed before construction. Westcoast has also proposed measures to minimize risks of infestation of invasive species and forest pests.

Westcoast has also designed the Project to minimize the number of wetland and watercourse crossings. Westcoast will implement established and proven mitigation measures, and construction best practices during construction and operation to avoid or reduce the potential effects on water quality and quantity.



Fish and fish habitat

Field studies have been undertaken to understand fish species encountered by the Project and assess the potential effects of the Project on fish and fish habitat. Field studies have been focused on the potential changes to fish habitat, riparian habitat, fish mortality, fish passage and changes in movement of aquatic organisms.

Where potential effects have been noted, mitigation measure have been developed to eliminate or reduce the potential effects. This includes measures such as planning construction around sensitive life-cycle periods, implementing erosion and sediment control measures during construction, and implementing water quality monitoring programs during construction activities.



Air quality and GHG emissions

The ESA includes an assessment of the potential effects of the Project on air quality and GHG emissions both during construction and during operation of the Project. Three of the four additional compressor units proposed to be installed for this Project will be powered by electricity. With these electric additions, the Project will prevent a total of 360,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions per year that otherwise would have been generated if gas-driven units were selected. That is equivalent to removing over 100,000 cars off the road each year.



Lands and soils

Construction activities such as vegetation clearing and soil handling for trenching and excavating have the potential to affect soil productivity and as a result impact land use and ecosystem function. Environmental studies have been undertaken to assess the potential effects of the Project on soil quality, quantity and productivity during construction and operations. Where potential effects have been noted, mitigation plans have been developed to protect soils. These include measures to avoid compaction during construction, and to prevent wind and water erosion.

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Traditional land and resource use

Westcoast is working with dozens of Indigenous groups to support community-led Indigenous knowledge studies, including traditional land and resource use and cultural heritage assessments to inform the design of this Project. Westcoast also implemented a training program and employed local Indigenous participants for the field studies as team

members of environmental crews, cultural guardians and wildlife watch specialists. Local knowledge on the ground during these studies supported Westcoast's understanding of Indigenous interests, views and values to minimize potential Project effects on Indigenous rights. This work is ongoing and will continually be integrated into the Project.



Jobs and economy

The Project is estimated to add to Canada's GDP by \$3.3 billion and BC's GDP by over \$2.5 billion over a 35-year period. In the same time period, the Project will also generate federal and provincial tax revenues amounting to nearly \$700 million, and municipal property tax revenues in BC amounting to over \$8 million. These tax revenues can be used to build roads, hospitals and schools and other local community infrastructure

and service improvements. During the peak construction period, over 2,500 workers are expected to be employed, with construction expected to last approximately 18 months starting as early as Q2 2026. To minimize potential effects and increase local benefits to communities during construction, Westcoast is collaborating with local governments, regulatory authorities, landowners as well as Indigenous groups to create socio-

economic plans, tailored to meet the needs and requests of affected areas. This includes managing available local services and infrastructure such as healthcare, water and food access. All workers will also undergo workplace health and safety training, cultural awareness training, and training relating to human rights protection and human trafficking prevention awareness.

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\$ 8 million

added to BC's economy through municipal property tax revenues which can be used to pay for hospitals, roads and schools.

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June 2024 Edition

Spotlight on Essential Rural Travel Services

In this edition, we highlight the remarkable services being provided to rural residents, ensuring access to care across remote areas of British Columbia. Amidst challenges such as limited primary care attachments, closed emergency rooms, lengthy waitlists, and decades of declining transportation options, these services have become indispensable. We urgently need to expand these services, garner full political support, and ensure that no patient is left behind.

You'll discover highlights from various programs and the incredible work of our Member of the Month, Helicopters without Borders, which is reaching some of the most underserved and challenging regions in our province.

Additionally, we shine a spotlight on Hope Air, the only pan-provincial, pan-Canadian charity dedicated to helping people reach care with their no-patient-left-behind policy. Supported by our Provincial government, Hope Air has experienced a 250% increase in demand as awareness has grown in rural communities. While they have robust funding for oncology travel services, due to recent investment by the Province, they require much more Government support for their other programs to assist all rural residents, regardless of diagnosis.

We are profoundly grateful for Hope Air's support of the BC Rural Health Network and their commitment to aiding those most in need. Without their services, many individuals would not have access to necessary care. Last year, Hope Air raised and donated over \$1 million for travel provisions in BC, but as demand continues to soar, they need further support.

If you can contribute, please do. Please write to your MLA and request full support for comprehensive travel assistance in BC.

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need, regardless of where you live or if you can't afford to travel. We're committed to easing the stress of getting there by providing families with free flights and accommodations. If you're someone in need or know someone who is, apply online or by phone to Hope Air and begin the process of getting free travel assistance.

**JUNE 17TH IS
HOPE AIR
DAY**

Join us on June 17 to support equitable access to health care for all.

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decisions they can make. I am very pleased to see opportunities for members to have input into health care. The UBC Centre for Rural Health Research and the BC Rural Health Network are hosting regional consultations to discuss the next steps in rural community engagement in healthcare decision-making as a follow-up to the [Gap Analysis](#). For more information or to get involved, please reach out to Phoebe (phoebe.lazier@bcrruralhealth.org).

Also, there is the opportunity to learn about the Community Health Centre model by attending a virtual town hall event on June 19th from 1:00-3:00. You can register for Accessing Team-Based Care through the CHC Model [here](#). The CHC model holds great opportunities for rural and remote areas and has the support of the government.

Sadly, I need to inform you that I have reluctantly accepted the resignation of Rhonda Elliott from the Board. We certainly enjoyed having her on the board and appreciated her contributions to our discussions. We wish her nothing but the best!

And I can't sign off without mentioning that Nurses Week was May 6-12. My background is in nursing and I have always been proud of my profession. I have always felt that nursing is a profession of opportunity. It is where you can find the area of nursing that speaks to your heart.

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I have always, and always will, respect and appreciate the compassion and commitment nurses have, not only to all the people in their care but also to their commitment to making the healthcare system better.

Thanks to all of you!

Happy June!

Only my best,

Peggy

From the Desk of the Executive Director

Life is a Journey: Navigating Healthcare in Rural BC

Our theme this month, transportation to access care, is foundational to the wellness of rural residents in today's world. Usually, I dedicate this space to discussing the work I've done over the past 30 days, and as always, those days have been packed

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futures and the healthcare services they might inherit? What if they get hurt?

Then there's me. I've faced many medical challenges, primarily physical injuries until recently. Last year, I was diagnosed with early Parkinson's. The diagnosis required multiple tests, all necessitating travel out of town. I wasn't seen as a patient but as a series of diagnostic tests. Navigating the system as a procedure, not a person, was a painful ordeal. I was in chronic pain from a knee injury and Parkinson's, and appointments hours away were often in the middle of the night. Though I can self-navigate and streamline my process, it's exhausting and insulting to see how we treat people broadly in the healthcare system. What will I do when my mobility declines? What if I can't live here anymore?

I am incredibly lucky to have an amazing wife who can drive, my daughter, her husband, and grandkids here, one of my brothers, friends, and a supportive small-town community. Living close to other centers, an hour and a half of paved roads to a specialist, and having an ER and a family doctor are not things I take for granted. Many don't have these supports, live vast distances from care, and rely solely on the help of wonderful services like those we're highlighting this month. Many are also discriminated against due to their circumstances.

What if I lived in Fort Nelson or on Haida Gwaii? What if I were an Indigenous female in the north without anyone to support me? What if?

The amazing work being done by many in BC helps remove some of the "what ifs," but we need to do much more for those who have less due to their geographic location. I will fight for equitable access to care in BC for as long as I am able. Together, as a province and rural community members, we must ensure that nobody is left behind. We have a lot of work to do collectively. What if we start on the edges and work our way in, perhaps creating a truly comprehensive health support system for all?

Yours in health and wellness,

Paul

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two to access specialized care in Kamloops or Kelowna. However, in relation to other areas in BC, this is considered a very short distance to access care. Not to mention, we do not have to rely on ferries or air transport to access larger centres, like many rural and remote communities do. For many of these communities where the next community is far away, an Emergency room closure can be catastrophic.

Challenging conditions:

What makes BC so beautiful also makes it challenging. Mountain passes and seasonal changes pose a massive challenge for rural residents travelling to access care whether that is driving over snowy passes with dangerous road conditions, or cancelled flights due to weather, travelling in rural BC for more than half the year has its complications. A northern resident who was grappling with a challenging cancer diagnosis once told me that they had weighed the risks, and it was a bigger threat to their life to drive over the Pine Pass in the winter every two weeks to receive chemotherapy, than it would be to delay receiving treatment until the spring, despite the risk of the cancer progressing. I know that they are not alone in having to make these very challenging decisions.

Lack of public transit and accessible ground transport:

Many rural communities do not have access to public transit both within their community and between them and other communities. This is a massive barrier for those who do not have access to a reliable vehicle or are unable to drive. I have had conversations with eighty-year-olds who hitchhike over 100 km weekly for medical appointments. This should not be the reality for anyone. Increased access to public transit is essential to equitable access to healthcare for rural residents.

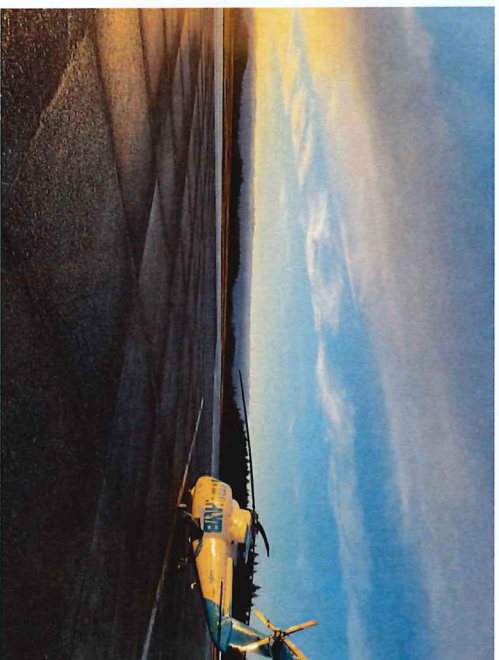
Although we face a lot of challenges in travel and transportation for rural residents, we must also consider all of the organizations and individuals who are working tirelessly to lessen these burdens. Organizations like Hope Air, Angel Flight, Helicopters Without Borders, volunteer driver programs and so many others are having a profound positive impact on equitable access to healthcare for rural residents. Please enjoy this edition of our newsletter, which is focused on the incredible services and programs that are available.

June Member of the Month:

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and dental therapists, mental health and addiction support workers, social workers, occupational therapists, dietitians, optometrists, audiologists, midwives, psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, Indigenous Knowledge Keepers and Elders, primary care physicians, and more. In addition, we are continually expanding our services to bring essential services into the communities that need them most.

Since our inaugural flight in 2021, and in partnership with several Indigenous governments and health authorities we have facilitated over 5,600 health practitioner sessions, dozens of low-acuity patient transfers, the transport of 124,000 lbs of emergency, medical and food supplies, 3,500 vaccines, and have flown over 72,000 km in partnership with BC's most isolated Indigenous communities; a combined distance thirteen times the length of Canada – and all while being carbon neutral.



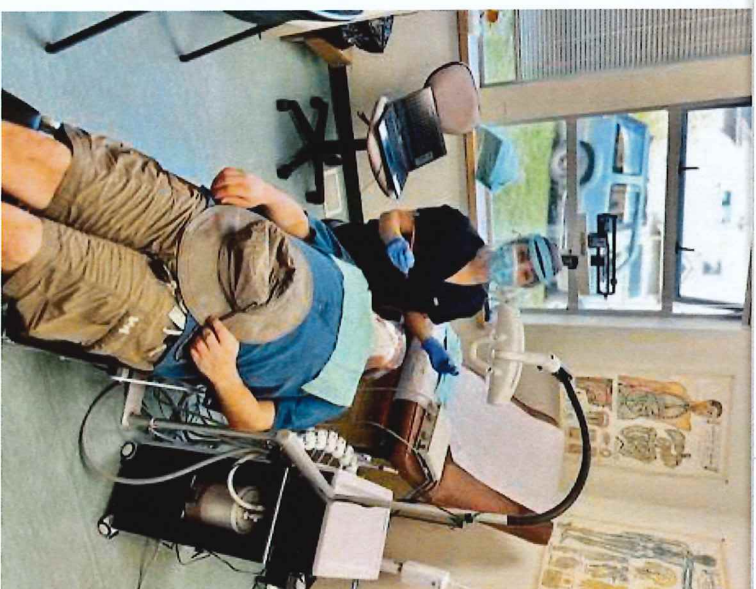
Our mission's significance is reflected in a recent program that took place on April 25th, 2024, when we airlifted a team of healthcare providers—family doctors, dentists, and diabetes nurses—to the remote community of Rivers Inlet (traditionally known as Wuikinuxv) by helicopter. Rivers Inlet, one of Western Canada's most isolated areas with no road access, relies solely on air transport or a challenging 4 to 8-hour boat journey through treacherous Rocky Mountain weather. Access to basic and comprehensive healthcare is scarce for this community.

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reliable dental care with a dental team that is paired with the community and is aware of the importance of consistency and continuity of care. In a three-day trip, our dental team is able to see upwards of 60 patients. That is 120 patient travel days saved and all the associated personal costs that typically incur.



The feedback we have received from the communities we work with has been nothing short of amazing. We have found that through consistent and reliable care people are taking ownership of their healthcare needs and requesting specialists, or providers.

We are here to respond to those needs and community direction and deliver comprehensive care to their doorsteps.

Helicopters Without Borders is an organization committed to growing the number of remote communities that have access to life-changing, preventative and acute care. We strive for a future where every British Columbian has access to the same standard of care, and we truly believe that our fly-in clinic model is a stepping stone to that future.

[See more members of the month here.](#)

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COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Administration

Date: June 4, 2024

Subject: Building Inspection Services

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council authorize the District to enter the attached building inspection services agreement with Praxis Solutions in the amount of \$6,750 per month, plus \$240 per occurrence to travel to Mackenzie, BC, plus GST;

AND THAT, for the term of the agreement, the Building Inspectors at Praxis Solutions 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*;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be delegated the authority to renew the contract following expiration if mutually agreed.

BACKGROUND:

The contract approved January 2, 2024 with the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George to provide building inspection services for the District expired April 30, 2024. Staff explored other opportunities with neighboring municipalities, however this proved unsuccessful.

Staff approached Praxis Solutions, a new company based in Prince George that provides both building and land-use planning services for local governments. Their team has extensive experience in land use planning, building inspection, and plumbing inspection fields and several have previously worked for municipalities in the region. A copy of their proposal has been included in the Centre Table File for further information.

Staff are in the process of analyzing if it is in the best interest of the District to continue to contract this service or if it would be beneficial to develop a recruitment strategy to attract and retain an in-house Building Inspector in the future.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

\$6,750 + GST and the additional \$240 per travel day would be allocated from the Operations general operating budget to support the recommendation.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Diane Smith, Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

BUILDING SERVICES

Contract No. 24-101

THIS AGREEMENT dated for reference the 1st day of May, 2024

BETWEEN:

THE DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE

P.O. BAG 340, 1 MACKENZIE BOULEVARD

MACKENZIE, BC V0J 2C0

(hereinafter called the "District")

AND:

PRAXIS IMPLEMENTATION SOLUTIONS LTD.

2911 KILLARNEY DRIVE

PRINCE GEORGE, BC V2K 3J5

(hereinafter called the "Consultant")

WHEREAS:

The District wishes to commission the Consultant for the provision of professional services described herein, and desires to engage the Consultant to perform said services; and the Consultant has agreed to perform the said services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSES THAT in consideration of the terms, covenants and conditions herein contained, the parties hereto hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. CONSULTANT'S SERVICES TO THE CITY

- 1.1. The Consultant shall provide and be fully responsible for the following services, (hereinafter called the "Services"):

Provision of consulting services as outlined in the Consultant's proposal dated May 1, 2024, and any subsequent written clarifications, which documents shall

form part of this Agreement. In the event of conflict this Agreement shall prevail over the Consultant's accepted proposal.

- 1.2. Services are to be provided during the 6-month period from May 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024 (hereinafter called the "Term") with the option to renew, at the District's discretion.
- 1.3. The Consultant shall perform the Services with that degree of care, skill and diligence normally applied in the performance of services of a similar nature and magnitude to those contemplated by this Agreement at the time and place the Services are rendered and in accordance with sound current professional practices.
- 1.4. The Consultant shall furnish all personnel required to perform the Services to the required level or standard, and all such personnel shall be competent, certified and qualified to perform the Services.
- 1.5. The Consultant will be considered as a representative of the District during the course of performing the Services.
- 1.6. The Consultant may engage subcontractors for the performance of certain specific tasks forming part of the Services, provided the Consultant shall administer, coordinate, and manage all services of any subcontractors; pay all fees and disbursements of all subcontractors; ensure that the services provided by any subcontractor meet the requirements of this Agreement; and remain at all times responsible to the District for the quality of the work performed by the subcontractor.
- 1.7. The Consultant shall commence the provision of the Services promptly and shall use best efforts to carry out the Services in such a manner so as to fulfill the terms of the Agreement herein.

2. BASIS OF PAYMENT TO THE CONSULTANT

- 2.1. The District shall pay to the Consultant costs associated with the supply of the Services including:
 - 2.1.1. \$6,750 per month plus GST;
 - 2.1.2. \$240 per required trip to Mackenzie, BC; and

- 2.1.3. Hourly rate of \$90 per hour for a building inspector's time spent preparing evidence or attending court to give evidence of alleged violations of the Building Bylaw or B.C. Building Code or B.C. Plumbing Code, on behalf of the District.
 - 2.2. The fee in subsection 2.1.3 herein shall survive the expiration or termination of the Term of this Agreement.
 - 2.3. All costs associated with the service are included above; for certainty, there is no allowance for any additional disbursements, fees or costs whatsoever.
 - 2.4. The Consultant shall submit monthly invoices. Each invoice will show a breakdown of costs and where applicable the amount of GST applicable. Invoices are to be submitted to Diane Smith, Chief Administrative Officer by email at diane@districtofmackenzie.ca.
 - 2.5. Unless otherwise agreed, payment will become due 30 days from the receipt of the invoice.
 - 2.6. If the District does not approve of or wishes to further review, audit or otherwise seek clarification concerning an invoice submitted by the Consultant, for whatever reason, the District shall be entitled to verify the accuracy and validity of all billings and payments made by auditing and taking extracts from the books and records of the Consultant and by such other means as shall be necessary in the opinion of the District.
3. CHANGES TO SCOPE OF SERVICES
 - 3.1. Should the Consultant consider that any request or instruction from the District constitutes a change in the scope of the work, the Consultant shall advise the District within ten days in writing.
 - 3.2. If either party wishes to review or amend this Agreement, that party must provide written notice to the other party indicating that it wishes to do so.
 - 3.3. In the case of an amendment to this Agreement, the fees to be paid to the Consultant provided in subsection 2.1 for all or any part of the Services shall be adjusted as agreed to by both parties in writing by way of a signed change order.

4. RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION

- 4.1. The Consultant hereby releases the District, its officers, employees, agents and assigns from all costs, losses, damages and disbursements including, but not limited to, those caused by personal injury, death and property damage, arising out of, suffered or experienced by the Consultant, its officers, servants, agents and subcontractors in connection with their performance of the Services under this Agreement, except to the extent such loss arises directly out of the negligence of the District or breach of this Agreement by the District.
- 4.2. The Consultant shall take all precautions reasonably necessary to ensure the safety of the Consultant's personnel and all persons employed, contracted or subcontracted by the Consultant to perform the Services.
- 4.3. The Consultant shall be responsible for any applicable WorkSafe BC assessments relating to any work under this Agreement. The Consultant shall remain in good standing with WorkSafe BC and comply with all Workers' Compensation Board legislation in the Province of British Columbia.
- 4.4. The Consultant hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless the District from and against all costs, losses and damages (including, but not limited to, any and all third party claims, damage to property, injuries and death) arising from any errors, omissions or negligent acts of the Consultant, its officers, servants, agents, and subcontractors in the performance of the Services under this Agreement.
- 4.5. The Consultant's release and indemnification provisions herein shall survive the expiration or termination of the Term of this Agreement.

5. INSURANCE

- 5.1. Both the Consultant and the District covenant to obtain and maintain, at their own expense and on terms satisfactory to each other, commercial general liability insurance for all operations required under this Agreement during the Term of the Agreement. Each party's insurance policy shall include coverage that protects the other party (hereinafter called the CGL Policy).
- 5.2. The CGL Policy must provide coverage for the liabilities and indemnities outlined in Section 4 of this Agreement, with a minimum limit of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) per occurrence. The policy shall name the alternate party as an additional insured. It must also include a waiver of subrogation in favor of the other party. Furthermore, the policy shall contain a clause that requires

the insurer to provide the other party with thirty (30) days' prior written notice before cancelling or making any changes to the policy.

5.3. If the Consultant hires a subcontractor to perform any work related to the Services, the Consultant shall cause such subcontractor to obtain and maintain all insurance referred to in this section 5 on the same terms as specified herein.

5.4. The foregoing insurance requirements shall not in any way reduce the Consultant's obligations to release and indemnify the District as outlined in Section 4 "Release and Indemnification".

6. CONFIDENTIALITY

6.1. The District is subject to the Province of British Columbia's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. All documents, notes, instructions and correspondence shall be received and held, to the extent reasonable, in confidence by the District and the Consultant. For certainty, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Consultant shall not disclose to any party, including any former or existing clients, any documents, notes, instructions or correspondence related to the Services without the express written consent of the District.

7. TERMINATION

7.1. Without prejudice to any right or remedy to which the District may be entitled, the District may, at any time and in its sole judgment, terminate this Agreement by giving fifteen (15) days' prior written notice to the Consultant. Despite such termination, the Consultant shall be entitled to the Services fee for the full Term of the Agreement provided in subsection 2.1, which must be paid by the District by the termination date.

8. NON-DISCLOSURE

8.1. The Consultant may be given access to information by or on behalf of the District in connection with the Services, including information that is confidential or proprietary to third parties, and information conceived, developed or produced by the Consultant as part of the Services.

8.2. The Consultant agrees that it shall not reproduce, copy, use, divulge, release or disclose, in whole or in part, in whatever way or form any information to any person other than a person employed by the District on a need to know basis.

The Consultant undertakes to safeguard the same and take all necessary and appropriate measures, including those set out in any written or oral instructions issued by the District, to prevent the disclosure of or access to such information in contravention of this Agreement. The Consultant further acknowledges that any information provided to the Consultant by or on behalf of the District must be used solely for the purpose of the Agreement and must remain the property of the District.

8.3. The Consultant's non-disclosure obligations herein shall survive expiration of the Term of this Agreement.

9. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

9.1. The Consultant agrees it shall not provide any services to any person in circumstances that, in the District's sole opinion, could give rise to a conflict of interest between the Consultant's duties to that person and the Consultant's duties to the District under this Agreement.

10. OWNERSHIP OF MATERIALS AND COPYRIGHT

10.1. Any drawings, audio-visual materials, plans, models, designs, specifications, software, reports and other similar documents or products produced by the Consultant for the benefit of the District as a result of the provision of the Services (the "Material") may be used by the District in any manner that the District deems necessary.

10.2. All Materials shall be transferred and delivered by the Consultant to the District without further compensation forthwith following the expiration or sooner termination of this Agreement, provided that the District may, at any time or times prior to the expiration or sooner termination of this Agreement, give written notice to the Consultant requesting delivery by the Consultant to the District of all or any part of the Materials in which event the Consultant shall forthwith comply with such request. Unless otherwise directed by the District, all Materials created electronically must be provided in an electronic format.

10.3. The Consultant hereby transfers ownership in and to the Materials and assigns to the District any patent or copyright in the Materials. The Consultant agrees that title to the Materials is to be considered to have been transferred, and any copyright in the Materials is to be considered to have been assigned by the Consultant to the District upon its creation. The Consultant hereby irrevocably waives, in favour of the District, the Consultant's moral rights in respect to the Materials. The Consultant shall obtain in writing, from any other

source used, all required approvals, assignments, waivers, including waivers of moral rights, releases of interest and acknowledgements necessary to transfer ownership to and patent or copyright in the Materials to the District.

- 10.4. The Consultant hereby represents and warrants that any portion of the Materials produced by the Consultant shall not infringe any patent or copyright or any other industrial or intellectual property rights including trade secrets.

11. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND LAW AND RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

- 11.1. The Consultant shall comply with all applicable federal, provincial, municipal and regulatory laws, statutes, regulations, or bylaws. This Agreement and all disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or in respect of any defined legal relationship associated with it or derived from it shall be governed by the laws of the Province of British Columbia.

12. JOINT AND SEVERAL

- 12.1. If this Agreement is executed by more than one person, firm or corporation, it is understood and agreed that all persons, firms or corporations executing this Agreement are jointly and severally liable under and bound by this Agreement.

13. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

- 13.1. The Consultant shall not in any way assign this Agreement or any right of the Consultant under this Agreement unless first receiving express written consent by the District, such consent to be at the sole discretion of the District.
- 13.2. This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their successors and assigns.
- 13.3. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties in respect of the subject matter hereof and shall not be modified except by subsequent agreement in writing executed by both parties. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, including by e-mail or facsimile, each of which shall constitute an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

14. WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD

- 14.1. The Consultant shall comply with all WorkSafeBC Occupational Health and Safety Regulations during performance of this Agreement, and ensure compliance by its subcontractors, workers, and suppliers.
- 14.2. The Consultant shall indemnify the District and hold the District harmless from all manner of claims, demands, costs, losses, penalties and proceedings arising out of or in any way related to unpaid WorkSafeBC assessments owing from any person employed on the work by the Consultant, by its subcontractors or by any other person doing or contracting to do all or any part of the work of this Agreement or arising out of or in any way related to a failure to observe safety rules, regulations and practices of WorkSafeBC, including any penalties levied by WorkSafeBC .
- 14.3. The Consultant shall immediately report to both WorkSafeBC and the District any incident that is immediately reportable to WorkSafeBC under regulation, whether or not there is personal injury
- 14.4. Immediate reporting to the District is also required for incidents where any medical aid beyond first aid treatment is required or where WorkSafeBC issues an order of any sort.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties shall execute this Agreement with effect as of the date first set forth above.

DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

PRAXIS IMPLEMENTATION SOLUTIONS LTD.

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council
From: Operations
Date: June 1, 2024
Subject: DOM 24 - 02 Grader Replacement

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council awards the DOM 24 - 02 Grader Replacement to Brandt Tractor Limited in the amount of \$644,755 plus GST;

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

BACKGROUND:

The District's 2005 Grader – 770D (with snow wing) is at the end of its life cycle. The original budgeted grader replacement value was \$600,000, which is \$44,755 below the award bid.

PROCUREMENT:

In alignment with Policy 3.1 – Purchasing Procurement Procedures & Guidelines, the District of Mackenzie posted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the purchase of a Grader. The RFP was posted on BC Bid and the District of Mackenzie website from April 5, 2024 through May 10, 2024. One bid was received from Brandt Tractor.

Staff are recommending moving forward with purchasing the 2024 John Deere 772GP Grader from Brandt Tractor as it met all the specifications and had a timely delivery. This unit is the same as the one the District purchased in 2021 and has been very reliable. Staff are also recommending the purchase of a snow gate, which is an additional \$18,805, bringing the total price to \$644,755 + GST.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

\$644,755 would be allocated from the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Reserve to support the recommendation.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Jody Murray, Director of Operations

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Administration

Date: June 3, 2024

Subject: Housing Legislation Changes

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive this report for information;

AND THAT Council waives the requirement for a public hearing.

BACKGROUND:

At the Regular Council Meeting of May 27, 2024, staff brought forward a report outlining the proposed changes to Zoning Bylaw No. 1368 to comply with Provincial changes. The Province requires that a minimum of 1 secondary suite and/or 1 detached accessory dwelling unit must be permitted in the single-family residential zones. The District's zoning bylaw currently meets this minimum requirement in all applicable zones. The changes that must be made regard setbacks, non-serviced lots, as well as parking.

Required Regulation Changes:

The Province has set lot regulations that they wish every local government to adopt to support secondary suites and accessory dwelling units. Below are the changes that are outlined in Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1517.

Policy	Provincial Regulation	Current District Regulation
Rear Setback	Minimum of 6 metres for principal buildings. Minimum of 1.5 metres for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)	Generally 6.0 metres for principal buildings 1.2 metres for accessory buildings.
Maximum Height	Maximum building height of 11 metres to the mid-point of a pitched roof or highest point of a flat roof on principal buildings At least 8 metres for ADUs	Generally 10.7 metres for principal buildings 4.8 metres for accessory buildings.

Off-Street Parking Requirements	One space per dwelling unit	Generally 2 spaces per dwelling unit (principal use)
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*To mitigate the risk of groundwater contamination where lots are less than 1 hectare and not connected to community sewer infrastructure, only attached suites will be permitted (Public Health Act).

Section 4.22 – Suites in the District’s Zoning Bylaw will be required to be updated to meet these new regulations.

WAIVING PUBLIC HEARING

Local governments must not hold a public hearing on a zoning bylaw update proposed for the sole purpose of complying with the new legislation.

NEXT STEPS:

- Legal referral has been made. Any proposed changes will come to the June 24, 2024 meeting for incorporation prior to adoption.
- Distribute notice that there will be no public hearing for the Zoning Bylaw Amendment.
- Bring forward final bylaw amendment to the June 24, 2024 meeting.
- Submit the bylaw to the Province of BC by June 30, 2024.

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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: June 4, 2024

Subject: Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1518 (Shipping Container)

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receives this report for information.

BACKGROUND:

This report explores the feasibility of allowing the use of shipping containers as temporary storage solutions for individuals and families relocating to the District of Mackenzie. The proposed period for the allowance is one month, aimed at providing a practical and flexible solution during the relocation.

District Staff have noticed that there has been an uptake in requests for shipping containers to be used during the moving process. Relocation can be a challenging process, often necessitating temporary storage solutions for personal belongings. Shipping containers offer a versatile and secure alternative that can be utilized effectively during the short-term relocation period. Moving companies are also using them as a method for shipping household items instead of the traditional semi/truck.

CONSIDERATIONS

Convenience: Shipping containers can be placed directly at the new residence, providing easy access to belongings during the unpacking and settling-in period.

Security: Containers are typically robust and lockable, offering secure storage for valuable items.

Cost-Effectiveness: Renting a shipping container can be more affordable compared to traditional storage units.

Flexibility: Containers can be delivered and removed according to the resident's schedule, providing a tailored storage solution.

Aesthetics: Shipping containers might not blend well with residential areas, potentially impacting neighborhood aesthetics.

Safety: Proper placement and secure anchoring are essential to ensure safety, particularly in adverse weather conditions.

Environmental Impact: Potential for temporary environmental disruption, such as damage to lawns or driveways.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Temporary Permits: Implement a permit system allowing the use of shipping containers for a defined period, such as 30 days, with the possibility of extension under special circumstances.

Regulatory Compliance: Ensure that the use of containers complies with local zoning laws and residential regulations.

Aesthetic Considerations: Encourage residents to place containers in less conspicuous areas, such as driveways, to minimize visual impact.

Safety Guidelines: Provide clear guidelines on the safe placement and storage of containers to prevent accidents and damage.

Environmental Protections: Include provisions to protect lawns and driveways from damage, such as requiring the use of protective mats or supports.

PROPOSED CHANGES

Staff are proposing to add the use of a shipping container in R-Zones for the purpose of relocation. Staff are also proposing to add the shipping container acknowledgment permit to provide clear guidance to residents who wish to have a shipping container on their property (Attachment A).

Current 4.18 (iii)

One shipping container may be permitted on a temporary basis on the driveway of a parcel in an R-zone, RM1 or RM2 zone for renovation purposes provided it is removed within one month from the date it was first located on the parcel.

Proposed 4.18 (iii)

One shipping container may be permitted temporarily on the driveway of a parcel in an R-zone, RM1 or RM2 zone for renovation or relocation purposes provided a shipping container acknowledgment permit is obtained and the shipping container is removed within one month from the date it was first located on the parcel.

NEXT STEPS

If Council chooses to give Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1518 first two readings staff will take these next steps:

- Agency Referral (30 days)
- Give notice of a public hearing
- Host a public hearing
- Bring back a report with any proposed changes
- Give Council the opportunity for 3rd reading and adoption

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Luke Thorne, Land and Environmental Coordinator

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer



**DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE
SHIPPING CONTAINER ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

DATE: _____

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: _____

PLAN _____ **DL** _____ **LOT** _____

Conditions under which this Permit has been issued as set out in Zoning Bylaw No. 1368, 2017.

1. **One shipping container may be permitted on a temporary basis on the driveway of a parcel in an R-zone, RM1 or RM2 zone for renovation or relocation purposes provided it is removed within one month from the date it was first located on the parcel.**
2. **The storage of any combustible materials in shipping containers is prohibited**

OWNER OR AGENT OF OWNER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR AGENT: _____

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS (OR DESIGNATE): _____

NOTE: No fee is charged for this information; however strict compliance with the above regulations is a requirement. This permit has been issued based on a review of plans and other information submitted by the owner. Owners are solely responsible to determine the location of their property boundaries. The issuance of this acknowledgment does not constitute a warranty or guarantee that the proposed use will comply with all applicable laws and bylaws, and the owner remains fully responsible to ensure that the shipping container complies with all applicable laws and bylaws, including the District's Zoning Bylaw No. 1368, 2017.

DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE

BYLAW NO. 1518

A Bylaw of the District of Mackenzie
to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 1368, 2017

WHEREAS the Council of the District of Mackenzie deems it desirable to amend the District of Mackenzie zoning bylaw:

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the District of Mackenzie in open meeting assembled, **HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That "District of Mackenzie Zoning Bylaw No. 1368, 2017" be amended as follows:

(a) By removing sections 4.18 (1) (iii) and replaced as follows:

"One shipping container may be permitted temporarily on the driveway of a parcel in an R-zone, RM1 or RM2 zone for renovation or relocation purposes provided a shipping container acknowledgment permit is obtained and the shipping container is removed within one month from the date it was first located on the parcel"

2. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Zoning Amendment Bylaw No.1518, 2024".

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

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

Public Hearing waived 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.1518 cited as "Zoning
Amendment Bylaw No. 1518, 2024".

Mayor

Director of Corporate Services

Director of Corporate Services

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council
From: Administration
Date: June 6, 2024
Subject: Resident Concerns – Roaming Cats

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receives this report for information.

BACKGROUND:

Three emails, sent to Mayor and Council, have been received from residents expressing concerns with roaming cats, the disturbance some of them cause to neighbouring properties, and the current inability to drop these cats off at the District Animal Control facility. The residents are asking the District what options and solutions are available to manage this issue. When time permits, staff are able to bring back a report with options for Council to consider.

Copies of the emails received have been included in the Centre Table File for Council's review and consideration. They have not been published on the agenda as we have not had the opportunity to request permission from all writers to make their comments public.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Emily Kaehn, Director of Corporate Services

Reviewed By: Corporate Services and Operations

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer

COUNCIL MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Councillor Viktor Brumovsky

Date: June 2, 2024

Subject: Report for the Month of May 2024

Date:	Activity:
May 1	Attended the quarterly in-person Mackenzie Wildfire Advisory Committee meeting.
May 2	Attended the MLMCF's public information session in the Recreation Centre which included a presentation from Dr. Roy Rea of UNBC on his research regarding learning about moose diets in the spring and summer which is a local knowledge gap that can help improve moose management and population recovery in the future.
May 4	Attended the Walk To Italy wrap-up party in the Callahan Room with 30 fellow walkers. Over three months, we walked over 14,000km encouraging activity and fitness in our community.
May 4	Visited the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Show and Shine in the Rec Centre's upper parking lot.
May 4	Attended the Spring Expo dance at the Legion, featuring one last fantastic performance by Tune Council!
May 5	Attended a meeting with MLIB Council at the Mackenzie Recreation Centre.
May 9	Visited the Capstone Project Gallery presentation from the 2024 Mackenzie Secondary School Graduates in the High School gymnasium.
May 16	Attended the monthly Chamber of Commerce General meeting at the Legion. The guest speaker was Jennifer Moore from Northern BC Tourism. She gave a presentation and took questions from the local business community regarding our tourism industry and supports that are available to grow and maintain our local opportunities.
May 26	Participated in the annual MS Walk to support research in fighting Multiple Sclerosis.
May 31	Attended the Special Olympics meet and greet with local and visiting athletes for the regional qualifier event being held in Mackenzie.

Respectfully Submitted,
Councillor Brumovsky

DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE

BYLAW NO. 1517

A Bylaw of the District of Mackenzie
to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 1368, 2017

WHEREAS the Council of the District of Mackenzie deems it desirable to amend the District of Mackenzie zoning bylaw:

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the District of Mackenzie in open meeting assembled, **HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That "District of Mackenzie Zoning Bylaw No. 1368, 2017" be amended as follows:

(a) By adding the following section to Section 4.22:

"Where lots are less than 1 hectare and not connected to community sewer infrastructure, only attached suites will be permitted as an Accessory Use."

(b) By removing sections 4.22 Detached Suites (1) (iii) and (vi) and replacing them as follows:

"(iii) Shall not exceed a height of 8.0 metres."

"(vi) Shall be set back a minimum of 1.5 metres from the rear of the parcel."

(c) By removing *Table 3 – Off-Street Parking Requirements (Residential)* and replacing it with the following:

Column 1	Column 2
Use of a Building or Parcel	Minimum Required Number of Spaces
Residential	
Accessory dwelling unit	1 space per dwelling unit
Apartment	1 space per dwelling unit (bachelor unit) 1 space per dwelling unit (1 bedroom) 1 space per dwelling unit (2 plus bedrooms) 1 guest parking space per 10 dwelling units
Attached or detached suite	1 space per dwelling unit in addition to principal dwelling unit requirements
Bed and Breakfast	1 space per each bedroom used for accommodations in addition to principal dwelling unit requirements
Community Care Facility	1 space per employee plus 1 space per 5 beds
Daycare	1 space per every 4 children in addition to principal dwelling unit requirements
Duplex (Semi-Attached)	1 space per dwelling unit
Homed Based Business	1 space in addition to principal dwelling unit requirements
Home Industry	1 space in addition to principal dwelling unit requirements
Rowhouse or Townhouse	1 space per dwelling unit 1 guest parking space per 10 dwelling units
Single-detached dwelling	1 space per dwelling unit

2. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Zoning Amendment Bylaw No.1517, 2024".

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

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

Public Hearing waived 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. 1517 cited as "Zoning
Amendment Bylaw No. 1517, 2024".

Mayor

Corporate Officer

Corporate Officer

DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE

BYLAW NO. 1518

A Bylaw of the District of Mackenzie
to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 1368, 2017

WHEREAS the Council of the District of Mackenzie deems it desirable to amend the District of Mackenzie zoning bylaw:

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the District of Mackenzie in open meeting assembled, **HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That "District of Mackenzie Zoning Bylaw No. 1368, 2017" be amended as follows:

(a) By removing sections 4.18 (1) (iii) and replaced as follows:

"One shipping container may be permitted temporarily on the driveway of a parcel in an R-zone, RM1 or RM2 zone for renovation or relocation purposes provided a shipping container acknowledgment permit is obtained and the shipping container is removed within one month from the date it was first located on the parcel."

2. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1518, 2024".

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

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

Public Hearing held 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.1518 cited as "Zoning
Amendment Bylaw No. 1518, 2024".

Mayor

Corporate Officer

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10:30AM - 2:30PM

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CENTER TO SIGN WAIVER FORM AND
PICK UP MAP.**