

**COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA**

Date: Monday, January 13, 2025, 7:15 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers of the Municipal Office
1 Mackenzie Boulevard, Mackenzie, BC

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Regular Meeting - December 9, 2024

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2.2 Special Meeting- December 9, 2024

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3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

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

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

Administration are there any members of the public attending through Zoom or Phone that wish to comment on the agenda?

6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

7. CORRESPONDENCE

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

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7.1.2	Request for Support - Mackenzie Community Services Sasha van den Berg, Executive Director, Mackenzie Community Services (MCS), is requesting a letter of support for the MCS grant application to the Youth Mental Health Fund for Integrated Youth Services in Mackenzie. The deadline for submission is January 20th, 2025. MCS is also asking for Council to approve the rental and utilization of the upper floor, washroom and back office space in the Mackenzie Recreation Centre.	13
7.1.3	Request for Support - Mackenzie Community Arts Council Michelle Bobrel, President, Mackenzie Community Arts Council, is requesting letters of support for their applications to NDIT: Cultural Infrastructure, McLeod Lake Community Forest, and CO-OP Community Spaces to complete Phase 2 of Project Caribou, and applications to the Pacific Institute of Climate Solutions: Community Climate Action Events Program and BC Art's Council's Community Arts Festivals Program to enhance upcoming community events including their Annual Earth Day Extravaganza and the pop-up gallery that takes place during Rockin' the Ridgeline.	15
7.1.4	Request for Proclamation Deirdre Syms, Executive Director, BC Epilepsy Society, is asking that Council make a proclamation that March 26, 2025 be designated as International PURPLE DAY for Epilepsy Awareness in the District of Mackenzie and to have the Municipal Office lit up with purple lights on March 26, 2025 in honor of epilepsy awareness.	17
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8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1	<u>2025 Emergency Support Services Grant</u> THAT Council supports an application of up to \$40,000 to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) for the Emergency Support Services Equipment & Training grant; AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the grant application, and if successful, any related documentation.	35
8.2	<u>Contract Disclosure – Garden House Bed & Breakfast</u> THAT Council receives this report for information.	37
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8.4	<u>DOM 25-1 Fork Attachment Replacement for Loader</u> THAT Council awards the purchase of a Fork Attachment to Nors Construction Equipment Canada GW Ltd in the amount of \$16,010 plus GST.	41
8.5	<u>Nuclear Energy in British Columbia</u> THAT Council write a letter to the new Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions Adiran Dix, CEO of BC Hydro Chris O’Riley and Premier of BC	45

David Eby to request a review of the current prohibition on Nuclear Energy in British Columbia and all this communication be copied to Mackenzie's MLA Kiel Giddens and MP Bob Zimmer to keep them in the loop.

AND THAT Council directs staff to submit resolutions to both the NCLGA and UBCM advocating for a review of the Clean Energy Act, specifically to study the feasibility of a reversal on the current prohibition on nuclear energy in British Columbia.

8.6 Williston Lake Elders Society – Land Request Review 47

THAT Council receives this report for information.

8.7 Dental Equipment – Storage and Disposal 57

THAT Council authorize Administration to dispose or recycle District-owned dental equipment that is no longer in useable condition.

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THAT Council approves the revised Council meeting dates for the 2025 annual budget process.

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10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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14. COMING EVENTS

15. INQUIRIES

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

Regular Council Meeting

Minutes

December 9, 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 P. Kylo, Councillor R. McMeeken, Councillor K. Tapper, Councillor J. Wright

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer D. Smith, Chief Financial Officer K. Borne, Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn, Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant C. Smith

Visitors Present: Cheryl Campbell, Executive Director, Autumn Lodge Society, Lucille Hinkleman, Board Member, Autumn Lodge Society, Michelle Bobrel, President, Mackenzie Community Arts Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:16PM.

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: 33620

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

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

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

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Committee of the Whole - November 25, 2024

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on November 25, 2024 were adopted as presented.

2.2 Regular Meeting - November 25, 2024

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 25, 2024 were adopted as presented.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

N/A

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: 33621

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

N/A

6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

In 2020, Council adopted the Community Grants Policy 3.16 which requires all organizations approved for Fee-For-Service Agreements to provide an in-person presentation to Council at the end of each year highlighting accomplishments, goals and objectives, benefits provided to the community, and a financial statement outlining how the District's funding was utilized.

The following groups provided presentations to Mayor and Council highlighting 2024 project and a "year in review"

- Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society
- Mackenzie Community Arts Council

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolution: 33622

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

7.1 For Action:

7.1.1 NCLGA Membership Dues

Resolution: 33623

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the NCLGA Membership dues for 2025 be paid.

CARRIED

7.1.2 Mackenzie Community Arts Council - Request for Support

Resolution: 33624

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council deny the request for snow removal at the new MCAC location

Opposed (1): Councillor P. Kylo

CARRIED (6 to 1)

7.2 For Consideration:

7.2.1 Letter to Kiel Giddens

7.2.2 BC Alert - Ready Program to include Health Services for notification of
Emergency Room Closures

7.2.3 MCS Monthly Seniors News Letter December Edition

7.2.4 December 2024 Northern Health Healthy Communities E - Brief

7.2.5 2025 Calendar for Council

Resolution: 33625

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the meeting of May 12, 2025, be rescheduled for the first week of May,
2025.

CARRIED

7.2.6 November Notice of Motion Letters of Support

7.3 Centre Table File

8. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

8.1 Notice of Motion - South Peace Mackenzie Trust Application

Resolution: 33626

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council directs staff to submit a grant application to the South Peace Mackenzie Trust with the intention of hiring a second Economic Development Worker for the municipality to work in the Corporate Service Department.

Opposed (3): Mayor Atkinson, Councillor Barnes, and Councillor McMeeken

CARRIED (4 to 3)

8.2 External Audit Services (2024-2026)

Resolution: 33627

Moved by: Councillor P. Kylo

THAT the main motion be amended to a one-year term only and be sent out for RFP for the remainder of the term.

CARRIED

Resolution: 33628

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council awards the 2024-2026 External Audit Services to KPMG in the amount of \$51,020 + GST for a one-year term only.

CARRIED

8.3 2025 Council Liaison Appointments - Update

Resolution: 33629

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council appoints Councillor Peter Kylo as an alternate liaison to the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee and the Williston Lake Elders Society for a one-year term;

CARRIED

8.4 Interim Housing Needs Report

Resolution: 33630

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the 2019 District of Mackenzie (District) Housing Needs Report be updated to include the Interim Housing Needs Report in Attachment A as Appendix B;

AND THAT the updated 2019 District of Mackenzie Housing Needs Report be published on the District's website to fulfill the District's requirements under the *Local Government Act*.

CARRIED

8.5 Social Media Policy 1.27

Resolution: 33631

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council approves the proposed Social Media Policy 1.27.

Opposed (2): Councillor Tapper, and Councillor Wright

CARRIED (5 to 2)

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 Mayor's Report

9.2 Council Reports

Councillor Barnes gave a verbal report

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

11. NEW BUSINESS

N/A

12. BYLAWS

12.1 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1520, 2024

Resolution: 33632

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No.1520, 2024 be adopted.

CARRIED

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

In accordance with the "District of Mackenzie Council Procedures Bylaw No. 1470, 2022" notice of the proposed motion was provided. The proposed motions will be included on the January 13, 2025, Regular Council meeting for Council's consideration.

13.1 Nuclear Energy in British Columbia

14. COMING EVENTS

- Morfee Elementary Winter Showcase December 18, 2024
- Chamber Lunch December 12, 2024

15. INQUIRIES

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: 33633

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the meeting adjourns at 8:40PM

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer

**Special Council Meeting
Minutes**

December 9, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers of the Municipal Office
1 Mackenzie Boulevard, Mackenzie, BC

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

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer D. Smith, Chief Financial Officer K. Borne,
Director of Operations J. Murray, Fire Chief J. Guise, Director of
Recreation Services T. Gilmer, Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn

1. CALL TO ORDER

CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:30PM.

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: 33614

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the Special Closed meeting be deferred until after the special meeting;
AND THAT the basis of the Special Closed Meeting relates to 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. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: 33615

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:31PM

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer



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CANADIENNE DES
MUNICIPALITÉS

**Membership Invoice
2025-2026
Facture d'adhésion**

24, rue Clarence Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1N 5P3
T. 613-241-5221

Diane Smith
District of Mackenzie
Bag 340 1 Mackenzie Boulevard
Mackenzie, BC, V0J 2C0
Attn: Chief Administrative Officer

INVOICE / FACTURE: INV-42887-X8W9X8
DATE: 11/18/2024
ACCOUNT / COMPTE: 160
DUE DATE / DATE LIMITE: 03/31/2025

ITEM / DESCRIPTION	QTY / QTE	RATE / TAUX	SUB-TOTAL / SOUS-TOTAL	GST / TPS	TOTAL
Base fee per your population / Taux de base selon votre population	1	\$220.00	\$220.00	\$11.00	\$231.00
Per capita dues calculated per your population / Frais de cotisation calculés selon votre population	3,281	\$0.2263	\$742.49	\$37.12	\$779.61
TOTAL			\$962.49	\$48.12	\$1,010.61

PAID AMOUNT / MONTANT PAYÉ: \$0.00
BALANCE DUE / MONTANT DÛ: \$1,010.61

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Royal Bank of Canada (RBC)/Banque Royale du Canada
Institution Number/Numéro de l'institution: **003**
Transit Number/Numéro de transit: **00006**
Account Number / Numéro de compte: **1113307**

Cheque payable to / Chèque à l'ordre de

Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Fédération canadienne des municipalités

January 7, 2025

Re: Rental Space at Recreation Centre

Dear Mayor Atkinson and Council,

Mackenzie Community Services is applying for funding to bring Integrated Youth Services to Mackenzie/McLeod Lake. We would appreciate your consideration and approval of the following:

1. Mackenzie Community Services with a letter of support from Foundry, will be applying for The Youth Mental Health Fund (YMHF) offering funding of up to \$500,000 per fiscal year for projects lasting up to 48 months. The funding being applied for is Federal therefore, we would have to comply with their terms of the contract if awarded funding. Foundry would guide and support as much as possible.

Integrated Youth Services is a much needed service in the community. IYS provides support services in one place for youth to access. The plan is to have a couple of private offices where youth can access virtual Foundry services. The main area will have a sitting area, entertainment area etc. It'll be a space where youth can be heard and supported as needed. We will begin as a pilot program with the hope of extending to a much larger support centre in the future.

We ask Mayor and Council to support Mackenzie Community Services with this project. We ask for a letter of support to attach to the application mentioned above. The application deadline is January 22, 2025. We kindly ask for a letter of support to be submitted to MCS by January 20, 2025.

2. Mackenzie Community Services plans to have a safe space in an area of town frequented by youth. MCS is requesting Mayor and Council to consider and approve the rental and utilization of the upper floor room in the Recreation Centre along with the washroom and office space in the back. It'll serve as a space of wellness and reset for youth 12-24 in our community.
Mackenzie Community Services is also requesting Mayor and Council to approve renovation of the back office. It is requested to add a wall in the middle of the office to make two offices. This will provide a private, confidential spaces where youth can access virtual Foundry services, receive peer support, one on one sessions etc.

We are also requesting Mayor and Council to approve any additional renovations needed to make the space comfortable for our youth.

We hope that you, Mayor and Council, will support the project of Integrated Youth Services in Mackenzie for our Mackenzie/McLeod Lake youth. Writing a letter of support and approving the rental and renovations of the room on the upper floor, the bathroom and back office of the Recreation Centre will greatly assist in introducing Integrated Youth Services to our community.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sasha van den Berg
Executive Director
Mackenzie Community Services



Mackenzie Community Arts Council
PO Box 301, 9 Laurier Drive, Mackenzie BC V0J 2C0
www.mackenziecac.com
mackenziearts@outlook.com
(250)997-5818

January 9, 2025

ATTENTION: District of Mackenzie Mayor and Council

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Request for Letters of Support for upcoming MCAC Grant Applications

Mackenzie Community Arts Council is truly grateful for your continued support. We have successfully completed Phase 1 of Project Caribou, with grants from SPMTrust, BC Arts Council, The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George and the District of Mackenzie.

We are currently preparing to enter Phase 2, with multiple grant proposals currently submitted and pending from various granting parties, including the Enabling Accessibility Fund, the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program – Forest Impact Transition (REDIP-FIT) and the BC Arts Council (BCAC): Arts Infrastructure Grant.

To complete this phase of Project Caribou, we will be submitting proposals to **NDIT: Cultural Infrastructure, McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest and CO-OP Community Spaces**. We are applying for “last shovel” funds to make improvements and upgrades that will make the entire building and grounds accessible, functional and inviting.

MCAC will also be applying for grants to enhance upcoming community events. In April we will be hosting our third annual Erath Day Extravaganza. We intend to apply for funds from the **Pacific Institute of Climate Solutions: Community Climate Action Events Program**. MCAC also intends to apply for **BC Arts Council’s Community Arts Festivals Program** to capture funds to produce MCAC’s popup art gallery, that takes place during the Rockin the Ridgeline Festival.

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.

A thriving arts community helps to develop a healthier, happier community. By improving the quality and enjoyment of life for residents, and enhancing opportunities to connect and share experiences, we can increase the retention of volunteers and staff in our community and promote the diversification of our economy. The more Mackenzie has to offer, the more we will attract and retain newcomers, their families, entrepreneurs, and tourists, alike.

MCAC would like to request:

THAT, the District of Mackenzie supports the five (5) above-mentioned applications from the Mackenzie Community Arts Council.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Michelle Bobrel
Mackenzie Community Arts Council President
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.

From: [Sonia Velji](#)
To: [District Information](#)
Subject: Request for Proclamation from the District of Mackenzie
Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 1:47:42 PM
Attachments: [2025 Proclamation Draft.docx](#)

EXTERNAL EMAIL - This email was sent by a person from outside your organization. Exercise caution when clicking links, opening attachments or taking further action, before validating its authenticity.

To Whom It May Concern,

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

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

We are excited to let you know that International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness is coming up and will be taking place on March 26th, 2025. International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness is a time when people in countries around the world take part in events and activities to raise much-needed awareness of epilepsy.

We would like to request a Proclamation from the District of Mackenzie designating March 26th, 2025 as International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness in the District of Mackenzie. Included with this email correspondence is a document outlining our draft Proclamation.

Through your participation in International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness on March 26th, 2025, you will not only be able to show people living with epilepsy that they are not alone but will also get people talking about epilepsy in an effort to raise awareness of epilepsy across the Province of British Columbia.

We look forward to working with you on International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness on March 26th, 2025 and in the future. Please feel free to contact me via email at deirdre@bcepilepsy.com or via telephone at 1-788-533-0790 should you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,
Deirdre Syms
Executive Director
BC Epilepsy Society

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Kind regards,
Sonia Velji, BA, MPH
Provincial Manager of Programs and Services

BC Epilepsy Society

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Website: www.bcepilepsy.com

Social Media:

Instagram: [BCEpilepsySociety](#)

Facebook: [BC Epilepsy Society](#)

Twitter: [BCEpilepsy](#)

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

2025 Proclamation Draft

“Purple Day”

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

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

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

AND WHEREAS increasing epilepsy awareness can help the public to recognize common seizure types or to respond with appropriate first aid, and

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

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

NOW THEREFORE I **[Insert Name and Title]** DO HEREBY PROCLAIM Wednesday March 26th, 2025 as

“PURPLE DAY”

in the District of Mackenzie

From: [Sonia Velji](#)
To: [District Information](#)
Subject: Request for Illumination of Mackenzie Municipal Office in Purple Lights on March 26th, 2025
Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2024 10:11:12 AM

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

Additionally, because International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness is also a time when many buildings and landmarks in countries around the world are lit with purple lights to raise awareness of epilepsy, the BC Epilepsy Society would like to request that Mackenzie Municipal Office be lit with purple lights on March 26th, 2025, in honour of epilepsy awareness.

Through your participation in International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness on March 26th, 2025, you will not only be able to show people living with epilepsy that they are not alone but will also get people talking about epilepsy in an effort to raise awareness of epilepsy in the community.

We look forward to working with you on International PURPLE DAY® for Epilepsy Awareness on March 26th, 2025, and in the future. Please feel free to contact me via email at deirdre@bcepilepsy.com or via telephone at 1-788-533-0790 should you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,
Deirdre Syms
Executive Director
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Kind regards,
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The BC Epilepsy Society empowers, educates, and supports British Columbians living with epilepsy.



Councillor Jesse Wright, Mackenzie

Dear Jesse Wright:

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

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

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

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

Nominations for both honours must reach the Honours and Awards Secretariat by **Friday, April 4, 2025** to be considered this year. To submit a nomination please click on the boxes below.

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

Yours sincerely,

Lucy Lobmeier

B.C. Honours and Awards Secretariat



Hi Jesse

First I want to acknowledge your great use of BHAGs.

In case you didn't know, BHAG stands for:

Big Hairy Audacious Goal

In business school they are used to open up creativity and move previously unmovable goal posts.

So with that, I like your idea about creating a nuclear generating station in Mackenzie. However the idea will need a change of law in BC, relatively easy to do, in comparison to the 2nd problem, getting BC Hydro to accept and pay for it.

So in following your BHAG lead, I'd suggest that we keep BC Hydro out of it and build it privately, to sell electricity to a AI / data centre customer. My thought is, after it looks like we can get provincial approval to build it, we court the Microsofts, Amazon and Apples of the tech world to fund it. Their big issues are electrical supply and cooling and Mackenzie's climate and Lake Williston could provide the cooling less expensively than most other places.

It would be good however to ensure that the heat is put to productive use, not just wasted.

2nd, thinking more about attracting jobs to Mackenzie, I think that a good first step for your new economic development people would be to attract online professionals with our fibre optic, low housing/cost of living and great outdoors, clean air. I think that successful online workers are more likely to generate further jobs than trying to attract an industry to move here.

Not that I'm saying to not try to attract industry, but I think that we could generate easier results by getting individuals and couples to move her. I know of a few online workers in Mackenzie living here for exactly those reasons.

3rd, Are you driving the Kimta Bus for the School? I thought I saw a rental request come through with your name as the driver, but I don't remember seeing your DL and abstract come through to put you on the bus insurance.

Cheers

Mark

NEWSLETTER

December 2024



Mount Milligan Life of Mine Extension

In February, Centerra Gold announced a revision to an existing streaming agreement with Royal Gold, which allows for extending the mine life of Mount Milligan to 2035 and creates the potential conditions for future mine life extension as well. The life of mine extension sits within the current mine lease boundaries for the mine. Centerra is currently working with a BC government-organized Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to consult with government reviewers and Indigenous Nations on the permits and authorization amendment needed to extend the Life of the Mine to 2035. The schedule for this permitting process is expected to be completed in 2026, allowing a very sufficient timeline for a robust consultation process. In parallel, Mt. Milligan is also working on exploration, environmental & engineering and other works to evaluate the future of Mt. Milligan beyond 2035.

Mt. Milligan Recent Highlights

- August was the best ever month for tonnes processed and processing plant operating hours
- 65% local employment (within 3 hour drive of mine)
- 16% Indigenous employment
- 87% Provincial employment

ON SITE, IN COMMUNITY



Families enjoying one of two Family Day events held on-site.

FAMILY DAY

In July, our Mount Milligan mine welcomed Centerra's employees and their families for two memorable Family Days. The festivities included barbecues, games, and educational tours, providing a mix of entertainment and learning opportunities for all ages. Geology took center stage among hands-on displays from various departments showcasing the fascinating world of mining specializations.

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation & Orange Shirt Day

On September 30 Centerra acknowledged the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. At the mine site, orange t-shirts designed by Nak'azdli/Cree artist Clayton Gauthier were given out along with hard hat stickers. Sodexo prepared a meal of salmon and bannock and the evening has a performance from Nak'azdli drummers.

The Social Performance team attended a community gathering at Lejac Residential School and Nadleh Whut'en, just west of Fort Fraser BC. Youth from the Indigenous communities in the vicinity of all three of Centerra's BC mine sites would have typically attended Lejac. Students from over 72 communities, within Northern BC and Alberta attended the school.



Nak'azdli Whut'en Drummers provided an evening performance at Mount Milligan mine site, September 30.



The 2024 PETER cohort with Centerra's Social Performance Team and First Nation Liaisons Bobby Reeve (McLeod Lake Indian Band) and Jenny Martin (Nak'azdli Whut'en).

PETER PROGRAM

Pre-Employment Training & Education Readiness Program (PETER)

After several months of preparation and collaboration with the College of New Caledonia, Nak'azdli Whut'en and McLeod Lake Indian Band, we launched our seventh offering of the PETER Program.

The PETER program began on September 9th and will run until February 2025. Youth participated in a two-week Life Skills Training program, covering essential topics such as confined space safety, financial literacy, conflict resolution, and fall arrest.

Training will be followed up with a paid six-month deployment in different departments at Mount Milligan, preparing them for potential full-time employment while fostering a culture of mentorship. The PETER program underscores our commitment to training, education, and work opportunities in local First Nation communities.



ENVIRONMENT

30 YEARS OF FISHERIES STUDIES AT KEMESS

The Kemess Mine has been conducting fisheries monitoring, protection and sustainability throughout the Thutade watershed, where the Attichika Creek and Kemess Creek flows since 1994. A Fisheries Compensation agreement (FCA), created in 1996, initiated a long-term monitoring program designed to evaluate the success of habitat compensation measures. The agreement, signed by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, the British Columbia Ministry of Environment and Kemess Mines Inc., has the objective of no net loss of the productive capacity of the waste rock/open pit area creeks.

By 2014, the Kemess Mine completed the habitat compensation features outlined in the FCA, including the construction of a fish ladder to facilitate upstream fish access. Since 2018, Chu Cho Environmental, a company owned by the Tsay Keh Dene Nation, has been actively monitoring the effectiveness of these fisheries' compensation projects. The primary species studied are Bull Trout and Dolly Varden. Overall, juvenile fish studies have demonstrated significant success, showing that fish density for both species is above average, and spawning bed counts have shown a consistent upward trend, nearly doubling over a six year period.



Onsite consultants Chu Cho Environmental speaking to the annual Bull Trout spawning bed counts in Kemess and Attichika Creeks during an Environmental Monitoring Committee tour of Kemess' aquatic monitoring programs.



The Kemess fish ladder eases fish travel upstream to reach spawning beds.



Members of Stellat'en & Nadleh Whut'en First Nations during a site tour of Endako Mine in October.

ENDAKO MINE

END LAND USE PLANNING (ELUP)

In early October, Centerra conducted the first of four Endako Mines community end land use planning (ELUP) workshops with Stellat'en and Nadleh Whut'en First Nations. These workshops are designed to collect information from community on their vision of land uses for the mine site upon closure. Endako is currently in a care and maintenance phase. While not yet in formal closure, this early outreach and collaboration allows community input into what Endako's eventual closure plan will entail.

About Centerra Gold Inc.

A Canadian-based gold mining company focused on operating, developing, exploring and acquiring gold and copper properties in North America, Türkiye, and other markets worldwide. Centerra has three mine sites in British Columbia.

Mount Milligan

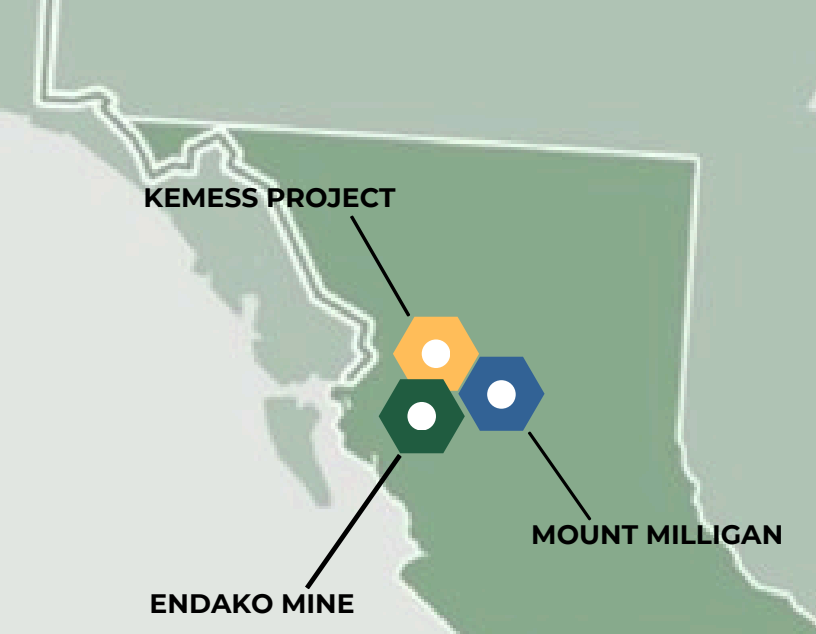
Located approximately 155 kilometres northwest of Prince George in central British Columbia, Canada. The Mount Milligan Mine is a conventional truck-shovel open-pit copper and gold mine and concentrator with a 60,000 tpd capacity copper flotation processing plant.

Kemess

The Kemess Project is on care and maintenance. Located in a highly prospective area within British Columbia's prolific Golden Horseshoe, with multiple gold and copper discoveries. Kemess is a past producing mine which benefits from infrastructure already on-site, including a process plant, water treatment plant, air strip, and an open pit available for waste storage.

Endako Mine

The Endako Mine is a primary, surface molybdenum mine located near Fraser Lake, 161 kilometres northwest of Prince George, British Columbia. The mine is operated as a joint venture with Thompson Creek holding a 75% interest and Moon River Capital Ltd. holding a 25% interest.



COMMUNITY DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS

Centerra Gold Inc. is proud to support community-based organizations local to our project sites and offices in British Columbia. We are pleased to grant financial and in-kind contributions to organizations and/or projects either working in, or providing support for, our local communities. Follow the QR code to learn more about our sponsorship and donation program.



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

At Centerra Gold we work hard to be good neighbors and responsible miners. We care about our local communities and take any complaints seriously. We welcome any feedback, comments or concerns that you are willing to share in order to help us improve the way we work.



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MOUNTMILLIGAN



January 7, 2025

RE: Protecting Taxpayers from Overspending on Local Government Construction

Dear Mayor and Council:

The Independent Contractors and Businesses Association (ICBA) is Canada’s largest construction association and a leading industry organization in British Columbia, with more than 4,500 member and client companies. ICBA’s B.C. corporate members account for approximately 85% of the province’s construction sector – representing more than 190,000 jobs. Construction itself is one of the biggest B.C. industries, directly generating almost 8% of GDP. ICBA also owns and manages a rapidly growing employee health and dental benefits business which currently supports more than 300,000 Canadians.

Apart from advocating for the interests of construction companies and contractors, ICBA is a principled voice for free enterprise and the benefits of a competitive, market-based economy. Unlike many other business associations, ICBA receives no funding from governments at any level. We believe that competition and choice for consumers and taxpayers is by far the best way to deliver value-for-money and create the conditions for a thriving economy.

ICBA is writing to you and other B.C. local government bodies to share our views on the topic of public sector procurement. At a time when large numbers of British Columbians are facing affordability challenges, many small and mid-sized businesses are struggling to survive, and the B.C. government is running record budget deficits, we believe it is **important for municipal leaders to commit to open, fair and transparent procurement practices** across all domains of local and regional government activity. This includes the regular purchase of goods and services to operate local government as well as procurement that is tied to capital spending and the development and maintenance of infrastructure assets.

When municipalities pay for goods, services and capital projects, they do so on behalf of all taxpayers in the community. **Municipal policymakers have an obligation to adopt prudent fiscal policies and to ensure the best possible value-for-money when expending taxpayer dollars. Competitive procurement policies are a vital part of delivering on this fundamental obligation.**

Across Canada, local government expenses amounted to \$220 billion in 2022, with the main components of expenditures consisting of purchases of goods and services, employee compensation, subsidies and grants, interest payments on debt, and the depreciation of fixed capital (Statistics Canada, Table 10-10-0015-01). In the same year, total local government revenues were \$225 billion, of which the largest shares were grants/payments from other levels of government and revenues derived from taxes on property.

In the past few years, the B.C. government has undertaken a significant fraction of its capital projects under the “Community Benefits Agreement” (CBA) framework adopted in 2018. Under this policy, a provincial Crown Corporation (British Columbia Infrastructure Benefits Inc. – BCIB) contracts for the employees required to build certain public sector infrastructure and other capital projects. It does so through an agreement with a group of 19 trade unions that are part of the broader Building Trades Union (BTU) alliance. All employees working on CBA projects must be (or become) members of an affiliated BTU.

This very unusual arrangement dilutes the important relationship that exists between an employer and its employees across the rest of the B.C. private sector.

The province's CBA policy has the effect of restricting bidding on projects covered by the scheme. This is especially problematic given that about 85% of the people working in the B.C. construction industry are not BTU members nor employed by contractors which are covered by BTU collective agreements. **Fewer bidders means less pressure to ensure competitive costs and excellence in project delivery.** Many ICBA members will not bid on public sector projects covered CBAs because of the extra bureaucracy and administrative complexity involved and also because they do not wish to give up control and management oversight of their own workforce – as is the normal practice in Canadian business.

As demonstrated by academic research, **restricted bidding translates into higher costs for taxpayers** and the users of infrastructure services established via CBA-type arrangements.¹ Cost over-runs and unexpected delays are a common theme with CBA projects.² The net result is hundreds of millions of dollars of additional costs imposed on the B.C. taxpayers and delays in project delivery.

It is sometimes argued that restrictive tendering policies like CBAs are necessary to support local hires, apprenticeships, and pensions. In a labour shortage like B.C. construction is facing, our companies do everything they can to hire and keep local workers. ICBA is the single largest sponsor of trades apprentices in British Columbia, and open shop contractors train 82% of all apprentices in the province. When it comes to financial security, ICBA contractors and their employees utilize RRSPs, bonus programs, and profit-sharing initiatives, providing flexible and effective solutions tailored to their workforce, rather than being restricted to union-controlled pension plans.

For local governments, the lesson from B.C.'s failed experiment with CBAs is clear. **Municipal and regional government projects should be developed and managed using open, competitive procurement.** Restrictive tendering should be avoided in all areas of local government activity – capital projects, but also the day-to-day procurement of goods and services. Municipalities should not discriminate against B.C. businesses and their employees based on factors such as particular union affiliations.

If you have any questions or wish to engage ICBA in a conversation on this, or any, construction issue, please feel free to contact me directly at chris@icba.ca.

Sincerely,
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS AND BUSINESSES ASSOCIATION



Chris Gardner
President and CEO, ICBA

¹ Brian Dijkema and Morley Gunderson, Restrictive Tendering: Protection for Whom?" January 2017, CARDUS.

² Renze Nauta, "Benefits for Whom? Assessing British Columbia's Community Benefits Agreements," CARDUS September 2024.

January 7, 2025

Dear Mayor Atkinson,

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

As you know, on May 30, 2024, Westcoast filed an application with the Canada Energy Regulator (CER) for approval to construct and operate the Project. Since filing of the application, certain refinements to the Project scope have been made following feedback from Indigenous groups, landowners, stakeholders and other interested parties, as well as additional archaeological, geotechnical and environmental studies. These scope refinements are reflected in a Project update filed with the CER on January 6, 2025. Specifically, the Project update describes the following refinements to the Project scope since filing the Application:

- Westcoast is proposing an alternative, shorter, route for the powerline that will supply compressor station (CS)-8A (Kingsvale) with electricity.
- Westcoast is proposing to remove from the Project scope the powerline that was proposed in the Application to supply CS-8B (Othello) with electricity, instead relying on BC Hydro to upgrade its existing powerline infrastructure to supply electricity to CS-8B.
- Westcoast is proposing to decommission, by removal, a short segment of existing deactivated pipeline within the existing Westcoast system right-of-way within the proposed CS-3 (McLeod Lake) – CS-4A (Summit Lake) loop.

These scope refinements demonstrate Westcoast's commitment to incorporating local knowledge and reducing impacts to Indigenous rights and environmentally sensitive areas to build a better Project, while also building lasting and productive relationships with Indigenous groups and local communities.

The Project update can be found at <https://apps.cer-rec.gc.ca/REGDOCS/Item/View/4510491>.

Additional resources, including an updated factsheet and Project maps, can be found on our website: www.enbridge.com/sunrise.

We look forward to continuing to work with you throughout the development, construction and operation of the Project.

Please also let us know if you have any questions about the Project or require additional information. You can contact us at the information below or phone us toll free at 1-833-267-2220.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours Sincerely,

Rikk Beudet
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BCProjects@enbridge.com

Brought to you by the [Northern Health Healthy Communities](#) team. We support local governments and community organizations in promoting health and well-being across Northern BC.

Share your opinion

Social Prescribing for Healthy Aging - Community Readiness Survey

Deadline: January 10, 2025

Is your community ready for social prescribing? Communities in BC without a Community Connector are invited to express interest in expanding this program, in partnership with United Way BC Healthy Aging. Learn more and complete the [survey](#).

Events and learning opportunities

Financial Barriers to Climate Action Implementation

Date: January 13, 2025 @10-11am PT

Financing climate action can be challenging for local governments. Hosted by Tamarack Institute, this free [webinar](#) will explore creative solutions and funding opportunities to support your community's efforts.

Building Social Connections in Practice

Date: January 15, 2024 @12-1pm PT

Join a national learning cohort to explore practical tools for fostering well-being in multi-unit housing. This three-part workshop series will cover:

- Design principles for social well-being
- Policy strategies for social and affordable housing

These workshops are based on years of research from [Hey Neighbour Collective and Happy Cities](#) and build on the [Building Social Connections Toolkit](#). Learn more and [apply](#) for a limited live spot.

Understanding Disordered Eating - How to Support the Youth in Your Life

Date: February 1, 2025 @10:30-12pm PT

Join this panel event to learn from youth with lived experiences and moderator, Carmen Kaufmann, an eating disorder specialist. Topics covered include identifying influences and warning signs for disordered eating, coping with social media and diet culture, and supporting conversations about disordered eating and body image with youth. Hosted by Embody, this [free event](#) is open to all.

Brain Waves Online Program for grades 4 to 6

Dates: Various dates in February 2025

[Brain Waves](#) is a free and engaging program aimed at promoting brain safety among elementary school students, in grades 4 to 6. This program is delivered to schools across Canada, with the BC Injury Research and Prevention Unit (BCIRPU) as the provincial delivery partner in BC. For more information and to register, please email bcinjury@bcchr.ca.

The Great BC School Food Cook-off

Dates: Now until March 1, 2025

There is an exciting cooking contest heating up this winter for BC students! Create a recipe as a class made with BC foods, get featured in a new digital cookbook, and win some great cash prizes. To learn more, visit the [Farm to School BC webpage](#).

Funding opportunities

BC Indigenous Food Pathways Program (Government of BC)

Deadline: January 10, 2025

The [Indigenous Food Pathways Program](#) provides strategic capacity-building funding. This funding can be used to create new projects, enhance existing programs, or improve group operations for Indigenous-led food systems and food security initiatives.

Transforming Systems Grants (Vancouver Foundation)

Deadline: January 14, 2025

These [grants](#) provide \$100,000 per year for three years to organizations addressing the root causes of inequality. The grants support efforts that prioritize intersectionality, allyship, and mutual liberation.

Tree Planting (Green Municipal Fund)

Deadline: February 4, 2025

The [Growing Canada's Community Canopies](#) initiative funds projects to plant the right trees in the right places, helping communities grow and protect their tree canopies. Planting trees benefits your community by capturing carbon, boosting biodiversity, and improving climate resilience and well-being.

Community Emergency Preparedness Fund: Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning (Government of BC)

Deadline: April 25, 2025

This [funding](#) supports the development of Evacuation Route Plans and/or Public Notification Plans that provide information for First Nations, local governments, and community members in the event of an emergency.

Active Transportation Planning program grants (Union of BC Municipalities)

Deadline: September 30, 2025

Local governments with populations under 25,000 can [apply](#) for up to \$30,000 for active transportation planning.

Local Community Accessibility Grants (SPARC BC)

Deadline: Ongoing until March 2026

Municipalities and regional districts in BC can [apply](#) for up to \$25,000 to support persons with disabilities by removing barriers identified by local government Accessibility Committees or Accessibility Plans.

Regional Homebuilding Innovation Initiative (Government of Canada)

Deadline: March 31, 2026 or when funding is fully exhausted

The [Regional Homebuilding Innovation Initiative](#) supports the residential homebuilding supply chain in BC by advancing innovative homebuilding solutions and boosting manufacturing efficiency. It is part of a nationwide Government of Canada initiative investing \$50 million over two years.

#GreenMyCity Program (Green Cities Foundation)

Deadline: Ongoing

Apply for a [#GreenMyCity grant](#) to restore and revitalize public spaces like parks, community gardens, sports fields, and playgrounds. Community groups, garden clubs, and youth organizations are encouraged to apply.

Homelessness Community Action Grants Program (SPARC BC)

Deadline: Ongoing

Apply for one-time [funding](#) to support local planning and collaborative initiatives that address the needs of those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Nature Smart Climate Solutions (Government of Canada)

Deadline: Open until funding is exhausted

The [Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund – Emission Reductions Intake](#) funds projects that help meet Canada's 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan. Projects can include natural climate solutions, policy development, programs, incentives, and other tools to support emission reductions.

Northern Healthy Communities Fund (Northern Development Initiative Trust)

Deadline: Ongoing

Is your community nearby an LNG Canada or Coastal GasLink project? Apply for the [Northern Healthy Communities Fund](#) to help your community manage the economic growth from major economic development projects.

Secondary Suite Incentive Program (BC Housing)

Deadline: Open until funding is exhausted

Do you know any homeowners who want to help create affordable housing? The [Secondary Suite Incentive Program](#) offers up to 50% of renovation costs (up to \$40,000) to develop a secondary suite rented below market value for at least five years.

Transit Minor Betterments Program (Government of BC)

Deadlines: Open until funding is exhausted

Public transit helps people access jobs and education, especially those with transportation challenges. [Apply](#) for up to \$100,000 for projects that improve the transit experience, such as bus stop shelters, lighting, accessibility improvements, and signage. Local governments, First Nations communities or organizations, and non-profit organizations are encouraged to apply. Projects must be completed by March 31, 2025.

Northern Health Stories

Substance Use Prevention in the Robson Valley

Northern Health (NH) is excited to announce that Robson Valley has been selected as a pilot community for implementing the [Icelandic Prevention Model](#) (IPM) in Northern BC! The IPM is an international, evidence-based, youth substance use prevention initiative.....[continue reading](#).

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COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Fire Department

Date: December 5, 2024

Subject: 2025 Emergency Support Services Grant

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council supports an application of up to \$40,000 to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) for the Emergency Support Services Equipment & Training grant;

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

BACKGROUND:

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

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

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

This project will have no budgetary impact to the District of Mackenzie and will be funded through the Emergency Support Services Grant.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Community and Social Development

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

Strong Governance and Finances

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Micaiah Taylor, Assistant Emergency Program / Fire Smart Coordinator

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Administration

Date: January 7, 2025

Subject: Contract Disclosure – Garden House Bed & Breakfast

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receives this report for information.

BACKGROUND:

Section 107(1) of the *Community Charter* states that, if a municipality enters into a contract in which a Council member has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest, it must be reported to Council at a meeting that is open to the public. The Council member who has an interest in the contract must report the contract to the Corporate Officer. The District of Mackenzie has occasionally utilized the local accommodation, Garden House Bed and Breakfast, for municipality-related business. Garden House Bed and Breakfast is owned by Mayor Atkinson. The Corporate Officer has been provided with the disclosure as required under the Community Charter.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The dollar amount of services provided by Garden House Bed and Breakfast to all departments from 2020-2024 was \$0.00. The District is not anticipating a significant rise in expenditures with this organization in 2025.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Strong Governance and Finances

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Cat Smith, Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Administration

Date: January 7, 2025

Subject: Contract Disclosure – Ski Instructor

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receives this report for information.

BACKGROUND:

Section 107(1) of the Community Charter states that, if a municipality enters into a contract in which a Council member has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest, it must be reported to Council at a meeting that is open to the public. The Council member who has an interest in the contract must report the contract to the Corporate Officer.

The District of Mackenzie hired Councillor Wright on contract in 2022 to provide ski lessons through the Mackenzie Rec Centre at Little Mac for the 2022 and 2023 Winter Season. Councillor Wright will be providing ski lessons this 2025 winter season as well. The Corporate Officer has been provided with the disclosure as required under the *Community Charter*.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

The dollar amount of services provided by Councillor Wright in 2023 was approximately \$1,000. It is anticipated that 2025 will be around the same amount.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Strong Governance and Finances

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Cat Smith, Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Operations

Date: January 7, 2024

Subject: DOM 25-1 Fork Attachment Replacement for Loader

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council awards the purchase of a Fork Attachment to Nors Construction Equipment Canada GW Ltd in the amount of \$16,010 plus GST.

BACKGROUND:

The District's existing Forks attachment is used for unloading and loading equipment/supplies from delivery trucks, as well as moving equipment/supplies around the public works yard. The Forks have been previously repaired, and each time is degrading the integrity of the equipment. Following a safety inspection in November 2024, deficiencies were brought forward to staff's attention and the equipment was tagged out of service due to safety concerns. Since that time, there has been no forklift to handle materials, supplies or equipment that need to be moved, loaded or unloaded.

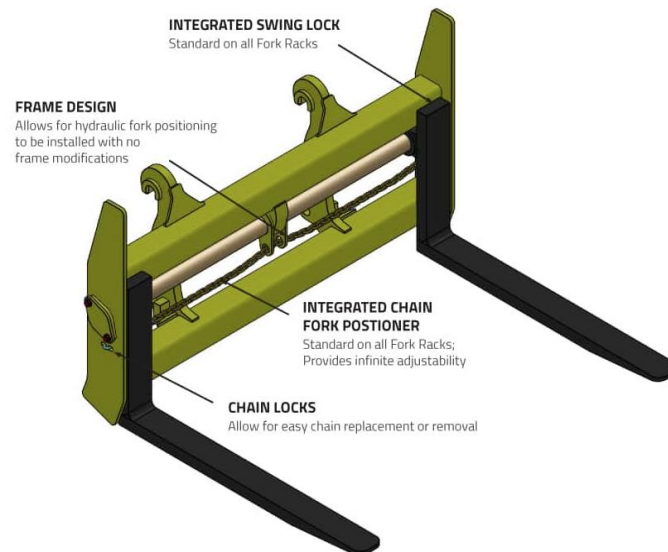
The District would need to purchase as soon as possible to ensure that unloading and loading of equipment/supplies can be done using proper safety measures.

SUMMARY:

This replacement is not identified on Schedule D of the 5-year financial plan, so staff are requesting pre-approval from Council to purchase the fork attachment before staff enter into provisional capital budget discussions later this month. If staff wait until the provisional capital budget is approved in early February, then there is no way of loading/unloading heavy materials, and a contractor would need to be hired to complete the task. The estimated delivery time is 4-6 weeks from date of order.

The new unit can attach to any of the existing loaders and can be changed out quickly with the operator not required to leave the loader, enhancing the safety aspect of the changeover.

FORKS FOR LOADER NEW



BUDGETARY IMPACT:

\$16,010 would be allocated from the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Reserve to support the recommendation.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Strong Governance and Finances

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Jody Murray, Director of Operations

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer





NOTICE OF MOTION

To: Mayor and Council

From: Councillor Jesse Wright

Date: November 28, 2024

Subject: Nuclear Energy in British Columbia

The date for this motion to be considered is the January 13, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council write a letter to the new Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions Adiran Dix, CEO of BC Hydro Chris O'Riley and Premier of BC David Eby to request a review of the current prohibition on Nuclear Energy in British Columbia and all this communication be copied to Mackenzie's MLA Kiel Giddens and MP Bob Zimmer to keep them in the loop.

AND THAT Council directs staff to submit resolutions to both the NCLGA and UBCM advocating for a review of the Clean Energy Act, specifically to study the feasibility of a reversal on the current prohibition on nuclear energy in British Columbia.

BACKGROUND:

Rationale:

1. The District of Mackenzie has declared a climate emergency, as have numerous other municipalities across BC. Nuclear Energy is a GHG free source of electricity.
2. BC Hydro has put a call out for electricity production, the first time it has done so in over a decade. This is on top of the new electricity production coming online from the Site C Dam and the announced twinning of the Highway 16 Northwest Electricity Corridor. The province needs mor electricity, full stop.
3. The District of Mackenzie is in an ideal location to be home of Nuclear Energy in British Columbia. We are
 - i) ideally located close to existing electricity corridors,
 - ii) directly beside Williston Reservoir, an already BC Hydro controlled body of water, iii) a plethora of land,
 - iv) an economy hurt by the downfall in forestry looking to diversify,
 - v) distance from the seismically unstable/risky coastal regions

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Nothing, all these motions require is staff/council time.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Environmental Sustainability

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Councillor Jesse Wright

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Administration

Date: January 6, 2025

Subject: Williston Lake Elders Society – Land Request Review

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receives this report for information.

BACKGROUND:

At the Regular Meeting of November 12, 2024, the Williston Lake Elders Society (WLES) presented their plans to pursue funding toward the design and development of a seniors housing and care complex. They requested support by way of donation of the land where the Ernie Bodin Community Centre is located. Council requested staff bring back a report with an estimated value of the land and further information.

Authority:

Section 26 of the *Community Charter* authorizes Council to dispose of its land or improvements subject to certain requirements depending on the type of land being sold, donated, or exchanged and who the land may be given to. In this case, Council is authorized to gift the land to the WLES subject only to notice requirements under Section 24 of the *Community Charter*.

Technical Review:

A high-level technical review for the proposed use of the land has been attached for Council's consideration. A map depicting an example of what the proposed new lot could look like at that property has also been attached.

Land Value: \$126,470

This estimate is derived from the 2024 appraisal of the District-owned Downtown Commercial Lot 2 (\$125,000 / 1.25 ha), located near the Community Bike Park.

$\$125,000 / 1.275 \text{ ha} = \$98,039 / \text{ha}$

$3.19 \text{ acres} = 1.29 \text{ ha}$

$1.29 \text{ ha} \times \$98,039 = \$126,470$

Development Requirements:

Whether District-initiated or applied for by the WLES, the subject property would require the District to go through both a subdivision and zoning amendment process as outlined in the District's Development Procedure Bylaw 1369, 2017. A sale or lease agreement, with any associated covenants, would also be required to be finalized for transfer of title or use of the land.

Subdivision Process

The subdivision process would take approximately 4-5 months and would require at minimum, surveying, a utilities/servicing review, and a legal review and registration. The anticipated cost to go through this process, based on a subdivision that occurred in 2024, is ~\$15,000. The subdivision application fee is \$250. Council has the option to waive all these fees.

Zoning Amendment Process

A zoning amendment would be required because the proposed site is currently designated with two different zoning classifications: PI (Public Institution) and RM2 (Multi-Family Residential 2). This split zoning means that different land use regulations apply to different parts of the site, which may create conflicts regarding what types of development or uses are permissible. In order to proceed with a housing project, the zoning of the site must be unified or adjusted to allow for consistent land use regulations across the entire area.

This process could take up to 2-3 months, depending on agency referral feedback. The cost for a zoning amendment application is \$500 plus advertising costs. Council has the option to waive these fees.

Sales Agreement Process:

The District has template sales agreements for land donation and would work with our legal representatives to work with the WLES and tailor the agreements as necessary. The process could take 2-3 months.

The Williston Lake Elders Society has requested the donation of the land in 2024, however noted in their presentation that there would be no development itself for 5-10 years. Due to the central location of the property and the high public use of that area, staff would recommend adding subjects to any sale or lease documents that would:

- Provide assurance to the WLES that the land would be transferred, which would help with accessing grant funding;
- Allow time for the District to demolish the Ernie Bodin Community Centre;
- Preserve public use of the area during the period following the demolition and that of development beginning; and

- Have it formally appraised

Additionally, if the property title were to be gifted to the WLES, staff would recommend the registration of a "Right of First Refusal" covenant on the property, in that if there is lack of development in a certain timeframe, the society dissolves, or there is an offer to sell the property, that the District would have first right to property. It would be recommended any long-term lease would have similar termination language.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

If Council chose to waive the subdivision and rezoning fees, the \$15,000 plus permit fees would be funded through the General Operating Budget.

The appraised value, once finalized, would be recorded as a loss on disposal and be reflected on our financial statements.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Strong Governance and Finances

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Emily Kaehn, Director of Corporate Services

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer

To: Mayor and Council
From: Administration
Date: January 7, 2025
Subject: Technical Review - 86 Centennial Property Donation

Requestor	Williston Lake Elders Society (WLES)
Owner	District of Mackenzie
Subject Property	This proposed land donation would require subdivision from three District lots: A portion of PARCEL A DISTRICT LOT 12463 CARIBOO DISTRICT PLAN PGP44613 A portion of LOT 1 DISTRICT LOT 12463 CARIBOO DISTRICT PLAN PGP38247 A portion of LOT A DISTRICT LOT 12463 CARIBOO DISTRICT PLAN 31923
Proposal Overview	The WLES is requesting the District donate the land for a Senior’s Housing Development.
Official Community Plan	P1 – Public Institution The proposed use aligns with the objectives and policies of this OCP designation.
Zoning Bylaw 1368	P1 – Institutional A Community Care Facility is allowed in this zone. Other forms of seniors residences would require a zoning amendment application. RM2 - Multi-family Residential Zone 2 (High-Density) Apartments, townhomes, and row homes are allowed in this zone. Other forms of seniors residences would require a zoning amendment application.
Other Policy/Plan Alignment	2021-2025 Council Strategic Priorities: This proposal supports the goals and actions of Council’s “Community & Social Development” priority. 2024 Active Transportation Plan: The proposal does not support the site recommendations in Section 4.1 of the plan, which suggest the introduction of a gravel walking path for summer that can be flooded and transformed into a skating loop during the winter. Additionally, a picnic area and community garden

	<p>with a sheltered space. A copy of the recommendations and concepts have been attached for further information.</p> <p>2024 – Age-Friendly Access and Inclusion Action Plan: This proposal aligns with the recommendations regarding housing need in the community for seniors, people with disabilities, and those with low income.</p> <p>2023 Downtown Vision and Action Plan: This proposal aligns with Recommendation 5 of Section 3.4 Housing – “The development of seniors housing and seniors supportive housing will be supported throughout the Plan Area.”</p> <p>2021 Community Economic Development Plan: This proposal supports Resident Attraction and Retention Complex Action C3 – “Support diversifying out housing stock (age-friendly homes, larger rural lots, recreational properties, etc.)”</p> <p>2019 Housing Needs Assessment: The proposal supports the development of housing for seniors and accessible housing, which was identified as a need for the community.</p>
Noise Impacts	Limited noise impact anticipated.
Visual Impacts	The complex would be encouraged to align with the District’s Downtown Vision and Action Plan goals for beautifying the downtown and enhancing walkability and accessibility.
Odor Impacts	Limited odor impact anticipated.
Snow Removal	Snow removal would be the responsibility of the property owner and would need to adhere to the District’s property maintenance policies and bylaws.
Appropriateness of Use	The use of seniors care facility would be appropriate for the site and aligns with the P1 – Institutional zone. Other housing development on the site would require a rezoning application.
Utilities	Staff recommend an engineering review of max utility demand to the site prior to decision to determine if the potential builds are able to be serviced.
Property Maintenance	Upon ownership transfer, the WLES would be responsible for the maintenance of the property (lawn mowing etc.) as per the District’s Unsightly Properties Bylaw.

Williston Elders Society Property Request

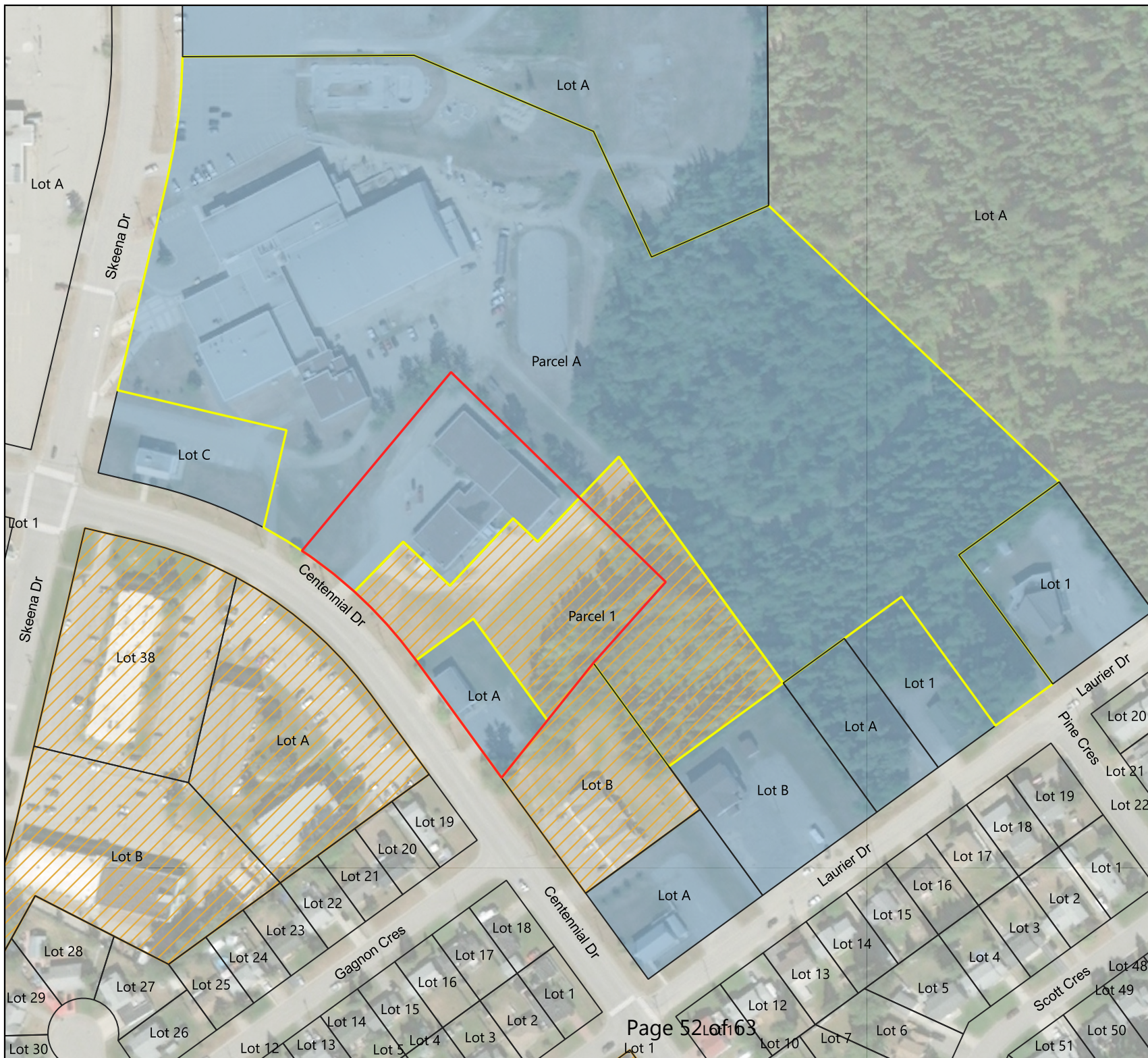
Legend

- WLES Request (3.19 Acres)
- Affected Lots
- Parcels

Bing Satellite Imagery

Zoning

- P1
- RM2



Project Location: EBCC Area

Legal Desc: LOT A DISTRICT LOT 12463
CARIBOO DISTRICT PLAN 31923 (88 Centennial)

LOT 1 DISTRICT LOT 12463 CARIBOO DISTRICT PLAN PGP38247

PARCEL A DISTRICT LOT 12463 CARIBOO DISTRICT PLAN PGP44613 (400 Skeena)

Project: Land Request	Zoning: P1/RM2
Date: 2025-01-07	OCP: PI
Scale: 1:2,190	

4.1 MACKENZIE RECREATION CENTRE SITE RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations for the Mackenzie Recreation Centre Site (East Anchor) has four interconnected areas that will be built over three phases. The design focuses on adding more recreational opportunities in the public facing yards of the recreation centre.

The initial phase focuses on the entrance to the building and the creation of a public plaza adjacent to it. This plaza will feature public artwork, a splash pad, and a multi-functional covered area suitable for use as a small stage or a viewing area for Phase 2. This area will be equipped with flexible seating and fire pits.

Phase 2 proposes the development of a multi-use

rink. This versatile space will function as a lacrosse pitch and a large concert venue in the summer, and will become an ice rink during the winter months.

Expanding on Phase 2, Phase 3 introduces a gravel walking path for summer that can be flooded and transformed into a skating loop during the winter. Additionally, Phase 3 includes a picnic area and community garden with a sheltered space. There are also a couple of optional items that may be included in this phase. These include the redevelopment of the existing dog park and ice rink located behind the Mackenzie Recreation Complex.





Figure 18. Skating Rink / Loop (Sun Peaks Resort, n.d.).



Figure 19. Covered Space (Port Adelaide Enfield, n.d.).



Figure 20. Gravel Walking Path / Skate Loop (Reeves, 2023).



Figure 21. Splash Plaza (Hapa Collaborative, 2021).

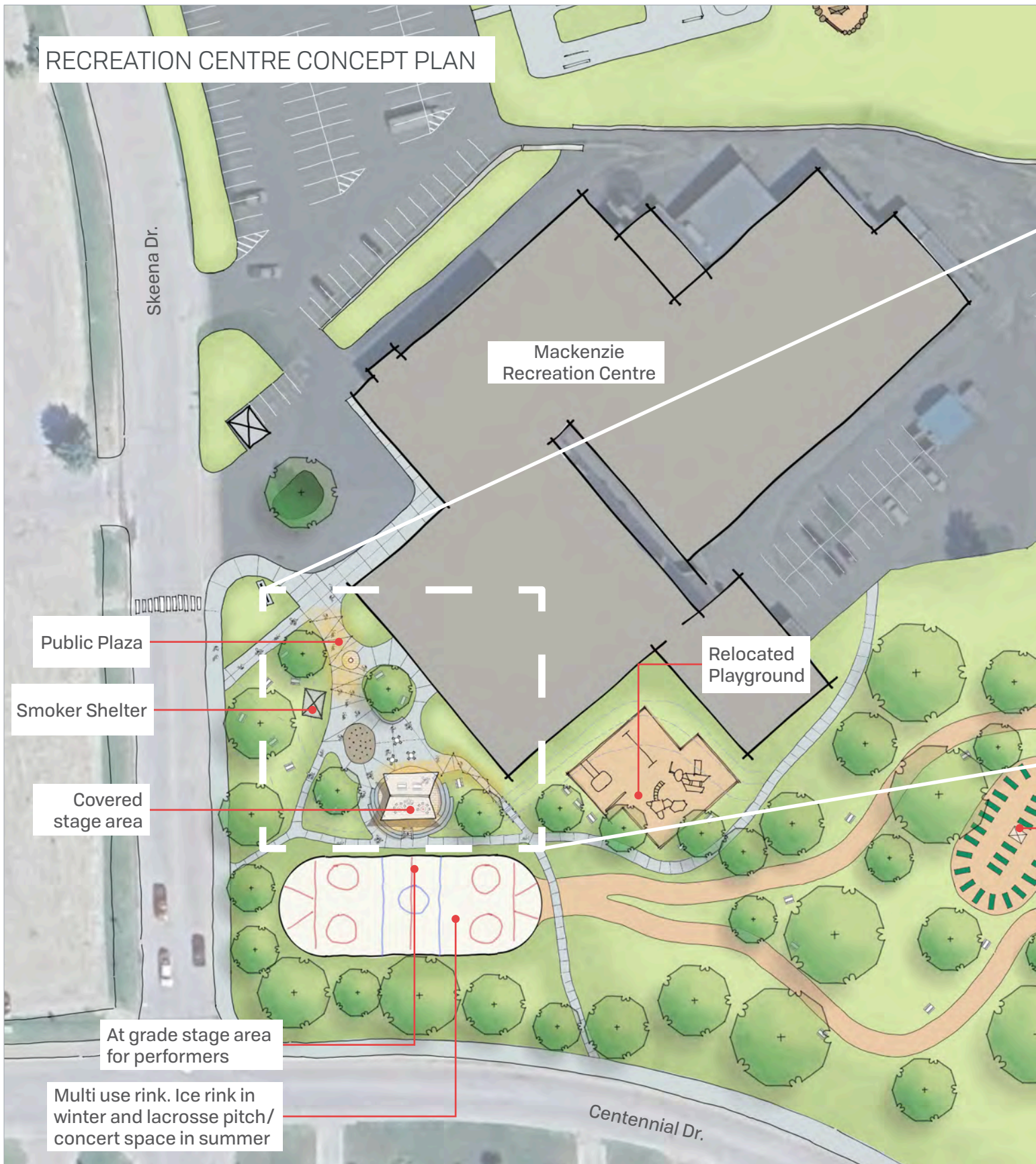


Figure 22. Natural Seating Area (North, 2023).



Figure 23. Fire Pits and Flexible Seating (Rosano, 2022).

RECREATION CENTRE CONCEPT PLAN



Public Plaza

Smoker Shelter

Covered stage area

At grade stage area for performers

Multi use rink. Ice rink in winter and lacrosse pitch/concert space in summer

Mackenzie Recreation Centre

Relocated Playground

Skeena Dr.

Centennial Dr.



COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council
From: Administration
Date: January 8, 2025
Subject: Dental Equipment – Storage and Disposal

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council authorize Administration to dispose or recycle District-owned dental equipment that is no longer in useable condition.

BACKGROUND:

At the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2022 Council authorized the storage of the District's dental equipment at the Town Centre Mall with the intention of offering the dental equipment to any prospective dentist looking to provide services within the community.

In December 2023, staff were approached by Darcy White, owner of Town Centre Mall, about a partnership in helping a prospective dentist, Dr. Yulirussi, open a clinic in Mackenzie. The District's contribution requested was to allow Dr. Yulirussi use of several pieces of the District's available dental equipment. An equipment use agreement was approved. Dr. Yulirussi later gave notice and ended the agreement on June 30, 2024.

Darcy White has allowed the District to continue storing the equipment in one of the Town Centre Mall units. The unit that the equipment is in is going to be rented and Mr. White has asked that the District move the equipment into another unit.

In conversation with Dr. Yulirussi previously, it was noted that much of the equipment was no longer in a condition that it could be used effectively in a practice or put back together. He only used a few of the pieces that we had in possession.

Rather than moving the equipment to another unit for storage, staff are recommending its disposal and only retain the pieces that are still in working condition.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There would be a loss on disposal of \$46,320 based on a 2022 Dental Equipment Appraisal that was completed prior to the demolition of the Dental Clinic Building.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Economic Vitality

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Emily Kaehn, Director of Corporate Services

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Finance

Date: January 9, 2025

Subject: Revised 2025 Budget Schedule

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approves the revised Council meeting dates for the 2025 annual budget process.

BACKGROUND:

At the November 25, 2024, Council Meeting, staff brought forward a proposed 2025 budget schedule for the upcoming budget process. A caveat was included that the schedule is subject to change based on operational needs. Due to time constraints, economic factors, and other operational factors, it is necessary to adjust the original meeting schedule. The most notable difference is moving the discussion regarding utilities from early January to early March. This is due to the completion of operational plans/studies for the water and sewer systems that will not be completed until late January/early February. The information from these reports will provide the foundation for operational and capital projects, including timeline and expenses that will be incorporated into the budget and be a contributing factor for determining user rates.

The revised 2025 budget schedule is shown below.

2025 Budget Timeline

EVENT/TASK	DATES	EXPECTED OUTCOMES
Budget Discussion	Prior to the Committee of the Whole Meeting <i>Monday, January 27, 2025</i> 6:00pm	Discussion on the 2025 operating budget. Proposed property tax rate will be presented. Department Heads and/or Managers will be on hand to answer questions.
Budget Discussion	Prior to the Regular Council Meeting <i>Monday, February 10, 2025</i> 6:15pm	Discussion on the 2025 capital budget. Department Heads and/or Managers will be on hand to answer questions.

EVENT/TASK	DATES	EXPECTED OUTCOMES
Presentation of the 2025 Provisional Operating and Capital Budget	Special Meeting prior to the Committee of the Whole Meeting Monday, February 24, 2025 5:30pm	Presentation of the 2025 Provisional Operating and Capital Budget. Department Heads and/or Managers will be on hand to answer questions.
Community Budget Consultation	After the Special Meeting prior to the Committee of the Whole Meeting Monday, February 24, 2025 6:30pm	Provide the opportunity for the public to comment or question the 2025 Provisional Operating and Capital Budget. Department Heads and/or Managers will be on hand to answer questions.
Budget Discussion	Prior to the Regular Council Meeting Monday, March 10, 2025 6:15pm	Discussion on water, sewer and garbage operating and capital budgets. Proposed user rates will be presented. Department Heads and/or Managers will be on hand to answer questions.
Presentation of the 2025-2029 Financial Plan Bylaw	Special Meeting prior to the Committee of the Whole Meeting Monday, April 28, 2025 6:00pm	Presentation of the 2025-2029 Financial Plan Bylaw. Department Heads and/or Managers will be on hand to answer questions.
Community Budget Consultation	After the Special Meeting prior to the Committee of the Whole Meeting Monday, April 28, 2025 6:45pm	Provide the opportunity for the public to comment on the 2025-2029 Financial Plan Bylaw. Department Heads and/or Managers will be on hand to answer questions.
First three readings of 2025-2029 Financial Plan Bylaw	Regular Council Meeting Monday, April 28, 2025 7:15pm	First three readings given to the 2025-2029 Financial Plan Bylaw.
Adoption of 2025-2029 Financial Plan Bylaw	Regular Council Meeting Monday, May 12, 2025 7:15pm	2025-2029 Financial Plan Bylaw adopted.

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

A budget open house will take place at the Recreation Centre to inform the public of the 2025 budget once a date has been determined but anticipating early February.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Community and Social Development

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

Strong Governance and Finances

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Kerri Borne, Chief Financial Officer

Reviewed By: Corporate Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer

District of Mackenzie

COUNCIL MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

To: Mayor and Council
From: Councilor Wright
Date: **December 2024**
Subject: Report for December 2024

Councilor Wright Council Appointments:

Education and Youth Liaison
Williston Lake Elders Society Liaison
Climate Action Liaison
Deputy Mayor (August 1, 2025 – October 31, 2025)

Alternate For:

Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Liaison
Chamber of Commerce Liaison
Alternate Director for Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (RDFFG)
Alternate for Prince George Treaty Advisory Committee
Alternate Member of Northern Development Initiative Trust's (NDIT) Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

Activities:

Date:	Activity	Council Appointment:
December 3, 2024	Attending a meeting between the Williston Lake Elders Society Board and a team of Doctors at the Mackenzie Hospital and HSA Hengeveld.	Williston Lake Elders Liaison
December 4, 2024	Participated in a working group meeting on a project between Mackenzie and the Robson Valley, that would see a website be created that would share all mental health and wellness resources available in the two regions.	N/A
December 7, 2024	Participated in the Holiday Parade was in the back of the District of Mackenzie truck with other members of Council. Big thanks to staff for organizing this great event!	N/A
December 13-14	Participated in North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) Board meetings in Prince George, where I sit as a Director at Large.	N/A
December 17, 2024	Attended a meeting with fellow Council members and staff with MLA Kiel Giddens and his Constituency Assistant Tianna Klein to talk about areas of mutual interest and how best to work together.	N/A
December 17, 2024	Had lunch with MLA Kiel Giddens, and also met with Director of Recreation Gilmer to tour the new solar panel ice pad at the Rec Centre.	N/A
December 17, 2024	Attended Board meeting of the Williston Lake Elders Society, along with Mackenzie Hospital HSA Hengeveld where the group met with representatives from Fort St. James, who had previously worked on a similar project.	Williston Lake Elders Liaison.
December 18, 2024	Attended the Holiday Showcase put on by Morfee Elementary Staff and Students.	Education and Youth Liaison
December 19, 2024	Attended the monthly Luncheon and yearly AGM for the Chamber of Commerce at the Legion. Filled in for Councilor McMeeken and chaired the elections of the Board of Directors for the Chamber.	Chamber of Commerce Alternate.

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilor Wright