

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Date: Monday, August 25, 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

Hello, everyone. Just a quick note that we will be livestreaming and recording this meeting. The recordings will be made accessible on the District website.

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 - August 11, 2025

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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

6.1 Mackenzie Consumers Cooperative

Michelle Vanderlands, Petroleum Sales and Marketing Manager, Mackenzie Consumers Cooperative and Alicia Storvold, General Manager, Mackenzie Consumers Cooperative would like to amend Signage Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1441, to allow signage for industry

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leading up to Highway 39 and Mill Road industrial area junction. A copy of the full petition has been included in the centre table file.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

7.1 For Action:

7.2 For Consideration:

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

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| 7.2.1 | Response from Jason Olmsted
Jason Olmsted, RPF, P.Eng. Northern Engineering Group Leader, Ministry of Forests, has provided a response to the July 14, 2025 letter sent by the District of Mackenzie, requesting information on regulations and procedures for road and bridge maintenance on Forest Service Roads (FSRs). | 16 |
| 7.2.2 | 2025 UBCM Official Opposition Meeting Opportunities
The Members of the Official Opposition would like to cordially invite Mayor and Council to meet during the 2025 UBCM Convention in Victoria BC. | 24 |
| 7.2.3 | Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch
The District of Mackenzie has provided the attached written response to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch, and their request for engagement from local government and municipalities regarding the proposed sale of cannabis at events. | 26 |
| 7.2.4 | Invitation to UBCM Events - Strengthening Resource Communities Together
Kermit Dahl, Mayor of Campbell River, is extending a personal invitation to attend two key events during the 2025 UBCM Convention. These gatherings will spotlight the essential contributions of both rural and resource communities to BC's economy and provide valuable opportunities for dialogue and connection. | 29 |
| 7.2.5 | 2025 UBCM Resolution - Water Filtration Support Letter
The Council of the Village of Lions Bay is seeking support and endorsement for a resolution to be presented at the upcoming 2025 UBCM convention. The resolution advocates for provincial investment in emergency portable water treatment plants to safeguard drinking water of small communities facing wildfire-related contamination. | 32 |

- 7.2.6 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Priorities Budget
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has submitted recommendations for Budget 2025, calling for sustainable municipal funding to support housing, infrastructure, public safety, and economic resilience. These priorities will guide FCM's advocacy leading up to Budget 2025 and Advocacy Days this October.

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7.3 Centre Table File

- Industrial Petition for Business Signage

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Correction – Zoning Amendment – 25 Gagnon

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THAT Council direct Administration not to move forward with Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1526, 2025 process;

AND THAT Council direct Administration to move forward with a Temporary Use Permit application for 25 Gagnon Place to operate a kennel.

8.2 Building Abatement and Demolition Contract Award – DOM-25-1

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THAT Council awards DOM-25-1 Building Abatement & Demolition project to Clearview Demolition Ltd. in the amount of \$432,597 plus GST;

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

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 Mayor's Report

9.2 Council Reports

- Councillor Wright

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10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. BYLAWS

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 motion will be included on the September 8, 2025 Regular Council meeting for Council's consideration.

THAT Council names the weight room in the Recreation Centre the "Pierce Northcott Weight Room";

AND THAT a plaque be established in the weightroom that describes the accomplishment of Mr. Northcott and why the room is named after him, I.E. his world record and training in the room;

AND THAT Council invite Mr. Northcott, his family, his coach Bryce Surgenor and members of the Mackenzie Special Olympics organization to an event where the new room name is unveiled, where Mayor and Council can congratulate him on the accomplishment, and the wider Mackenzie community can come and celebrate the achievement.

14. COMING EVENTS

- Councillor Wright Ask Me Anything - August 27, 2025 at 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm on Facebook Live
- Recreation Fair - Saturday September 6th, 2025 at 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Community Hall
- Northern Roots Agricultural Symposium - Saturday, September 13th, at 10:00 am - 2:00 pm in the Callahan Room
- Summer Sendoff Classic Community Jamboree - Saturday September 20th (register by September 12th at Recreation Centre)

15. INQUIRIES

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

Regular Council Meeting

Minutes

August 11, 2025, 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 Financial Officer K. Borne, Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn, Economic Development Coordinator R. Richman, Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant, C. Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:15 PM.

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

1.1 Defer to Closed Meeting

Resolution: 33924

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

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

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

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Special Meeting- July 28, 2025

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on July 28, 2025 were adopted as presented.

2.2 Committee of the Whole - July 28, 2025

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on July 28, 2025 were adopted as presented.

2.3 Regular Meeting - July 28, 2025

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 28, 2025 were adopted as presented.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Resolution: 33925

Moved by: Councillor P. Kylo

THAT the following late items be added to the agenda:

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 For Action:

***7.1.3 Mackenzie Seniors Week Proclamation**

The Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society would like to request that the District of Mackenzie honour our seniors in our community by recognizing and valuing their contributions they continue to make, and proclaim September 28 - October 4, 2025, as Mackenzie Seniors' Week.

7.2 For Consideration:

***7.2.5 Resident Letter re: Recreation Centre Pool Slide Upgrade**

Residents Khristian Laroche and Kate Elliot have written to Mayor and Council to regarding the Recreation Centre Pool Slide Upgrade discussion at the July 28, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

***8.6 Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society – Drain Tile Request**

THAT Council approves the Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society's request to dig into the District of Mackenzie road right-of-way along Little Cloudmaker Road to replace the building drain tile subject to:

A project workplan from the Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society's contractor being presented to and approved by the Director of Operations prior to beginning the work to ensure the District road subgrade is not impacted or damaged by the work;

A BC One Call request is completed prior to beginning the work; and

The Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society agrees to enter into a License-to-Use Agreement with the District for the use of the area for their drain tile, to clarify property expectations for access and future works, and to waive District liability for any regular road operations (ie. snow removal or sweeping) that may encroach on the District's road right-of-way.

***8.7 RTC – Strategic Marketing Initiatives Plan Contract Award**

THAT Council awards the Strategic Marketing Initiatives Plan contract to Kimbo Design in the amount of \$35,000 plus GST;

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

CARRIED

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Resolution: 33926

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Janice Nelson Macktown Buzzette, asked if the Fee-for-Service Agreement with MORATA has been discontinued for this year. Director of Corporate Services, Emily Kaehn told Ms. Nelson that the agreement was not put forward again for this year. They did not request to continue in 2025.

Ms. Nelson also asked how long the Special Closed Meeting on July 28, 2025 lasted. Mayor Atkinson answered they had met from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Ms. Nelson asked if the Agenda for the Closed Meeting was hundreds of pages. Mayor Atkinson said she could not recall the exact number of pages.

6. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

N/A

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Resolution: 33927

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

7.1 **For Action:**

7.1.1 MORATA Morfee Lake Scramble Stage Request

Resolution: 33928

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council approve the request.

CARRIED

7.1.2 Regional District of Fraser - Fort George Accessibility Advisory Committee

Resolution: 33929

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the District of Mackenzie respectfully decline the invite to participate on the RDFFG Advisory Committee on Accessibility.

CARRIED

7.1.3 Mackenzie Seniors Week Proclamation

Resolution: 33930

Moved by: Councillor Wright

WHEREAS on October 1, 2025 communities across Canada will join together to recognize National Seniors Day; and

WHEREAS on October 1, 2025 is recognized as the International Day of Older Persons; and

WHEREAS National Seniors Day focuses on celebrating and recognizing the contributions made by seniors to better their communities, families and workplaces; and

WHEREAS seniors in the District of Mackenzie are present in all aspects of our lives: they are our parents, our grandparents, our teachers, our volunteers, our mentors, our neighbours and our coworkers; and

WHEREAS every day, seniors right here in the District of Mackenzie, make a big difference and we value what they are doing;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Joan Atkinson, Mayor of Mackenzie, do hereby proclaim that September 28th to October 4th, 2025 to be observed as "Mackenzie Seniors' Week" in the District of Mackenzie, and I urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by older Canadians in our community.

CARRIED

7.2 For Consideration:

7.2.1 Response from Jason Olmsted, Ministry of Forests

Resolution: 33931

Moved by: Councillor P. Kylo

THAT the District bring this letter forward to a future meeting for discussion.

CARRIED

7.2.2 Mackenzie Community Arts Council Mural Unveiling & Groundbreaking Ceremony

Resolution: 33932

Moved by: Mayor Atkinson

THAT Councillor McMeeken be appointed to represent and speak on behalf of Council at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Mackenzie Community Arts Council.

CARRIED

7.3 Centre Table File
N/A

8. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

8.1 Sunrise Expansion Program – What We Heard

Resolution: 33933

Moved by: Councillor P. Kylo

Whereas Westcoast Energy Inc. (Westcoast), an Enbridge company, is proposing an expansion of the southern portion of their BC Pipeline system, known as T-South.

WHEREAS Westcoast will need to house up to 700 workers in the Mackenzie area during the peak construction period.

WHEREAS Westcoast will meet with District of Mackenzie officials prior to construction to discuss the existing services of the town including infrastructure (water, sewage, waste management, power), community services, recreation services, transportation, holiday trailer stalls, medical and hospital capacity, grocery stores, policing resources, etc.

WHEREAS Westcoast will work with District of Mackenzie officials to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to describe relationship roles and responsibilities, how issues will be managed, project impacts to the community and region, etc.

WHEREAS Westcoast will be coordinating a community open house for residents of Mackenzie to get information, ask questions and provide feedback.

WHEREAS Westcoast is engaging in discussions with local Indigenous communities on the temporary workforce accommodations.

WHEREAS Westcoast has conducted due diligence in identifying appropriate locations for temporary workforce accommodations.

WHEREAS parcels of land situated south of Mill Road and west of Coquawaldy Road, accessed from 5051 Coquawaldy Road, meet the specifications including

- Proximity to town – close enough to access services and local businesses;
- Proximity to Westcoast construction sites;
- Land size - Westcoast needs approximately 22.5 acres of land for workforce accommodations and parking;
- As a former camp site, the land is already cleared;
- The landowner (Silva Biotech) is in support; and,
- The site was suggested after consultation with our council members.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Mackenzie supports the construction of temporary workforce accommodations at 5051 Coquawaldy Road for Westcoast employees and contractors during the expansion of the southern portion of the BC Pipeline system.

CARRIED

8.2 Zoning Amendment Application – 25 Gagnon Place – Kennel Operation

Resolution: 33934

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council receive this report for information.

CARRIED

8.3 Support for Non-Profits – Policies Review

Resolution: 33935

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council approves the proposed financial aid policies review and associated public engagement plan as outlined in this report;
AND THAT Council approves the 2026 budget and community grants program recommendations.

CARRIED

8.4 2025 Housing Needs Report and OCP Engagement “What We Learned” Report

Resolution: 33936

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

8.5 2025 Council Expenses to Date

Resolution: 33937

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

8.6 Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society – Drain Tile Request

Councillor Barnes left the room until voting on 8.6 finished.

Resolution: 33938

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council approves the Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society’s request to dig into the District of Mackenzie road right-of-way along Little Cloudmaker Road to replace the building drain tile subject to:

- a. A project workplan from the Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society’s contractor being presented to and approved by the Director of Operations prior to beginning the work to ensure the District road subgrade is not impacted or damaged by the work;
- b. A BC One Call request is completed prior to beginning the work; and

- c. The Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society agrees to enter into a License-to-Use Agreement with the District for the use of the area for their drain tile, to clarify property expectations for access and future works, and to waive District liability for any regular road operations (ie. snow removal or sweeping) that may encroach on the District's road right-of-way.

CARRIED

8.7 RTC – Strategic Marketing Initiatives Plan Contract Award

Resolution: 33939

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council awards the Strategic Marketing Initiatives Plan contract to Kimbo Design in the amount of \$35,000 plus GST;

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

CARRIED

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 Mayor's Report
N/A

9.2 Council Reports
Councillor Wright provided a written report.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

11. NEW BUSINESS

N/A

12. BYLAWS

12.1 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1526, 2025

Resolution: 33940

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Bylaw No. 1526, 2025, cited as Zoning Amendment Bylaw No.1526, is amended to include a 5-year Sunset Clause, to be revisited by Council;

AND THAT Bylaw No. 1526, 2025, cited as Zoning Amendment Bylaw No.1526, be given its first two readings.

CARRIED

12.2 General Rates Bylaw No. 1527, 2025

Resolution: 33941

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Bylaw No.1527, 2025, cited as General Rates Bylaw No.1527, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

N/A

14. COMING EVENTS

- MORATA Morfee Lake Scramble - Saturday August 16, 2025.
- MCAC Mural Unveiling & Ground Breaking Ceremony - August 23, 2025. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM at 9 Laurier Drive.
- Duz Cho Fishing Derby August 16-17 2025
- Summer Send Off Classic Baseball deadline September 12, 2025

15. INQUIRIES

Janice Nelson, Macktown Buzzette mentioned in the past there had been separate documents for late items. Mayor Atkinson explained that the updated/revised agendas can be found on the District website and the best time to check them is the afternoon prior to Council meetings.

Ms. Nelson noted that the report on the OCP Amendment second survey had even fewer responses than the first survey and that she could not locate the survey on the District website but was able to find it on Let's Chat Mackenzie.

Ms. Nelson also asked about the Enbridge camp environmental responsibility specifically if anyone on Council asked how the camp would be disposed of after use. Mayor Atkinson said the disposal of the Enbridge camp would be the responsibility of Enbridge as the proposed location is on private land. Councillor Wright added that Council did ask the question, and the answer Mayor Atkinson gave was the same answer Enbridge had to the question when asked by Council.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: 33942

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

That the meeting adjourn at 8:07 PM.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer



MACKENZIE CONSUMERS CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

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Date: August 6, 2025

To: Mayor and Council, District of Mackenzie

Subject: Petition for Business Signage at Junction of Highway 39 and Industrial Area

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of the local business community in Mackenzie, we respectfully submit this petition requesting permission to establish a designated location for business signage at the junction of Highway 39 and the entrance to the industrial area.

This strategic location serves as a key access point for both residents and visitors entering the industrial zone, and we believe that allowing signage here would:

- **Enhance visibility** for local businesses, especially those located within the industrial area.
- **Support economic development** by promoting services and products available in Mackenzie.
- **Improve navigation** for commercial traffic and customers seeking specific businesses.
- **Foster community pride** by showcasing the diversity and strength of our local enterprises.

We propose that the signage be designed in a unified and aesthetically pleasing manner, with clear guidelines to ensure consistency, safety, and minimal environmental impact. We are open to collaborating with the District on design standards, maintenance responsibilities, and any necessary permitting processes.

We kindly ask the District to consider this request and initiate a discussion on how we can move forward collaboratively. We are confident that this initiative will positively contribute to the visibility and vitality of Mackenzie's business community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your response and the opportunity to work together on this initiative.

Sincerely,
Michelle Vanderlans
Petroleum Sales and Marketing Manager
Mackenzie Coop
On behalf of Mackenzie's Local Businesses

Subject: Request for Designated Business Signage Location at the Junction of Highway 39 and the Industrial Area

We, the undersigned local business owners and representatives, support the petition submitted to the District of Mackenzie requesting the establishment of a designated location for business signage at the junction of Highway 39 and the industrial area. We believe this initiative will enhance visibility, support economic development, and improve navigation for customers and commercial traffic.

Business Name	Contact Person	Signature	Phone/Email	Date
Quadr Industrial				Aug 2/25
"				Aug 12/25
"				Aug 12/25
2omak				Aug 12/25
CHU CHD INDUSTRIES				Aug 12/25
"				Aug 12/25
"				Aug 12/25
BC WildFire				Aug 12/25



August 6, 2025

VIA EMAIL: joan@districtofmackenzie.ca

Joan Atkinson, Mayor of Mackenzie
The District of Mackenzie
1 Mackenzie BLVD
Mackenzie, British Columbia
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Dear Mayor Joan Atkinson,

Thank you for your letter of July 14, 2025, requesting information on the regulations and procedures for road and bridge maintenance on Forest Service Roads (FSRs). FSR road management is guided by legislation, regulations, professional practice requirements under Engineers and Geoscientists BC (EGBC), Forest Professionals of British Columbia (FPBC) and Ministry policies

The primary regulatory framework is outlined in the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation within the *Forest and Range Practices Act*. Notable sections include:

Structural Defects – Section 75

A person who maintains a road must do one or more of the following if a structural defect or deficiency occurs on a bridge:

- correct the defect or deficiency to the extent necessary to protect:
 - industrial users of the bridge, and
 - downstream property, improvements or forest resources that could be affected if the bridge fails;
- close, remove or replace the bridge;
- restrict traffic loads to a safe level;
- place a sign, on each bridge approach, stating the maximum load capacity of the bridge.

Road Maintenance – Section 79(6)

Persons responsible for road maintenance must ensure:

- The structural integrity of the road prism and clearing width is preserved;
- Drainage systems are functional;

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- The road remains safe for industrial users.

Wilderness Roads – Section 81

If a FSR is not actively used by industrial users, Section 79(6) only applies to the extent:

- Maintenance is required only to prevent material adverse effects on forest resources.

In addition to the regulations, several professional practice documents developed by the Ministry of Forests, EGBC, and FPBC to provide further guidance on what professionals and companies need to do on forest roads. These include:

- Ministry of Forests Engineering Branch Manual ([Engineering Manual](#))
- EGBC/FPBC Professional requirements for bridge construction ([Professional Services in the Forest Sector: Crossings](#))
- EGBC/FPBC Professional requirements for forest roads ([Professional Services in the Forest Sector - Forest Roads](#))

The Ministry of Forests also has a funding policy that outlines how road and bridge maintenance and improvement projects on FSRs are prioritized provincially. For public inquiries, we regularly distribute the following resources, which I have included with this letter:

- FAQ – Engineering Roads Funding Policy
- Engineering Roads Funding Policy Factsheet

Key highlights included in these documents:

Funding Prioritization:

The Ministry allocates funds for FSR maintenance and major improvement projects in the following order:

1. Roads accessing communities
2. Roads serving rural residents
3. Roads leading to high-value recreation sites

Road Maintenance:

- Industrial users are generally responsible for maintaining roads to a safe standard during active use.
- When roads are not in industrial use, they are typically maintained to wilderness standards to protect environmental values and road prism integrity.
- The Ministry of Forests maintains roads to wilderness standards by default when no other industrial users are present.
- The Ministry of Forests assumes maintenance responsibilities for roads serving communities, rural residences, and high-value recreation sites, subject to budget availability.

Road Deactivation

If no industrial user assumes maintenance responsibilities, roads may be deactivated to mitigate risks to the environment and public safety. Deactivation decisions and notifications are made with careful consideration of multiple priorities and impacts.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss these topics in more detail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Olmsted', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jason Olmsted, RPF, P.Eng
Northern Engineering Group Lead
Engineering Branch
Ministry of Forests

cc Minister of Forests, Ravi Parmar
Ryan Bichon, District Manager, Mackenzie
Kiel Giddens, MLA, Prince George-Mackenzie
Peter Wyatt, Director, Engineering Branch

FAQ – Engineering Roads Funding Policy

June 2024

Ministry of Forests

- What are resource roads?

Resource roads in B.C. are constructed to develop, protect and access the province's natural resources. They also serve as crucial links for many rural communities and access to highly used recreational opportunities.

- What types of resource roads are there?

There are Forest Service Roads (FSRs), Road Permit Roads, roads maintained by the Oil and Gas Sector, Private Land roads, and public roads administered by the Ministry of Transportation. If you are unsure of a road's status, please contact your local natural resource district office. The Ministry of Forests inspects and designates maintainers for FSRs only; all other resource roads are managed by the companies who have the permits for these roads.

- Who uses resource roads?

Resource roads are used primarily by industrial vehicles engaged in forestry, mining, oil and gas or agricultural operations. Members of the public and commercial operators (i.e., ski hills, fishing lodges) also use resource roads. Some resource roads lead to rural communities and residences and are used daily by the public.

- How are resource roads regulated?

Resource roads are regulated by the Forest Act, Forest Range Practices Act, Forest Planning Practices Regulation, and Forest Service Road Use Regulation.

- Who is responsible to maintain and deactivate FSRs in B.C.?

By and large, the industrial user of the road is responsible for maintenance to a safe standard for their intended activities while in use. When roads are not in use by an industrial user, the roads largely fall under an environmental maintenance status as a wilderness road. Roads are maintained to protect environmental values and road prism integrity.

By default, the Ministry of Forests, including BC Timber Sales, maintains roads to wilderness standards where no other user is present and no obligation to maintain to a higher standard exists. The Ministry maintains roads to communities, rural residences and high value recreational sites when no industrial user is active and as budgets permit.

- How many kilometres of FSRs are there in B.C.?

There are approximately 60,000 km of FSRs.

- What happens to FSRs that are not maintained?

If not maintained, wilderness roads become eroded and/or overgrown and, unless a user assumes maintenance obligations, eventually may have to be deactivated or closed to reduce risks.

- Do all unmaintained FSRs have to be deactivated?

No. Some resource roads provide important tourism or recreational opportunities and are inspected on a risk basis. These roads are left open unless closure is necessary to protect the environment and/or mitigate other risks.

- What criteria are used to allocate funding to FSRs in B.C.?

It is important to recognize that limited funding and resources exist to maintain and upgrade FSRs provincially. We do not have the ability to maintain all FSRs but focus our resources on the high-use, critical infrastructure FSRs. The Ministry prioritizes how funds are allocated to road maintenance (operating) and major road and bridge improvement (capital) projects in the following order by road use type, using a detailed priority rating exercise and in considerations of various impacts and consequences related to road prism integrity:

1. Roads accessing communities (First Nations and non-First Nations)
2. Roads serving rural residences
3. High value recreation sites
4. Other legislative requirements (e.g., deactivation and remediation)

- Are FSRs maintained for emergency access and egress?

The Ministry does not receive specific funding to maintain alternate egress routes. Egress routes may be comprised of active or inactive FSRs, non-status roads, other resource roads or public highways. Alternate egress routes may be activated during emergency response activities throughout B.C. The decision to utilize an FSR as an alternate egress route is completed on a case-by-case basis.

- What is a capital road?

In the context of the Engineering Program, a capital road includes a road accessing a community, group of rural residences or high value recreation site. A capital road is always an FSR, whereas FSRs are not always capital roads. Definitions for these three classifications of capital roads are as follows:

Community FSRs: These important public roads provide primary access to a group of 50 or more year-round residents within a specific locality and are not scattered.

Road Serving Rural Residence: These FSRs provide primary access to a primary residence or residences along the road and are subject to 0.4 year-round residences per kilometre (1 year-round residence for every 2.5 km). These roads do not meet the critical definition of a Community FSR. These roads do not include instances where 'water access' is listed on Titles for the residence(s).

High Value Recreation FSR: These roads provide primary access to High Value Recreation Sites and Trails as officially designated by the Ministry of Environment, Recreation Sites and Trails Division OR designated representative as *Important Recreational Areas* by the Regional District Executive Director. May also be an area where an FSR provides access to a Provincial Park, recreation feature or significant recreation areas and designated as such by the application of the Regional Executive Director with input from local District Managers.

- What principles does the Engineering Program use to allocate funds?

The Ministry's Engineering Program staff maintain roads and make capital improvements as they are identified and as resources allow. The following principles are followed when allocating funds to manage and maintain a safe resource road network throughout the province:

- Allocate funds based on priority
 - Allocate funds in an open and transparent manner
 - Allocate funds consistently—generally use the same criteria to make ranking decisions
- What is the annual budget for capital and operational road works?
- The engineering program in Fiscal Year 2024/25 has a capital budget of \$26.3 million for major upgrades to the 12,000 km capital road network.
- A \$17 million annual operational budget maintains 45,000 kilometres of FSRs (which includes the 12,000 km of capital roads), where the priority is on the capital road network.

Learn More:

Resource Roads: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/natural-resource-use/resource-roads>

Contact information:

For more information on the engineering program, please contact your local [Natural Resource District office](#).

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/managing-our-forest-resources/ministry-of-forests-lands-and-natural-resource-operations-region-district-contacts>

Contact the Engineering Branch directly: FLNREng.Branch@gov.bc.ca

Media Contact:

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Ministry of Forests

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Connect with the Province of B.C. at: www.gov.bc.ca/connect

FACTSHEET

June 2024

Ministry of Forests Engineering Roads Funding Policy

- The Ministry of Forests has developed a road funding policy to serve as a framework to allocate funds for the maintenance, improvement and closure of Forest Service Roads (FSRs) maintained by the Crown.
- FSRs are not built or maintained to the same standards as public highways. Many resource roads are not maintained for vehicular traffic. Most resource roads have rough, loose gravel surfaces and are narrow (often one lane wide).
- The Ministry does not receive specific funding to maintain alternate egress routes. Egress routes may be comprised of active or inactive FSRs, non-status roads, other resource roads or public highways. Alternate egress routes may be activated during emergency response activities throughout B.C. The decision to utilize an FSR as an alternate egress route is completed on a case-by-case basis.
- The Ministry prioritizes how funds are allocated to FSR maintenance (operating) and major road and bridge improvement (capital) projects in the following order:
 - Roads accessing:
 1. Communities (First Nation and non-First Nation)
 2. Rural residences
 3. High value recreation sites
- The Engineering Program has an annual capital budget of \$26.3 million for major upgrades to the 12,000 kilometres capital road network in B.C. in Fiscal Year 2024/25.
- In addition, a \$17 million operational budget is available annually to maintain 45,000 kilometres of FSRs, where the priority is on the capital road network for Fiscal Year 2024/25.
- Of the 60,000 kilometres of FSRs in British Columbia, 15,000 kilometres are maintained by BC Timber Sales. The Engineering Roads Funding Policy does not cover these roads.
- If not maintained to a high-clearance vehicle standard, wilderness roads deteriorate and, unless an industrial user assumes maintenance obligations, eventually must be deactivated to reduce risks to the environment, the public, and other objectives. The decision to deactivate FSRs is made carefully with consideration to multiple priorities and impacts.
- The Ministry's Engineering Program staff maintain roads and make capital improvements, as they are identified and as resources allow.
- Capital funding will not be allocated to complete works on FSRs solely for industrial purposes (current or future).

- The Engineering Program uses the following principles when allocating funds to manage and maintain a safe FSR network throughout the province:
 - Allocate funds based on priority
 - Allocate funds in an open and transparent manner
 - Allocate funds consistently—generally use the same criteria to make ranking decisions

Additional information can be found here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/natural-resource-use/resource-roads>

Contact the Engineering Branch directly at: FLNREng.Branch@gov.bc.ca

Media Contact:

Media Relations
Ministry of Forests
250 896-7359



8 August 2025

Mayor
Atkinson &
Council
1 Mackenzie
Blvd
Mackenzie,
BC
V0J 2C0

Dear Mayor Atkinson and Council,

Re: 2025 UBCM Official Opposition Meeting Opportunities

With the 2025 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention in Victoria fast approaching, the Members of the Official Opposition would like to cordially invite you to meet during the Convention. As the Official Opposition, we respect deeply the critical role Local Governments play in strengthening our communities throughout British Columbia and remain dedicated to robustly representing your interests in Victoria and throughout the province. As the Official Opposition Critic for Municipal Affairs, I am committed to understanding the specific opportunities and challenges your community faces.

I am pleased to share the following engagement opportunities arranged by the Official Opposition for you throughout the UBCM Convention:

1. For a one-on-one meeting with me or any of our Opposition Critics at the UBCM Convention, please contact Hannah Driedger at Conservative.Caucus@leg.bc.ca or via telephone at 250-387-3507.
2. Our Caucus is hosting three roundtable discussions on the topics noted below in the Penwell Room at the Chateau Hotel on September 23rd and 25th.
If you are interested in attending, please take a moment to let us know at Conservative.Caucus@leg.bc.ca

Topic	Critic(s)	Date & Time
Crime	Elenore Sturko Bryan Tepper Steve Kooner Tony Luck	Tuesday, September 23 rd 1:30-2:30 pm
Health	Anna Kindy Brennan Day Claire Rattée Tony Luck	Tuesday, September 23 rd 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Housing	Linda Hepner Kristina Loewen Tony Luck	Thursday, September 25 th 4:30-5:30 pm

3. On Thursday, September 25th, the Leader of the Official Opposition will be giving an address at the Victoria Convention Centre at 11:10 am.

Local governments often serve as the primary interface for our shared constituents, adeptly addressing their needs. Your capacity to respond effectively during crises and maintain consistent, high-quality daily services is fundamental to the well-being of British Columbians. Your commitment to enhancing your communities is commendable, and as the Official Opposition we are dedicated to ensuring government accountability and advocating for the provincial resources necessary to support your delivery of essential services.

In keeping with the 2025 UBCM Convention theme of *Charting the Course*, I hope each of you will take the time to connect with Official Opposition MLAs during the UBCM Convention so we can speak directly, discuss the shifting challenges our communities face and act collaboratively on solutions.

Sincerely,

Tony Luck, MLA
Official Opposition Critic for Municipal Affairs

August 6, 2025

Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch
P.O. Box 9292, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9J8

Email: LCRB.Outreach@gov.bc.ca

Dear Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your invitation to comment on enabling cannabis sales at events. For the record, the District of Mackenzie strongly opposes cannabis sales at special events. In our opinion, although cannabis possession is no longer illegal it serves no purpose to promote the sale at community events, the same way cigarette sales should not take place, as neither support public health. We fully recognize our opportunity to comment on expanding opportunities for cannabis hospitality has come and gone, but we felt it important to state this so you appreciate where we are coming from.

In response to your discussion questions our feedback is as follows:

1. Which option do you prefer for enabling cannabis sales at events and why?

We do not support either option as the District of Mackenzie would prefer not to see any cannabis sales at community events, particularly those at which consumption is not currently permitted (e.g. where children are present)

2. What are the risks and opportunities for allowing cannabis sales at events?

Opportunity - clawing back revenue currently being captured by illegal sales

Risks - that people will not be aware, or just not care, that although they may be purchasing cannabis at events where consumption is not permitted (e.g. Outdoor market and all ages concerts) they will proceed to consume the product at the event.

3. What type of events should cannabis be sold at (e.g., festivals, farmer's markets, etc.)?

In our opinion, none.

4. Are there events where cannabis sales should not occur (e.g., all-ages events, specific locations like next to a playground)?

The District of Mackenzie does not support cannabis sales at any community events.

5. What public safety limitations and restrictions should be placed on cannabis sales at events (e.g., how much you can buy per purchase, type of product you can buy)

If cannabis sales are permitted, we would like to see (1) sales limited to an amount reasonable for one person's daily use and (2) sales be limited to edible products so that those not using cannabis are not forced to share space with unwanted smoke and smell just as we do with cigarettes.

6. Is there anything else we should consider about enabling cannabis sales at events?

Most communities have cannabis retail opportunities (multiple stores in larger communities) available for residents, so we see no need to introduce the sale of cannabis at community events.

In response to the Market Controls Discussion Paper:

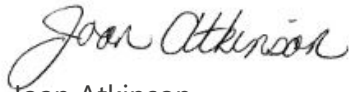
We would prefer to keep the **license cap** at the current limit of 8. This helps to ensure that the economic benefits of the industry rest with small businesses instead of encouraging large corporate chains to become established, which will restrict the economic benefit to a privileged few in much the same way as big box stores.

Although the District of Mackenzie is neither a retail supplier or a licensed producer, we would prefer not to see the sale of **retail branded cannabis** products in Cannabis Retail Stores (CRS). We feel that retail banding of the same product by multiple CRS's obscures the origin and producer of the product from the consumer. The consumer should always be confident about what they have purchased and where it comes from.

We do not support any **provincial minimum distancing** rules for Cannabis Retail Stores (CRS). Municipalities should retain the right to set these rules according to their own circumstances and the wishes of the residents

Finally, regarding **licensing options**, the cannabis industry already pays very high licensing fees compared to other retail businesses. If this initiative does move forward, fees whether they are a new class of license a onetime licensing fee or add onto an existing license should be minimal.

Sincerely,



Joan Atkinson,
Mayor of Mackenzie



City of Campbell River
From the Office of the Mayor

August 13, 2025

Dear Mayors/Chairs,

Subject: Invitation to UBCM Events – Strengthening Resource Communities Together

As a follow-up to my recent letter, I'm pleased to extend a personal invitation to join me at two key events during the 2025 UBCM Convention in Victoria. These gatherings will spotlight the essential contributions of both rural and urban resource communities to British Columbia's economy and provide valuable opportunities for dialogue and connection.

Resource Works Panel Discussion: Get It Done B.C.

Monday, September 22, 2025 – 7:30AM to 4PM followed by a reception at 5PM
Union Club of British Columbia, Victoria

I will be participating in a panel hosted by Resource Works alongside other leaders and industry experts. We will be discussing the challenges and opportunities facing resource communities and the importance of ensuring our voices are included in provincial decision making.

Networking Reception – Hosted by the City of Campbell River

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 – 4:30PM to 6:30PM
Marriott, Victoria

This will be a great opportunity to connect with Mayors and community leaders from across the province. Enjoy local refreshments, good conversation, and enter to win a *Campbell River Experience* door prize valued at \$2500 – including flights, golf, whale watching, and accommodation in our beautiful city.

This invitation builds on the UBCM motion the City of Campbell River is bringing forward this year.

I hope we can count on seeing you at both events. Together, we can strengthen our advocacy for policies that recognize the realities and contributions of all BC Communities. I have met with many of you already, but feel free to reach out if you would like to connect.

Please RSVP to Lisa.Sanders@campbellriver.ca by September 12, 2025.

I look forward to seeing you in Victoria.

Sincerely,

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Kermit Dahl
Mayor

Inclusion of Rural and Resource Communities in Provincial Economic Decision-Making

WHEREAS rural and resource-based communities continue to be a significant economic driver in both rural and urban areas across British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS communities throughout British Columbia are experiencing job losses and heightened economic challenges arising from trade uncertainties, and provincial legislation and policies that disproportionately affect resource industries such as forestry, mining, energy, and aquaculture;

AND WHEREAS these communities are integral to the provincial economy, contributing substantially to British Columbia's GDP, employment, and export revenues, while sustaining the economic vitality of urban centres through interconnected supply chains, workforce migration, and complementary industries;

AND WHEREAS current provincial decision-making processes frequently lack adequate representation and consultation with rural and resource-based communities, leading to policies that may inadvertently jeopardize the sustainability, cohesiveness and resilience of these regions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to formally recognize the critical economic contributions of rural and resource-based communities and to ensure their meaningful inclusion in the development of legislation, regulations, and economic strategies that impact resource industries by:

- Prioritizing economically viable access to resources;
- Supporting innovation within each sector to foster sustainable growth and enhance competitiveness;
- Actively engaging with each resource sector and its stakeholders to comprehensively understand their unique challenges and opportunities; and
- Take decisive action to amend policies and legislation based on the unique challenges and opportunities identified
- Removing restrictive legislation on resource sector industries.



UBCM Member Municipalities
Via Email

August 8, 2025

Dear Mayors and Councillors,

Re: Request for Support and Endorsement – UBCM Resolution on Emergency Water Treatment Plants

On behalf of the Council of the Village of Lions Bay, we are seeking your support and endorsement for an important resolution that will be presented at the upcoming Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention. This resolution advocates for provincial investment in emergency portable water treatment plants to safeguard the drinking water of small communities facing wildfire-related contamination.

Background

Communities adjacent to forests, that rely on a watershed for drinking water, such as Lions Bay are particularly vulnerable to the increasing frequency and severity of wildfires. These fires introduce ash, sediment, and other pollutants into watersheds, often rendering drinking water sources unsafe for extended periods. Unfortunately, the infrastructure required to address such contamination—advanced filtration and treatment systems—is prohibitively expensive for small municipalities to construct and maintain. As a result, small communities affected by wildfires may face prolonged disruptions to their water supply, posing serious public health and sustainability risks.

To mitigate this growing threat, the Village of Lions Bay is calling on the Province of British Columbia to acquire and maintain one to three skid-mounted, 500,000-gallon-per-day (GPD) portable potable water treatment plants. These units would be held in reserve and deployed as needed to communities experiencing significant water contamination following a wildfire or other disasters. This proactive measure would provide critical emergency response capacity and ensure that small communities are not left struggling to restore safe drinking water in the wake of a crisis.

UBCM Resolution

The following resolution will be presented at UBCM, and we respectfully request your Council's support and endorsement:

WHEREAS forested-watershed communities face increasing risks of wildfire-related contamination of their drinking water sources due to the increasing impacts associated with climate change, with wildfires introducing ash, sediment, and other pollutants that can render water supplies unusable for extended periods;

AND WHEREAS the cost of advanced water treatment infrastructure required to address such contamination far exceeds the financial capacity of small communities, leaving them vulnerable to prolonged water supply disruptions that pose significant public health and community sustainability risks:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) request that the Province of British Columbia acquire and maintain one to three skid-mounted, 500,000-gallon-per-day (GPD) portable water treatment plants to be held in reserve for emergency deployment to communities experiencing significant wildfire-related water contamination, ensuring rapid response and long-term water security for vulnerable communities.

Request for Support

We kindly ask your municipality to consider endorsing this resolution and lending your voice to this urgent issue. Your formal support will strengthen our collective advocacy efforts and help demonstrate to the Province the widespread need for proactive emergency water treatment solutions in British Columbia.

If your Council passes a resolution of endorsement, please notify us at office@lionsbay.ca so we can include your municipality in our advocacy efforts leading up to the UBCM Convention.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We appreciate your support in ensuring that small communities across B.C. have the resources necessary to maintain safe drinking water in the face of growing wildfire risks.

Sincerely,
Councillor Neville Abbott, Infrastructure Committee Chair,
On behalf of Village of Lions Bay Council
council@lionsbay.ca
(604) 921-9333

Dear FCM members,

FCM has submitted our recommendations to the House of Commons Finance Committee and Finance Canada's pre-budget consultations ahead of the upcoming federal budget. The federal government must use Budget 2025 to fundamentally strengthen the Canadian economy.

FCM's recommendations reflect local priorities from municipalities across the country and support the vision for a stronger Canada: building 500,000 new homes a year, putting in place major new municipal infrastructure, improving public safety and ensuring a strong and resilient economy.

Foundational to these national priorities is the need for modernized, sustainable and streamlined funding for municipalities. In strategic partnership with the federal government, local governments can do even more for Canada's prosperity.

Budget 2025 comes at a pivotal time for Canadians, and local governments have an essential role in Canada's success.

We appreciate your continued engagement in shaping FCM's national advocacy priorities and look forward to working together to bring these priorities directly to Parliament Hill during FCM's Advocacy Days this October!

- *Your FCM team*



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August 19, 2025

The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Finance and National Revenue
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

RE: FCM's Priorities for Budget 2025

Dear Minister,

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents over 2,000 municipalities of all sizes in every province and territory—home to more than 92 percent of Canadians. Municipal governments are where housing gets built, infrastructure is delivered, and federal priorities take shape on the ground. Our collaboration is critical for Canada's success.

This budget comes at a pivotal moment for Canadians. We are ready to work with you to ensure Budget 2025 fundamentally strengthens Canada's economy and delivers for Canadians. **Housing and housing-enabling infrastructure must be front and centre** if we are to build 500,000 new homes a year within the decade. Canadians consistently identify housing affordability as a top concern, and municipalities are critical to delivering the solutions. To that end, we recommend that Budget 2025:

- Ensure *Build Canada Homes* is effective at accelerating affordable, non-profit housing construction—leveraging federal lands, low-cost financing, and prefabricated modular housing,
- Provide sustained and streamlined investments in the *core municipal infrastructure* that underpins our homes and our communities—roads, bridges, transit, water and wastewater systems—through an enhanced, GDP-indexed *Canada Community-Building Fund*. This is the most efficient and cost-effective way to unlock housing supply at scale, and
- Take a flexible, pragmatic approach to *development charges* to ensure municipalities have the necessary resources to fund essential housing-enabling infrastructure.

Alongside these housing measures, Budget 2025 should advance the other building blocks of strong, resilient communities:

- Strategic investments in trade-enabling, rural, and northern infrastructure,
- Scaled-up climate-resilient infrastructure funding to prepare for extreme weather,



- Support for ending chronic homelessness and refugee housing needs,
- Targeted measures to improve public safety through urgent bail reform, a strengthened RCMP, and mental health supports,
- Reduced internal trade barriers and streamlined federal approvals, and
- Continued success through the Green Municipal Fund and partnerships that expand Canada's global leadership.

With modernized, predictable and streamlined funding, municipalities can deliver the homes, infrastructure, and services Canadians need—while driving economic growth, climate resilience, and community well-being.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss how these priorities can be reflected in Budget 2025.

Sincerely,

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Rebecca Bligh
City of Vancouver, BC
FCM President

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Administration

Date: August 15, 2025

Subject: Correction – Zoning Amendment – 25 Gagnon

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council direct Administration not to move forward with Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1526, 2025 process;

AND THAT Council direct Administration to move forward with a Temporary Use Permit application for 25 Gagnon Place to operate a kennel.

BACKGROUND:

At the Regular Meeting of August 11, 2025, Council asked staff if a time limit could be placed on the Zoning Amendment Bylaw. Staff advised yes, in accordance with Section 137 of the *Community Charter* Council may include sunset clauses to bylaws.

However, staff were later advised the week following that the clause does not generally pertain to Zoning and OCP bylaw amendments as there is legislation and alternatives that address this issue, such as authorizing temporary use permits. Once a zoning amendment is passed, there are other legislation and non-conforming use protections that make it difficult to change back in the future and the time limit may be more difficult to enforce.

As a result, the Temporary Use Permit legislation is there and a recommended option if a use is being authorized in a zone for the first time or to place time limits.

Staff have discussed this with the applicant and they are in support of staff recommending transitioning this application to a Temporary Use Application to meet both the needs of the applicant and the concerns expressed by Council at the last meeting. This change does not delay the processing timeline. The next steps would continue as follows:



A copy of the draft permit has been attached for Council's consideration.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There is no budgetary impact to this recommendation.

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.

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:

Emily Kaehn, Director of Corporate Services

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer

TEMPORARY USE PERMIT

ISSUED TO:

Christina Amouzou

With respect to the following lands:

25 Gagnon Place, Mackenzie, BC
Lot 31 District Lot 12463 Cariboo District Plan 19463

1. This temporary use permit is pursuant to Section 493 of the Local Government Act.
2. The purpose of this permit is to allow for a Kennel operation, as defined by the District of Mackenzie Zoning Bylaw No. 1368, 2017, as an accessory use on the property.
3. This permit does not relieve the owner or occupier from obtaining any other approvals required by the District of Mackenzie or any other jurisdiction or from meeting any other applicable regulations, including but not limited to:
 - *BC Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act* – Cattery and Kennel Regulations
 - Practice for Canadian Kennel Operations (most recent edition), as produced by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association
 - District of Mackenzie Business License Bylaw No. 1355, 2016
 - District of Mackenzie Animal Control and Licensing Bylaw No. 1354, 2016
 - District of Mackenzie Unsightly Properties Bylaw No. 1394, 2018
 - District of Mackenzie Noise Control Bylaw No. 1352, 2016
4. This permit is not a building permit and/or a development permit.
5. This permit shall expire October 1, 2028.

Certified a true and correct copy of
A Temporary Use Permit issued by
resolution of the District of Mackenzie Council
passed this __th day of _____ 2025.

Diane Smith,
Chief Administrative Officer

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

Authorized Signatory
Christina Amouzou, Owner

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Administration

Date: August 18, 2025

Subject: Building Abatement and Demolition Contract Award – DOM-25-1

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council awards DOM-25-1 Building Abatement & Demolition project to Clearview Demolition Ltd. in the amount of \$432,597 plus GST;

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

BACKGROUND:

Three District-owned properties were identified for demolition in 2025 to allow for redevelopment of the areas:

- 86 Centennial Drive (Ernie Bodin Community Centre)
- 827 Centennial Drive (residential property)
- 950 Airport Road (previous leased property)

The District solicited proposals for the building abatement and demolition from August 1, 2025 to August 17, 2025. It was advertised on BC Bid, the District website, and through social media. Three bids were received.

Clearview Demolition Ltd. is an experienced firm located in Chilliwack, BC. They are able to provide the required level of service, in the desired timeline (before Oct. 31, 2025), at the lowest cost of the three proposals.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

\$432,597 + GST would be allocated from the general operating surplus to support the recommendation.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

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:

Emily Kaehn, Director of Corporate Services

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer

COUNCIL MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

To: Mayor and Council
From: Councilor Wright
Date: **August 2025**
Subject: Report for August 2025

Councilor Wright Council Appointments:

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

Alternate For:

Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation 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:
August 7, 2025	Met with Director Kaehn to complete a survey for signatories of the Mental Health and Addictions Accord to give perspectives and experience from the District of Mackenzie.	Mental Health and Addictions Liaison
August 8, 2025	Attended the Friday festivities of the McLeod Lake Indian Band's Annual General Assembly.	Covered multiple roles
August 12, 2025	Attended a tour of the Mount Milligan Mine hosted by Centerra Gold.	N/A
August 13, 2025	Attended a NCLGA webinar featuring a guest speaker from the Outdoor Recreation Council of BC, to talk about their new guide book on how Outdoor Recreation can lead to Economic Development	N/A
August 14, 2025	Participated in a call of the Mental Health and Addictions Accord Signatories hosted by the NCLGA	Mental Health and Addiction Liaison

Respectfully Submitted,

Councillor Wright



**COUNCILLOR
WRIGHT**

ASK ME ANYTHING

Join me August 27th for an 'Ask Me Anything' about
what you are interested/concerned about for
Mackenzie!

Facebook Live

5:30-7PM

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Councillor Andy Barnes and Councillor Jesse Wright

Date: August 14, 2025

Subject: Pierce Northcott Weight Room

The date for this motion to be considered is the September 8, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council names the weight room in the Recreation Centre the "Pierce Northcott Weight Room";

AND THAT a plaque be established in the weightroom that describes the accomplishment of Mr. Northcott and why the room is named after him, I.E. his world record and training in the room;

AND THAT Council invite Mr. Northcott, his family, his coach Bryce Surgenor and members of the Mackenzie Special Olympics organization to an event where the new room name is unveiled, where Mayor and Council can congratulate him on the accomplishment, and the wider Mackenzie community can come and celebrate the achievement.

BACKGROUND:

This past July, Pierce Northcott set a world record in deadlifting at the BC Special Olympics in Prince George.

Pierce is born and raised in Mackenzie and was supported in reaching this effort by training in this weight room at the Rec Centre.

Other Municipalities do events like this to celebrate significant achievements from their residents. Just this past summer the City of Hamilton held a 'Shai Day' celebrating the season basketball star Shai Gilgeous-Alexander had in the NBA as an example.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There will be a cost to purchasing the naming plaque of the room and also the plaque established in the room that describes the achievement.

The event would have a small budget for things like catering, an award/certificate for Pierce and any other materials to make the event occur.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Community and Social Development

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Councillor Andy Barnes & Councillor Jesse Wright

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer