

**COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA**

Date: Monday, April 13, 2026, 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

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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 Secondary School Ski Team
The Mackenzie Secondary School Ski and Snowboard Team will present to Mayor and Council on their Provincial Championship attendance.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

7.1 For Action:

- 7.1.1 North Central Local Government Association Co-sponsorship 20
The City of Prince Rupert has submitted the following resolution with Co-sponsorship from the Regional District of Bulkley - Nechako, to the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) AGM regarding the Northern and Rural Area Homeowner Benefit. NCLGA has asked if the District would like to be another co-sponsor and withdraw their resolution.

7.2 For Consideration:

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

- 7.2.1 Recreation Centre Gym Hours 21
A resident has submitted a letter, regarding the reduced spring and summer gym facility hours, requesting a restoration of facility hours or a restructure of membership fees.
- 7.2.2 CNC Community Forum 23
The College of New Caledonia (CNC) warmly invites you to attend an upcoming Community Forum in Mackenzie on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Mackenzie Recreation Centre.
- 7.2.3 CN Right of Way Vegetation Management 2026 24
Upcoming vegetation management will be taking place around the District, between April and October 2026. Vegetation management is a crucial component of railway safety and regulatory compliance.
- 7.2.4 Urging Council to Oppose the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) Expansion on Professional Services 26
The Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) is urging Council to oppose the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) expansion on professional services. The letter highlights the financial realities that would face municipalities and small businesses due to this tax change.
- 7.2.5 Federal Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Trade Negotiations and Tariff Measures Survey 29
Canadian municipalities are experiencing direct and indirect economic pressures from ongoing trade negotiations and tariff measures. Federal Canadian Municipalities is conducting

research to capture how Canadian communities are coping with trade uncertainty. The goal is to provide governmental decision-makers with local examples of the impacts communities are experiencing, the resilience strategies they are pursuing, and how they coordinate with governments and business communities. FCM is asking local governments to take this survey led by the Lawrence National Centre for Policy and Management (Ivey Business School) and the City of London. It takes 30 minutes and the deadline is April 15.

7.3 Centre Table File

7.3.1 Recreation Centre Gym Hours Resident Letter and Signatures

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Fuel and Lubricant Delivery Contract for 2026-2028 44

THAT Council awards the 2026-2028 Fuel and Lubricant Delivery Contract, with the option for a one-year extension if mutually agreeable, to Petro-Canada Ltd. (Suncor Energy Products);

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

8.2 Morfee Mountain Road – 2026 Operating Budget 46

THAT Council authorizes the 2026 operating budget allocation of up to \$67,000 from the McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest Dividends for the Morfee Mountain Road License of Occupation first-year requirements.

8.3 2026 Water, Sewer and Garbage Bylaw Amendment 54

THAT Council receives this report for information.

8.4 Property Sale and Price Approvals 57

THAT Council authorizes the property transfer agreement with the Omineca Growers Society as outlined in this report;

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

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 Mayor's Report

9.2 Council Reports

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**11. NEW BUSINESS****12. BYLAWS****12.1 Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1531, 2026 74**

THAT Bylaw No. 1531, 2026 cited as "Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1531, 2026" be given its first three readings.

12.2 Sewer Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1532, 2026 77

THAT Bylaw No. 1532, 2026 cited "Sewer Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No.1532, 2026" be given its first three readings.

12.3 Garbage Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1533, 2026 80

THAT Bylaw No. 1533, 2026 cited "Garbage Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw 1533, 2026" be given its first three readings.

13. NOTICE OF MOTION**14. COMING EVENTS****14.1 Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce Spring Expo
Friday April 24, and Saturday April 25, 2026 at the Mackenzie Recreation Centre****15. INQUIRIES**

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

16. ADJOURNMENT

Special Council Meeting

Minutes

March 23, 2026, 6:15 p.m.

Council Chambers of the Municipal Office

1 Mackenzie Boulevard, Mackenzie, BC

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

Council Absent: Councillor A. Barnes

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:15 PM.

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: 34146

Moved by: Councillor Tapper

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. 2026 BUDGET PRESENTATION - WATER, SEWER, GARBAGE

Chief Financial Officer Kerri Borne presented the 2026 proposed water, sewer and garbage rates.

4. INQUIRIES

Jeff Close, resident, asked for clarification if a parcel tax is on top of the existing property tax. Chief Financial Officer Kerri Borne said they are.

Cassandra Jones, resident, asked if homeowners can opt out of parcel taxes when they are in place for things like water meters. Chief Financial Officer Kerri Borne explained that there would be communication with homeowners ahead of time, and that there is no way to opt out of a parcel tax if it is for a service the homeowner receives.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution: 34147

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the meeting adjourns at 7:04 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer

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Committee of the Whole

Minutes

March 23, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers of the Municipal Office

1 Mackenzie Boulevard, Mackenzie, BC

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

Council Absent: Councillor A. Barnes

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer D. Smith, Chief Financial Officer K. Borne, Director of Recreation Services T. Gilmer (virtual), Director of Operations J. Murray, Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn, Deputy Fire Chief L. Thorne, Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant, C. Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 7:07 pm.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

N/A

3. REPORTS

3.1 Operations

Moved by: Councillor Tapper

THAT the Operations report for the month of February 2026 be received.

CARRIED

3.2 RCMP

Moved by: Mayor Atkinson

THAT the RCMP report for the month of February 2026 be received.

CARRIED

3.3 Fire

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the Fire report for the month of February 2026 be received.

CARRIED

3.4 Recreation Services
Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky
THAT the Recreation Services report for the month of February 2026 be received.
CARRIED

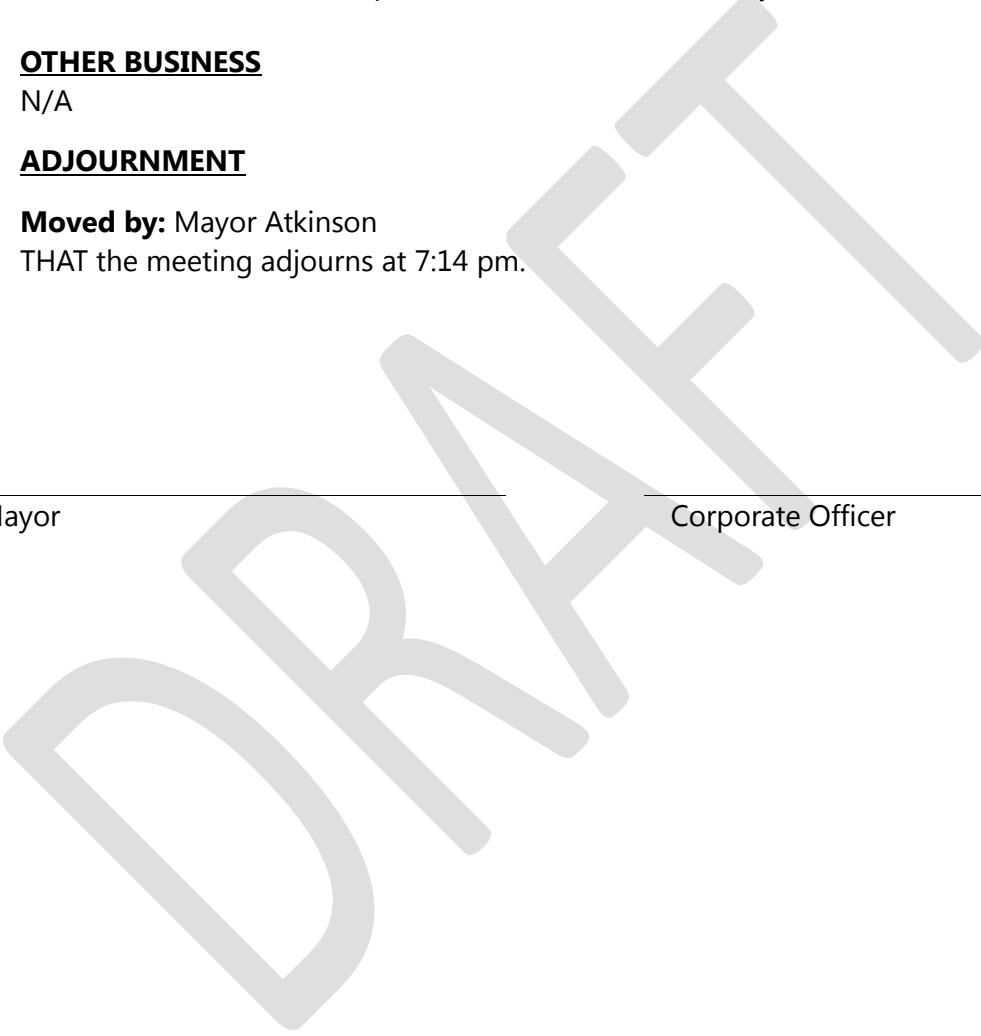
3.5 Finance
Moved by: Councillor McMeeken
THAT the Finance report for the month of February 2026 be received.
CARRIED

4. **OTHER BUSINESS**
N/A

5. **ADJOURNMENT**
Moved by: Mayor Atkinson
THAT the meeting adjourns at 7:14 pm.
CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer



Regular Council Meeting

Minutes

March 23, 2026, 7:15 p.m.

Council Chambers of the Municipal Office

1 Mackenzie Boulevard, Mackenzie, BC

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

Council Absent: Councillor A. Barnes

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer D. Smith, Chief Financial Officer K. Borne,
Fire Chief J. Guise, Director of Recreation Services T. Gilmer (virtual),
Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn, Deputy Fire Chief L. Thorne,
Economic Development Coordinator R. Richman, Legislative
Clerk/Executive Assistant, C. Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:18 pm.

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

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Special Meeting- February 23, 2026

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 23, 2026 were adopted as presented.

2.2 Special Meeting- February 23, 2026

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 23, 2026 were adopted as presented.

2.3 Committee of the Whole - February 23, 2026

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on February 23, 2026 were adopted as presented.

2.4 Regular Meeting - February 23, 2026

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 23, 2026 were adopted as amended.

3. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

Resolution: 34148

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the following late items be added to the agenda;

7. CORRESPONDENCE

For Action:

7.1.5 Request for Support - Mackenzie Outdoor Route and Trail Association (MORATA)

Mackenzie Outdoor Route and Trail Association is requesting a letter of support for their application to the South Peace Mackenzie Trust for the Morfee Mountain Phase 3 Expansion. A sample letter has been provided.

CARRIED

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Resolution: 34149

Moved by: Councillor Tapper

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Shannon Bezo is available to speak to items 7.1.2 and noted that she hoped Council will discuss and support 7.2.1 and 7.2.2

6. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

6.1 Mackenzie Outdoor Community Centre Proposal

Ryan and Korina Lucas presented to Mayor and Council their proposal for a cover for the Outdoor Rink outside of the Recreation Centre to increase the use and accessibility.

Resolution: 34150

Moved by: Mayor Atkinson

THAT the District of Mackenzie provide a letter of support in principle, for the establishment of an Outdoor Community Centre as proposed in their presentation and letter.

CARRIED

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Resolution: 34151

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

7.1 For Action:

7.1.1 Request for Support - Mackenzie Community Services

Resolution: 34152

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the District of Mackenzie provide a letter of support to Mackenzie Community Services for their application to the McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest Community Benefits stream for a community Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder awareness event.

CARRIED

Resolution: 34153

Moved by: Councillor Tapper

THAT Mackenzie Community Services may utilize the front area at the Mackenzie Recreation Centre as well as Spirit Square for a community Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder awareness event on September 9, 2026, AND THAT staff bring back a report report outlining the cost of utilizing the Sas Da'Ghe room for the event.

CARRIED

Resolution: 34154

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT the Mackenzie Recreation Centre is illuminated in red for September 8, and 9, 2026 to bring awareness to the Red Shoes Rock campaign.

CARRIED

7.1.2 Request for Support - Mackenzie Community Services

Resolution: 34155

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the District of Mackenzie provide a letter of support to Mackenzie Community Services Application to the RBC Barrier Buster Grant presented by the Rick Hansen Foundation to help create a more accessible environment in their new office space.

CARRIED

7.1.3 Request for Support - Mackenzie Minor Hockey Association

Resolution: 34156

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council approve the waiver of fees for use of the Community Hall, for the Mackenzie Minor Hockey Association Banquet on April 18, 2026, excluding additional staff time costs.

CARRIED

7.1.4 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) 2026 Membership Dues

Resolution: 34157

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT the District pay the 2026 Union of BC Municipalities UBCM membership dues in the amount of \$2,815.02.

CARRIED

7.1.5 Request for Support - Mackenzie Outdoor Route and Trail Association (MORATA)

Resolution: 34158

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the District of Mackenzie provide a letter of support to Mackenzie Outdoor Route and Trail Association (MORATA) for their application to the South Peace Mackenzie Trust (SMPT) to help fund the Morfee Mountain Expansion Phase 3.

CARRIED

7.2 For Consideration:

7.2.1 2026 North Central Local Government Association Resolution Co - Sponsors

Resolution: 34159

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the District co-sponsor the following 2026 NCLGA resolution submitted by the City of Dawson Creek:

"Improved Access to Publicly Funded Mental Health Services

WHEREAS local governments experience increasing pressures on emergency services, policing, bylaw enforcement, homelessness response, and community safety systems associated with gaps in timely and accessible mental health services;

AND WHEREAS access to counselling and other mental health supports is often dependent on private insurance coverage, employer benefits, session limits, or out-of-pocket costs, creating barriers to equitable access, particularly in rural and northern communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Central Local Government Association and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities request that the Province of British Columbia take steps to improve access to universal, publicly funded mental health services, including counselling and related supports, with a focus on early intervention and prevention."

CARRIED

7.2.5 Request for Support - District of 100 Mile House

Resolution: 34160

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the District of Mackenzie provide a letter of support for the District of 100 Mile House NCLGA resolution #2:

"Expansion of Support for Medical Professional Services

WHEREAS there is significant and on-going shortages of healthcare professionals in the South Cariboo and across communities in Northern Central Local Government Association (NCLGA)

AND WHEREAS Efforts have been made in some healthcare professions, many other healthcare professions need attention for the overall wellbeing of residents in small, rural, and remote location;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NCLGA, in collaboration with the Union of British Columbia (UBCM), advocate to the Provincial Government for increased educational training seats in any appropriate college/university;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the NCLGA, in collaboration with the Union of British Columbia (UBCM), advocate to the Provincial Government look to reduce any barriers in accessing those training seats and create incentives to encourage healthcare professionals to practice in rural areas."

CARRIED

7.2.8 Request for Support - BC Coastal Marine Strategy

Resolution: 34161

Moved by: Mayor Atkinson

THAT the District of Mackenzie provide a letter of support for the BC Coastal Marine Strategy and its enshrinement into law.

Opposed (3): Councillor Brumovsky, Councillor P. Kylo, and Councillor McMeeken

Absent (1): Councillor Barnes

DEFEATED (3 to 3)

7.2.9 Northern Angel Summit 2026 Media Kit

Resolution: 34162

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT the District share the Northern Angel Summit to the District website and social media to promote the program to any resident who may benefit.

CARRIED

7.3 Centre Table File

7.3.1 Comprehensive Appraisal Report - 4850 Coquiwaldie Road

7.3.2 Comprehensive Appraisal Report - 1 Hunter Road

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1 2026 NCLGA Resolutions

Resolution: 34164

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council submit the following resolution to the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) for consideration at the 2026 Annual General Meeting (AGM):

Northern and Rural Home Owner Grant

WHEREAS effective January 1, 2027 the BC Government will repeal the \$200 Northern and Rural Home Owner Benefit that helps offset the additional costs associated with living in rural BC;

AND WHEREAS in the last decade, northern and rural communities have been disproportionately challenged with the rising cost of living due to the economic downturn in the forestry industry resulting from the loss of appurtenancy, downsizing and closure of post-secondary campuses, inflationary prices of groceries, heating, and travel for routine and specialist healthcare, the impacts of natural disasters such as forest fires and flooding, in addition to other distinctly rural and northern challenges;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA and UBCM lobby the Province of BC to reverse its recent decision to repeal the Northern and Rural Home Owner Benefit starting in tax year 2027 to recognize the ongoing and unique economic challenges BC rural and northern communities are facing.

CARRIED

Resolution: 34163

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT the Northern Rural Home Owner Grant resolution be amended to remove the word "appurtenancy".

Opposed (3): Mayor Atkinson Councillor J. Wright, and Councillor K. Tapper

Absent (1): Councillor Barnes

DEFEATED

Resolution: 34165

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT the Class 5 Digital Infrastructure NCLGA resolution is amended to include the word "include" and amended to say "THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA and UBCM request the Province of British Columbia and BC Assessment to include high - energy digital infrastructure, including but not limited to AI cryptocurrency mining facilities in Utilities or Class 5 Industry.

CARRIED

Resolution: 34166

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the District of Mackenzie send both NCLGA and UBCM resolutions to the NCLGA committee to seek co-sponsorship.

CARRIED

8.2 2026 Utilities Provisional Capital and Operating Budgets

Resolution: 34167

Moved by: Councillor P. Kylo

THAT Council approve the 2026 Utilities Provisional Capital and Operating Budgets;

AND THAT staff proceed with an 11% water rate increase, a 11% sewer rate increase, a 1.5% rate increase for residential garbage and a 4% rate increase for commercial garbage.

CARRIED

8.3 Concession Lease Agreement

Resolution: 34168

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council awards the concession lease agreement to Fry Daddy's for a period of three years effective from June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2029 with the option of a two-year extension if mutually agreed;

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

CARRIED

8.4 Evan Bichon Recognition

Resolution: 34169

Moved by: Mayor Atkinson

THAT the Little Mac Ski Hill Chalet will be renamed the Evan Bichon Chalet to honour Mackenzie athlete and olympian Evan Bichon.

CARRIED

- 8.5 2026 Public Notification and Emergency Route Planning Grant
Resolution: 34170
Moved by: Councillor Tapper
THAT Council supports an application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Public Notification and Emergency Route Planning grant for up to \$40,000;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the grant and any related documentation should the application be successful.
CARRIED
- 8.6 2026 Community Resiliency Investment Grant Application
Resolution: 34171
Moved by: Councillor Wright
THAT Council supports an application to the 2026 Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) Grant Program through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) for up to \$200,000;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the grant and if successful, any related documentation.
CARRIED
- 8.7 Resolution of Support – Local Government Development Approvals Program
Resolution: 34172
Moved by: Councillor McMeeken
THAT Council supports an application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Local Government Development Approvals grant program for up to \$200,000 for the Modernizing Mackenzie’s Development Services project which will include a digitization component to align with the BC Building Hub and an update of the District of Mackenzie’s Subdivision Bylaw 780, 1993;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the grant and any related documentation should the application be successful.
CARRIED
- 8.8 RTC – Short Term Rentals
Resolution: 34173
Moved by: Councillor Wright
THAT Council receive this report for information.
CARRIED

8.9 Property Sale and Price Approvals

Resolution: 34174

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council approves the minimum sale price of \$140,000 for 4850 Coquiwaldie Road in the District's Industrial Subdivision, legally described as Lot 10, District Lot 3673, Cariboo District Plan, EPP36375;

AND THAT Council approves the minimum sale price of \$25,000 for 1 Hunter Road, legally described as LOT 33, PLAN PGP22048, DISTRICT LOT 3673, CARIBOO LAND;

AND THAT 1 Hunter Road is advertised and sold through both local realtor companies, Century 21 and Royal LePage, under the same agreement as approved for Bell Place subdivision lots in Delegation Bylaw No. 1332, 2016.

Opposed (1): Councillor P. Kyлло

CARRIED

8.10 2026-2030 RCMP Detachment Occupancy Renewal Agreement

Resolution: 34175

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council approves the RCMP Detachment Occupancy Renewal Agreement for a term of five (5) years commencing on January 1, 2026, and ending on December 31, 2030;

AND THAT Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the agreement.

CARRIED

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 Mayor's Report

Mayor Atkinson provided a written report.

9.2 Council Reports

Councillor Kyлло provided a verbal report. Councillors Brumovsky and Wright provided written reports.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution: 34176

Moved by: Councillor P. Kylo

THAT Council direct staff to reach out to Regional District of Kootenay Boundary Director Grace McGregor to obtain information and insight on how other communities manage data processing centres, particularly in the absence of a dedicated water policy or bylaw, in order to support staff research and inform future Council discussions related to AI data centre water use.

CARRIED

Resolution: 34177

Moved by: Mayor Atkinson

THAT Council approve the Mayor's request to send a letter to the Honourable Ravi Parmar, Minister of Forests, regarding recent reductions to FireSmart program funding, outlining the importance of continued FireSmart work in Mackenzie and extending an invitation for the Minister to visit the community to view completed wildfire mitigation projects.

CARRIED

Resolution: 34178

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report outlining a proposed policy framework for the naming and dedication of District facilities, rooms, and other municipal assets, to support a consistent, transparent, and well-defined process for future naming considerations.

CARRIED

Resolution: 34179

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council approve Councillor Jesse Wright's request to represent the District of Mackenzie at an upcoming meeting with Progressive Intercultural Community Services to discuss matters of mutual interest and gather information relevant to the community.

Opposed (2): Mayor Atkinson, and Councillor McMeeken

Absent (1): Councillor Barnes

CARRIED (4 to 2)

Resolution: 34180

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council direct staff to prepare a proposed policy governing non-profit use of the Mackenzie Recreation Centre, to establish a consistent and transparent process for evaluating requests and to assist both the District and non-profit organizations in planning and budgeting.

CARRIED

12. BYLAWS

N/A

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

N/A

14. COMING EVENTS

14.1 Easter Weekend Facility Hours

14.2 Powder King Northern Edge

15. INQUIRIES

N/A

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: 34181

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the meeting adjourns at 9:09 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer

DRAFT

Hello Cat,

Confirming receipt of the two late resolution from the District.

A note, there is a similar resolution already submitted by the City of Prince Rupert, and co-sponsored by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (that had also submitted a similar resolution but then withdraw it to be added as a co-sponsor to the City's). Would the District be interested in withdrawing its second resolution titled Northern and Rural Homeowner Grant, and instead being added as a co-sponsor to that resolution with the other two NCLGA members?

The City of Prince Rupert's resolution is below.

I look forward to hearing back from you,

Sandra

Regular R13	Northern and Rural Area Homeowner Grant Benefit	WHEREAS the Northern and Rural Area Homeowner Benefit was repealed effective January 1, 2027; and WHEREAS the repeal of this benefit further diminishes the purchasing power of homeowners in accessing services and supporting daily life thereby impacting housing, health, social and economic well-being of all northern and rural communities; and WHEREAS northern and rural communities face recruitment and retention challenges to support healthy, socially and economically resilient communities; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NCLGA and UBCM petition the Province to reinstate the Northern and Rural Area Homeowner Benefit effective January 1, 2027.	City of Prince Rupert/ Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako
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Tyler Daniel



Mackenzie, British Columbia, V0J 2C0

March 31, 2026

Mackenzie Recreation Centre

400 Skeena Drive

Mackenzie, British Columbia, V0J 2C0

Dear Recreation Centre Management / Board of Directors,

I am writing as a current member of your facility to formally express concern regarding the recent reduction in gym operating hours, which appears to amount to approximately a 15% decrease. While I understand that operational adjustments are sometimes necessary, this change has had a noticeable impact on members who rely on consistent access to the facility to maintain their health and fitness routines.

At the same time, membership fees have remained unchanged despite the reduction in available service hours. This has created a sense of imbalance for many members, particularly when considered alongside the temporary closure of the pool for an extended period of approximately one month. The combined effect of these changes has resulted in a reduced overall value of membership during this time.

I would like to respectfully convey that many members may be open to a reasonable adjustment in membership fees if it would support the restoration of the gym's previous operating hours. Access and consistency are highly valued, and some may prefer a modest increase in cost rather than a continued limitation in availability. Alternatively, if restoring hours is not feasible in the near term, a corresponding temporary reduction in membership fees would be a fair and appreciated measure to reflect the reduced level of service currently being provided.

This letter is written in the spirit of constructive feedback and with the intention of supporting a solution that balances operational needs with member satisfaction. Your facility plays an important role in the well-being of the community, and maintaining trust and value for members is essential to that relationship.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I, along with other members, would appreciate any updates or clarification you can provide regarding these concerns and any plans moving forward.

Sincerely,



You're Invited CNC Community Forum

The College of New Caledonia warmly invites you to attend an upcoming CNC Community Forum in Mackenzie.

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2026

Time: 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

**Location: Sas Da'Ghe Room,
Mackenzie Recreation Centre**

Members of the executive team will be in attendance to listen, learn, and engage in meaningful conversation about how the college can best serve the Mackenzie community.

Evening schedule:

- **6:00 p.m. – Doors open**
- **6:15 p.m. – CNC presentation**
- **6:30-7:30 p.m. – Open discussion and networking with CNC staff**

We welcome your insights and perspectives as we work together to shape the path forward.





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March 26, 2026

RE: CN RIGHT-OF-WAY VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Dear Mayor,

At CN, we are committed to operating a safe and efficient railway while fostering trust and collaboration with the communities we serve. As part of this commitment, we are reaching out to inform you of our upcoming vegetation management activities in your area, scheduled to take place between April and October 2026. You can find a regularly updated schedule at www.cn.ca/vegetation.

Vegetation management is a crucial component of railway safety and regulatory compliance. In accordance with Transport Canada's requirements, our program mitigates potential risks to railway operations. By proactively managing vegetation, we enhance safety for both rail operations and the surrounding communities.

Management Strategies

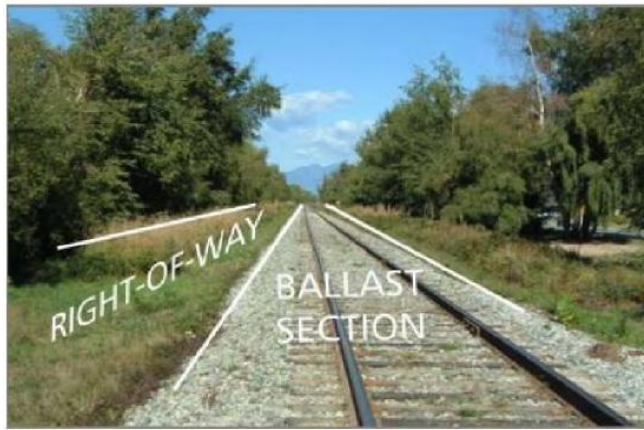
CN manages vegetation using both chemical and mechanical methods to ensure regulatory compliance and maintain safe railway operations. We are sensitive to concerns your community may have regarding chemical vegetation management and at CN, we strive to safeguard our neighbouring communities and the environment.

The track infrastructure is composed of two main sections, the 24-foot ballast section (which is primarily gravel and supports the track structure) and the right of way portion (which is the area outside of the ballast section to the CN property boundary). The use of pesticides is intended within the area to which the pest management plan applies.

Vegetation management using herbicides will focus on the ballast section, and as needed, selected areas around signals and communications equipment that are critical for safe railway operations.

Herbicide application on the ballast section is completed with spray trucks or spray trains fitted with downcast nozzles that spray a short distance above the ground surface with shrouded booms, specially designed to limit herbicide drift to non-target areas.

The right-of-way section may be maintained using mechanical control methods such as mowing, or brush cutting and may include the selected and localized use of herbicides to control invasive plant species, including noxious weeds.



CN has retained professional contractors qualified to undertake herbicide application and mechanical vegetation management on CN property. They are required to follow all laws and regulations that apply to CN, including but not limited to all provisions and requirements outlined in CN's Integrated Pest Management Plan, which is confirmed by the province of BC.

Inquiries

Should your community have any noxious weed removal requests, we ask that you contact CN's Public Inquiry Line at contact@cn.ca or fill out the form at CN.ca/vegetation before June 1, 2026 with the specific information and location. CN will make every effort to include those locations as part of our 2026 Vegetation Management Program. All notices sent after the above-mentioned date will be included in the 2027 Vegetation Management Plan.

We look forward to working with you and answering any questions you may have regarding our vegetation control activities in your community. Please find attached the notices CN is publishing in local papers to advise the public. We would kindly ask that you post copies on your community's website and at City Hall or other central locations for a wider distribution.

For any questions or more information, please contact the CN Public Inquiry Line by telephone at 1-888-888-5909, or by email at contact@cn.ca.

Please also find a list of FAQs regarding the program that may be of further assistance at www.cn.ca/en/vegetation.

March 27, 2026

Subject: Urging Council to oppose the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) expansion on Professional Services

Dear Mayor and Council:

We, the undersigned organizations, write to express our concern regarding the impact that *Budget 2026*'s tax changes will have on municipal finances and on local taxpayers. We are urgently requesting Council oppose the provincial government's decision in *Budget 2026* to expand the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) to a wide range of professional services. This tax expansion will directly impact municipal budgets, increase local project costs, and harm local businesses in your community.

As was confirmed by the [Union of BC Municipalities](#), this new tax will increase the cost of the many professional services that municipalities rely on, including engineering and geoscience, architectural services, accounting and auditing, strata and rental management, commercial real estate commissions, and security and private investigation services.¹

Based on our initial analysis of *Budget 2026*, expanding PST to these essential professional services will:

- Increase capital and infrastructure project costs;
- Raise the cost of protecting businesses from crime, vandalism, and street disorder;
- Add pressure to already constrained municipal operating budgets;
- Increased costs and delays in processes relying on qualified professionals or specialized services; and
- Potentially lead to higher property taxes, delayed projects, or service reductions.

At a time when municipalities are facing pressure to control costs, manage infrastructure backlogs, and respond to community safety needs downloaded on them by the provincial government, this cost burden will make it more difficult to maintain service levels and deliver projects within budget. This risks upwards pressure on property taxes at a time BC businesses can ill-afford any further cost increases.

Previously, municipal governments were instrumental in voicing their concerns regarding the downloaded costs of the Employer Health Tax. A 2018 survey by the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) found that 71 per cent of surveyed local governments expected an increase in costs due to the introduction of the provincial Employer Health Tax (EHT). The expansion of PST to professional services threatens to deepen

¹ UBCM, "Expansion of PST to Increase Local Government Costs," Feb. 25, 2026, <https://www.ubcm.ca/about-ubcm/latest-news/expansion-pst-increase-local-government-costs>

the tax pressures downloaded onto local governments, while also slowing economic activity by increasing the cost of new homes, projects, and municipal infrastructure.

With this in mind, we respectfully urge council to:

- 1) Directly raise its concerns with the provincial government regarding the cost Budget 2026's PST expansion will have on local government operating costs and public safety.
- 2) Publicly disclose any cost pressures downloaded onto council by the PST expansion, and any related cuts or tax increases that may follow.

Municipal leaders are essential advocates for strong local economies and safer communities. By speaking out against the PST expansion on professional services, councils can help protect their community's financial stability while also contributing to the long-term sustainability of the local businesses that create jobs and support the tax base.

Budget 2026's broad-based tax increases come as BC faces deteriorating provincial finances, entrepreneurial drought, and a record \$13.3-billion deficit. Federal data shows that BC has experienced more business exits than entries for five consecutive quarters. When small businesses close or choose not to grow, local governments feel the impact through reduced commercial activity and shrinking revenues.

Thank you for considering the financial realities facing both your municipality and the small businesses that form the backbone of your community. We would be pleased to discuss the impact of Budget 2026 further or provide additional information at your request.

Sincerely,



Ryan Mitton,
Director of Legislative Affairs, BC
Canadian Federation of Independent Business



Caroline Andrewes
President & CEO
Association of Consulting Engineering Companies
British Columbia



Todd Stone
President & CEO
Association for Mineral Exploration



Laura Jones,
President & CEO
Business Council of British Columbia



Ian Tostenson
 President & CEO
 BC Restaurant and Foodservices Association



Bridgitte Anderson
 President and Chief Executive Officer
 Greater Vancouver Board of Trade



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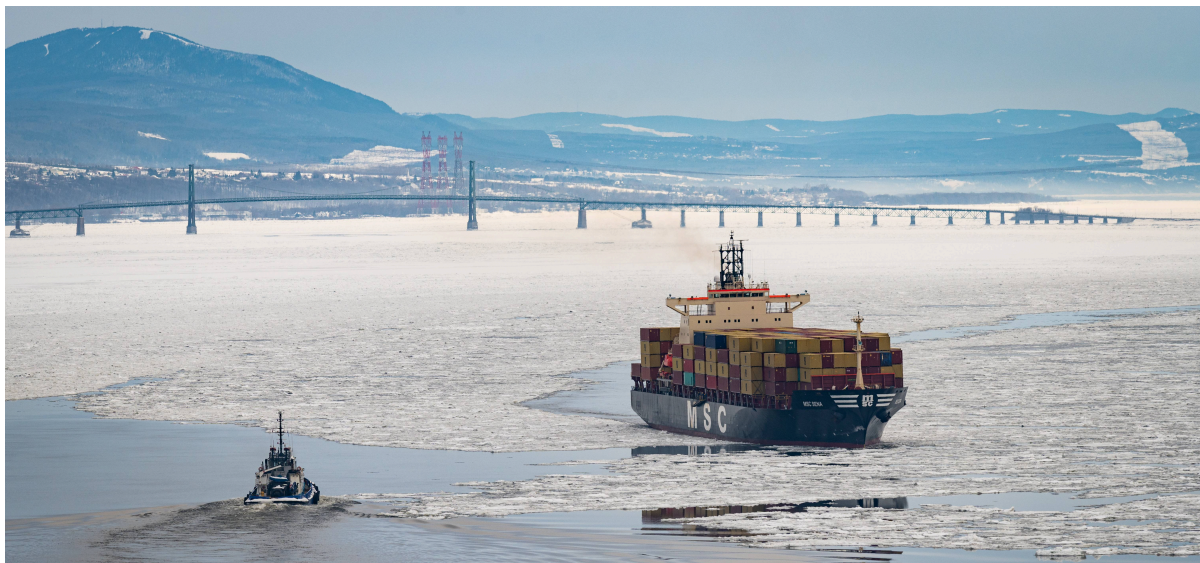
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March 30, 2026



Survey on trade uncertainty and tariffs



Canadian municipalities are experiencing direct and indirect economic pressures from ongoing trade negotiations and tariff measures. FCM is conducting research to capture how Canadian communities are coping with trade uncertainty. The goal is to provide governmental decision-makers with local examples of the impacts communities are experiencing, the resilience strategies they are pursuing, and how they coordinate with governments and business communities. FCM is asking local governments to take this survey led by the Lawrence National Centre for Policy and Management (Ivey Business School) and the City of London. It takes 30 minutes and the deadline is April 15.

» TAKE THE SURVEY TODAY

Canadian cities are on the front lines of economic change. Trade uncertainty, technological change, and shifting geopolitical dynamics are increasingly shaping local investment, jobs, and growth strategies across the country. At the same time, cities have unique assets and relationships, including cross-border connections, business ecosystems, and international partnerships, that can support resilience and adaptation.

This survey, led by the Lawrence National Centre for Policy and Management (Ivey Business School), the City of London, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), seeks to capture how Canadian cities are coping with trade uncertainty, the socio-economic impacts they are experiencing, the resilience and adaptive strategies they are pursuing, and how they coordinate with federal, provincial, and territorial governments and business communities. The goal is to develop real-world case examples based on cities' experiences to better connect policymaking with conditions on the ground in communities, which could then be presented to FPT governments.

The survey should take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

Please fill this survey out by: April 15, 2026

ⓘ This response contains one or more errors.

1. Who is completing this survey?

Name (optional)

* Title / Department

Response required

* City

Response required

Email (optional, for follow-up case discussions)

[Go to next issue >](#)

ⓘ This response contains one or more errors.

2. Local Economic Context

Approximately what is the population of your municipality or city? If applicable, you may refer to the population of your Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) or Census Agglomeration (CA).

* Which industries are most important to your city's economy? Please list up to three.

Response required

* Roughly what share of local employment is in export-oriented sectors?

Response required

* Are your city's key industries dependent on imported intermediate inputs?

Response required

[Go to end of page >](#)



Language

English ▾

Section A: Impact on City/Local Economy

A1. Overall, how significant have the impacts of trade and economic uncertainty been on your city over the last year?

Not significant Slightly significant Moderately significant Significant Very significant

Scale 1-5

1

5

A2. Which sectors in your city have been most affected by trade and economic uncertainty?

Please list up to three sectors and briefly explain how each has been affected (up to 100 words each).

A3. Are there one or two concrete examples (e.g., a business, major project) that help illustrate these impacts in your city?

A4. What types of impacts are businesses in your community experiencing as a result of trade and economic uncertainty?

For each item below, rate the severity of the impact.

No impact Minor Moderate Significant Very significant

Delayed or cancelled investments

1

5

Hiring slowdowns or layoffs

1

5

Supply chain disruptions

1

5

Firms are scaling down or restructuring

1

5

Firms considering relocation [to the US]

1

5

Firms face increased cost pressures

1

5

Other

1

5

A4a. If no major impacts have been identified, please write n/a.

A5. To what extent have current economic conditions affected your city's overall financial position?

Not at all Slightly Moderately Significantly Very significantly

Scale 1-5

1

5



Language

English



Section B: Resilience and Success Stories

B1. Has your city taken any initiatives to cushion the blow from trade uncertainty?

Yes

No

B2. If yes, please describe up to three initiatives, explaining their scope and any observed impact.

We would be interested in any early success stories (up to 100 words each).

(Initiatives may include engaging local businesses, adjusting investment attraction strategies, developing contingency plans, or other resilience-building efforts.)

B3. What key challenges has your city faced in developing robust responses to trade and economic uncertainty?

Please describe up to three challenges (up to 100 words each).

B4. Are there any sectors in your region that are currently performing exceptionally well, despite trade and economic uncertainty, and what are some key factors for success?

Please list up to three sectors (up to 100 words each).





Language

English



Section C: Cross-Border and International Relationships

C1. What types of cross-border or international engagement does your city currently have that are relevant to trade or economic impacts?

Please briefly describe any initiatives, programs, or partnerships with U.S. cities, states, regions, or other international partners—particularly those aimed at supporting affected businesses or communities, coordinating responses, or amplifying shared economic concerns (up to 200 words).

C2. How important are cross-border initiatives for your community’s economic future?

Not important Slightly important Moderately important Very important Essential

Scale 1-5



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5

C3. Is your city working with regional partners (e.g. municipalities or organizations) to develop resilience strategies in response to trade uncertainty or cross-border advocacy?

Please briefly describe any relevant initiatives, including their scope and focus (in 100–200 words).

C4. Please describe any efforts your city has made to communicate or amplify its economic concerns to U.S. cross-border partners or policymakers, and any additional support or coordination from provincial or federal leaders that would help strengthen these relationships.

Please provide one or two examples (up to 100 words).



Language

English [dropdown arrow]

Section D: Policy Alignment – Federal, Provincial, and Territorial Government

D1. How would you assess the level of support and coordination your city has received from the federal government in response to trade and economic disruption?

Very poor Poor Adequate Good Very good

Scale 1-5

1

5

D2. How would you assess the level of support and coordination your city has received from the provincial/territorial government in response to trade and economic uncertainty?

Very poor Poor Adequate Good Very good

Scale 1-5

1

5

D3. From your city's perspective, what are the most important policy gaps or barriers at the federal, provincial, and territorial level that affect your ability to respond to trade and economic disruption?

Please provide one or two suggestions (up to 100 words)

D4. Are there opportunities for federal, provincial, and territorial governments to better support cities or unlock new opportunities in the current trade and economic environment?

If yes, please briefly describe one or two opportunities (up to 100 words).

Follow up: Would you be open to a follow-up conversation to explore one of your examples in more detail?

Yes

No

Maybe

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Public Works

Date: March 31, 2026

Subject: Fuel and Lubricant Delivery Contract for 2026-2028

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council awards the 2026-2028 Fuel and Lubricant Delivery Contract, with the option for a one-year extension if mutually agreeable, to Petro-Canada Ltd. (Suncor Energy Products);

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

BACKGROUND:

In alignment with Policy 3.1 - Purchasing Procurement Procedures & Guidelines, the District of Mackenzie posted a Tender for Fuel and Lubricant Delivery for the period of March 24, 2026 to March 24, 2028. The tender was posted from March 3 – March 23, 2026, and the District received four bid tender forms. Bid tenders were scored on two criteria categories:

1. Budget - 75 points
2. Local Availability – 25 points

Tenders could be awarded a potential maximum of 100 total points based on the criteria. Petro-Canada/ Suncor Energy Products scored the overall highest points. The District has previously worked with Petro-Canada/Suncor Energy Products for this contract and have had no concerns.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Based on average fuel and lubricant consumption, it is estimated that the amount for fuel and lubricant delivery services for the 2026/2028 Operational Budget will cost approximately \$170,000 per year

Optional one-year extension, 2029 Operational Budget - \$170,000.

\$170,000 would be allocated from the General, Water and Sewer Operational Budgets 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:

Joe Murray, Director of Operations

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Corporate Services

Date: April 7, 2026

Subject: Morfee Mountain Road – 2026 Operating Budget

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council authorizes the 2026 operating budget allocation of up to \$67,000 from the McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest Dividends for the Morfee Mountain Road License of Occupation first-year requirements.

BACKGROUND:

In September 2025, Council authorized staff to enter into a License-of-Occupation agreement with the Province of BC for a portion of Morfee Mountain Road. A copy of the report has been attached for further information. The agreement was approved with three main requirements that must be met this year:

- Caribou Informational Signage be installed at the top parking lot;
- Barricades be put up at the top parking lot to prevent vehicle and ATV traffic from entering the caribou moratorium area as established by the Province of BC; and
- Perform appropriate road maintenance in alignment with the required management plan submitted with our application.

In addition to the required works, it is recommended we grade the road following spring inspection and then install safety/traffic signage along the route to mark sharp corners, speed limits, and any potential hazards. This work was identified in the road assessment and asset management plan that was completed in the fall of 2025.

The total cost of these activities is estimated to be \$67,000. Staff will be looking for cost saving measures where possible and have identified grants that could be leveraged to help fund the ongoing maintenance and capital works that may be needed on the road going forward.

2026 Operating Funding

The road is not considered a District-owned asset, as a result our auditors have stated that any work completed on the road would be considered operational in nature and must be funded

this year through property tax, MLMCF Dividends, or grant funding. Another option is to set-up a specific reserve for the road, which staff are exploring for future year's budgets.

For 2026, staff are proposing to fund the required works through McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest Dividends, resulting in no impact to other operating budgets or the previously approved property tax rates.

Next Steps

If approved, staff will work with a project manager to complete the required works by end of summer and review the asset management plan created for the road to prioritize the necessary future capital works and identify options for funding them. To support communication and decision-making with respect to road maintenance and capital improvements going forward, staff will also be establishing a road-user committee.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Funding for this recommendation would be allocated from the McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest Dividends,

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.

Economic Vitality

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Emily Kaehn, Director of Corporate Services

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council
From: Administration
Date: September 2, 2025
Subject: Morfee Mountain Road – License of Occupation

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council authorize administration to proceed with obtaining a Licence from the Ministry of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship for community recreational access purposes for the portion of Morfee Mountain Road as shown in the map attached to this report;

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

BACKGROUND:

At the February 14, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council, Council directed staff to conduct research and bring back further information about whether the District should pursue holding tenure on Morfee Mountain Road through License-of-Occupation with the Province of BC or acquiring Morfee Mountain Road as a municipal road from the Province of BC. The following provides an overview of the steps taken since that meeting.

2022 – 2023

In discussion with the Province the License-of-Occupation was chosen as the appropriate path forward and to gain a full understanding of what would be involved if the District took over the road, staff applied for the license in May 2022.

Local road user groups were invited to assist with the preparation of the application and discussions with the Province about what the final license requirements would be. Those groups included: Ministry of Forests, BC Timber Sales, BC Rec Sites and Trails, McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest, and the Mackenzie Outdoor Route and Trail Association. We have met several times in the last few years to work through the application, discuss road upgrades and issues, and long-term road management planning.

Staff were told it could take up to a year to receive an answer on the application and license requirements, which ended up being the case.

Caribou Recovery Committee

A portion of Morfee Mountain Road enters the Partnership Agreement A2 Zone of the [Partnership Agreement for the Conservation of the Southern Mountain Caribou – Central Group](#). This is a special protection area with a moratorium which prohibits provincial statutory decision makers from adjudicating applications for all resource development activities, except for applications or amendments related to emergencies, public health and safety concerns, habitat restoration, construction, and maintenance of existing infrastructure. As a result, the application was reviewed by the Provincial Caribou Recovery Committee.

The Provincial Caribou Recovery Committee’s referral response requested the District implement several mitigation efforts to protect caribou in that section of the road. After discussions with the Province, the following mitigation efforts required for the license would include:

- Placing a section of barricades at the upper parking lot to prevent the ATV traffic up the hill (shown in the image);
- Caribou mitigation informational signage at the location; and
- Completion of a caribou mitigation plan.



2024-2025

In March 2024, the Province gave notice of final review of the District’s application, which included the final agreement and requirements for obtaining the license. They have given an extension to September 30, 2025 to allow the District to complete the necessary business planning prior to making a final decision on taking the tenure over.

Morfee Mountain Road Business Planning

This process included a legal review of the agreement, preparation of a Caribou Mitigation Plan, and completion of a road assessment and asset management plan. A summary of the documents has been provided below. Full copies are available in the Centre Table File for Council’s review and consideration.

Draft Agreement

The Province does not intend to charge a fee for the tenure and has proposed a term of 30 years. In addition to the caribou mitigation requirements, the District would be responsible for

all maintenance and necessary repair work within the tenure area. The District would hold the liability for use of the road and as a result be required to set and communicate its planned level of service for the roadway going forward. For example providing road signage, setting speed limits, and communicating seasonal or emergency road closures when necessary.

The road and infrastructure past the top parking lot leading to both communications towers would remain the responsibility of the other road tenure holders. Access agreements would need to be arranged where necessary and as BC Hydro has a statutory right of way along the entire roadway, the District would need to work with them on any road improvements to not impede on their areas of authority and vice versa.

Caribou Mitigation Plan

The plan recommendations include:

Limit disturbance through management restrictions:

- establish barricade(s) sufficient to restrict motorized access away from Morfee Mountain Road but particularly beyond the planned upper parking lot;
- set maximum speed limits of 40 kms/hr for vehicle use along Morfee Mountain Road;

Self-policed restrictions including:

- instruct users to stay on Morfee Mountain Road while travelling to the point of commencing non-motorized recreation;
- encourage the use of caution around known foraging areas (e.g., meadows and mineral licks) within 500-m of the Morfee Mountain Road;
- if caribou are known to be using Morfee Mountain during May to mid-June, limit use of Morfee Mountain Road during that sensitive time; and
- encourage removal of noxious/invasive plants from vehicles.

Use citizen-science based monitoring including:

- report collisions with caribou (date, time, location, sex, age class);
- report direct encounters with caribou (date, time, location, number, sex, age class, response type);
- report any contraventions from the managed and self-policed restrictions listed above (date, time, location, license plate);
- identify apparent foraging areas used by caribou (forage type, location, area); and
- record and report observations of wolves (date, time, location, age class).

Education and outreach

- establish signage with respect to caribou habitat and caribou recovery as per direction from Province and include reference to the significance of caribou conservation for local and regional First Nations communities; and

- heighten awareness of the need for citizen-based monitoring through hand-out pamphlets available to all users of Morfee Mountain Road.

Review and research

- engage the Caribou Recovery Committee to collect comment and review of recommended mitigations and to receive updates on movement patterns of radio-collared Klinse-Za caribou as they pertain to Morfee Mountain.

Road Assessment and Management Plan

The Road Assessment and Management Plan prepared includes an overall assessment of the road and recommendations for a 10-year capital and maintenance plan. In general, we have been advised that the road is in fairly good condition with a few trouble areas, primarily due lack of proper drainage.

The total 10-year management plan is estimated to cost \$1,680,000. This includes capital works (culvert replacements, danger tree removal, signage, ditching, and repairs), ongoing maintenance (annual grading), and the creation of a \$200,000 reserve fund for emergency failures.

To fund the recommended management plan as-is, it would require a 1.92% tax increase each year for 10-years, unless other funding, such as grants, could be obtained to complete the work.

The District does not currently have the capacity with its staff or equipment to complete the road inspections, maintenance, and capital works in addition to our current operational requirements. As a result, the estimates are based on hiring contractors to complete this work.

NEXT STEPS:

By September 30, 2025, the Province requires the District to indicate whether they wish to enter into the License-of-Occupation Agreement as outlined and to submit the required management plans and documentation for their final review and approval.

Morfee Mountain Road Committee

If tenure is approved by the Province, staff recommend formally establishing a road user group to assist with communication, conducting inspections, sharing resources, and prioritizing budget requests for project and maintenance work. The members of the current group have indicated their desire to continue this partnership with the District if we were to move forward with the tenure transfer. Others road user groups have been identified that may wish to participate as well.

A report including the committee's terms of reference and appointment process would be brought forward at a future meeting for Council's consideration prior to establishment.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS:

If Council approves the recommendation, staff would bring back recommendations for the 2026 – 2036 Financial Plan for Morfee Mountain Road maintenance and emergency funding options with consideration of other service requirements and potential taxation priorities for the organization.

COUNCIL PRIORITY:

Strong Governance and Finances

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

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: Kerri Borne, Chief Financial Officer

Approved by: Diane Smith, Chief Administrative Officer

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Site # 1 of 1 - APPLICATION Area = 26.2 Ha.

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PURPOSE: TRANSPORTATION

SUBTYPE: LICENCE OF OCCUPATION

SUBPURPOSE: ROADWAY

LOCATION: MORFEE MOUNTAIN

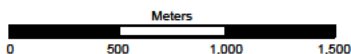
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| Subdivision | Protected Area |
| Municipality | OIC Ecological Reserve |
| Surveyed Rights of Way | Recreation Area |
| Surveyed Road R/W | Base Mapping Features (20K) |
| Gas/Oil R/W District Lot | River or Stream |
| Power Transmission R/W | River or Stream - Dry |
| Gas/Oil R/W | Reservoir - Definite |
| Telecom R/W District Lot | Glacier/loefield |
| Miscellaneous R/W | Contour - 20m interval |
| Transportation Corridors | Transportation - Lines (20K) |
| Highway | Airfield |
| Railway | Road |
| Surveyed Road R/W | Forest Service Road |
| | Road Permit |
| | Trail |
| | Rail Line |

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COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Finance

Date: April 8, 2026

Subject: 2026 Water, Sewer and Garbage Bylaw Amendment

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receives this report for information.

BACKGROUND:

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

At the March 23rd Council meeting staff presented Mayor and Council with a variety of options for bylaw rate increases for utility services. Listed below are the approved rate increases:

- Water – 11%
 - The increase to water rates covers all necessary operational costs and projects and provides a transfer to reserves in the amount of \$351,938 for current and future capital projects.

- Sewer – 11%
 - The increase to sewer rates covers all necessary operational costs and projects and provides a transfer to reserves in the amount of \$295,261 for current and future capital projects.

- Residential Garbage – 1.5%
 - The increase to residential garbage rates covers all the necessary operational costs and provides a transfer to reserves in the amount of \$98,562 for replacement of garbage truck and garbage bins.

- Commercial Garbage – 4.0%
 - The increase to commercial garbage rates covers all the necessary operational costs and provides a transfer to reserves in the amount of \$85,862 for replacement of commercial garbage truck and garbage bins.

Residential Customers

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

Water billing increase	\$56.32
Sewer billing increase	\$35.15
Garbage billing increase (weekly service)	\$ 3.19
Overall annual increase of \$94.66 or \$7.89/month	

*bi-weekly garbage service would see an increase of \$94.17 or \$7.85/month

Commercial Customers

Below is the annual impact of the bylaw rate increases for commercial customers for water, sewer and garbage. The rate increase will affect four bi-monthly billing cycles from May – Dec.

Water billing increase (minimum charges)	\$33.64
Sewer billing increase (minimum charges)	\$27.84
Garbage billing increase (3yrd bin 1 pickup per week)	\$41.92
Overall annual increase of \$103.40 or \$25.85 bi-monthly	

*4yrd bin, 1 pickup/week customers would see an increase of \$112.16 or \$28.04 bi-monthly

Next Steps

Rates would become effective May 1, 2026. Residential customers would have their new rates shown on their 2026 property tax bill and commercial customers will have the new rates shown on their May/June utility billing.

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

COUNCIL PRIORITY:

Strong Governance and Finances

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Kerri Borne, Chief Financial Officer

Reviewed By: Corporate Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council
From: Administration
Date: March 17, 2026
Subject: Property Sale and Price Approvals

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council authorizes the property transfer agreement with the Omineca Growers Society as outlined in this report;

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

BACKGROUND:

At the November 24, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council, Council authorized the return of Lot 10 and subsequent donation of Lot 3 to the Omineca Growers Society.

The property transfer agreement has been reviewed and agreed upon by both parties and is now attached for Council's review and final authorization to proceed.

The agreement will transfer Lot 10 back to District of Mackenzie (District) ownership and Lot 3 to the Omenica Growers Society as well as apply the restrictive covenants (agricultural-use and right-of-first-refusal) that were initially registered to Lot 10 as part of the original donation over to Lot 3.

NEXT STEPS:

If approved, the next steps will be to remove the subjects of the transfer, which for the District includes providing public notice of the disposition of property to the Omenica Growers Society as per the requirements of the *Community Charter* and *Local Government Act*. A notice will go out in the mail to residents once a week for two consecutive weeks as well as will be advertised through our online channels.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The property transfer will result in a net increase in property tax revenue of \$1,025 in 2026 due to Lot 3 having a higher assessed value than Lot 10.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Emily Kaehn, Director of Corporate Services

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Acting Chief Administrative Officer

LAND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made this day of , 2026.

BETWEEN

DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE
Bag 340
Mackenzie, BC V0J 2C0

(the "**District**")

OF THE FIRST PART

AND:

OMINECA GROWERS SOCIETY
Society Number: S0076067
P.O. Box 2078
Mackenzie, BC V0J 2C0

(the "**Society**")

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS:

- A. The Society is the owner of freehold title to the Society Land, as defined in Section 1.1;
- B. The District is the owner of freehold title to the District Land, as defined in Section 1.1;
- C. The District transferred the Society Land to the Society in 2023, for the Society to use for agricultural purposes, and required a section 219 covenant and right of first refusal and option to purchase in favour of the District be placed on title, to ensure the Society Land were used for agricultural purposes;;
- D. The Society now wishes to exchange the Society Land for the District Land;
- E. The District is willing to exchange the District Land for the Society Land, on the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, including but not limited to a requirement that the District Land be used for agricultural purposes, on substantially the same terms and conditions that the Society Land are now subject to.

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

1.0 DEFINITIONS

1.1 In this Agreement the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"**Agreement**" means this Agreement, including its recitals and schedules;

“District Land” means the Land situate in the District of Mackenzie, British Columbia, legally described as:

PID: 029-238-790

Lot 3 District Lot 12479 Cariboo District Plan EPP35189

“Society Land” means:

PID 029-238-862

Lot 10 District Lot 12479 Cariboo District Plan EPP35189

“Closing Date” means the day that is thirty (30) days following the removal of all conditions precedent under Article 4.0 of this Agreement;

“Contaminants” means any explosives, radioactive materials, asbestos materials, urea formaldehyde, chlorobiphenols, hydrocarbon contaminants, underground or above ground tanks, pollutants, contaminants, hazards, corrosive or toxic substances, special waste, hazardous waste or waste of any kind or any other substance the storage, manufacture, disposal, handling, treatment, generation, use, transport, remediation or release into the environment of which is prohibited, controlled, regulated or licensed under Environmental Laws;

“Discharges” means discharges of the Existing Covenant and Existing Right of First Refusal and Option to Purchase;

“Environmental Laws” means any and all statutes, laws, regulations, orders, bylaws, permits and other lawful requirements of any federal, provincial, municipal or other governmental authority having jurisdiction over the District Land and over the Society Land, now or hereafter in force with respect in any way to the environment, health or occupational health and safety, product liability or transportation of dangerous goods, including all applicable guidelines and standards with respect to the foregoing as adopted by any of those governmental authorities from time to time and the principles of common law and equity;

“Existing Covenant” means the section 219 covenant registered against title to the Society Land with registration number CB543511;

“Existing Right of First Refusal and Option to Purchase” means the Right of First Refusal and Option to Purchase registered against title to the Society Land, with registration numbers CB543512 and CB543513, respectively

“Land Exchange” means the exchange of the Society Land for the District Land under the terms of this Agreement

“New Covenant” means a covenant on substantially the same terms as the Existing Covenant, to be registered against title to the District Land;

“New Right of First Refusal and Option to Purchase” means a right of first refusal and option to purchase on substantially the same terms as the Existing Right of First Refusal and Option to Purchase, to be registered against title to the District Land;;

2.0 EXCHANGE OF LAND

- 2.1 The District hereby agrees to transfer to the Society a good and marketable freehold title to the District Land subject only to the charges and encumbrances listed in Schedule "A" to this Agreement, and the New Covenant and New Right of First Refusal and Option to Purchase.
- 2.2 In exchange for the transfer of the District Land, the Society hereby agrees transfer to the District good and marketable freehold title to the Society Land subject only to the charges and encumbrances listed in Schedule "B" to this Agreement.
- 2.3 The District and the Society agree that there will be no adjustments with respect to utilities, rents, or other items normally adjusted between a vendor and purchaser on the sale of similar property. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties agree that it is the intent of this Agreement that the Society shall be solely responsible to pay any property taxes assessed against the Society Land for the entire year in which the Land Exchange under this Agreement is completed. If the Land Exchange occurs before the property tax due date for the Society Lands, then the property tax for the Society Lands shall be adjusted in favour of the District.

3.0 REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

3.1 Society Representations and Warranties

The Society represents and warrants to the District that as of the date of this Agreement and the Closing Date:

- (a) the Society is not a non-resident of Canada within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada);
- (b) the Society is the registered and beneficial owner of the Society Land, and has good and marketable title to the Society Land, which as of the date of this Agreement is free and clear of all liens, charges, and encumbrances except for the Permitted Encumbrances listed in Schedule ", and the Existing Covenant and Existing Right of First Refusal and Option to Purchase; which for certainty are to be discharged from title to the Society Land on the Closing Date
- (c) no lien under the *Builders Lien Act* exists or is claimed with respect to the Society Land;
- (d) the Society has not used or permitted the Society Land to be used, and has no knowledge of the Society Land being used, for the storage, manufacture, disposal, treatment, handling, generation or release into the environment during the period in which it has owned the Society Land, including by way of discharge, emission, spill, leakage or otherwise, of any contaminants or for waste disposal or landfill purposes; and
- (e) there are no actions, proceedings, investigations or claims, pending or to the Society's knowledge threatened, that would interfere with the use and enjoyment of the Society Land or that if decided adversely could materially affect the ability

of Society to comply with its obligations hereunder or that relate to the presence of Contaminants in, on or migrating from the Society Land.

3.2 Survival of Society's Representations and Warranties

The representations and warranties contained in Section 3.1 shall survive the Closing Date and shall continue in full force and effect for the benefit of the District after the Closing Date notwithstanding any independent inquiry or investigation by the District

3.3 District Representations and Warranties

The District represents and warrants to the Society that as of the date of this Agreement and the Closing Date:

- (a) the District is not a non-resident of Canada within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada);
- (b) the District is the registered and beneficial owner of the District Land, and has good and marketable title to the District Land free and clear of all liens, charges, and encumbrances except for the Permitted Encumbrances;
- (c) no lien under the *Builders Lien Act* exists or is claimed with respect to the Land nor any part of the District Land;
- (d) to the best of the District's knowledge, the District is not in possession of any environmental site assessments or similar reports or records concerning the District Land that indicate the presence of any Contaminants.

3.4 Except as expressly stated in section 3.3, the District makes no representations or warranties with respect to the District Land. Without limiting the foregoing, the District makes no representations or warranties with respect to:

- (a) the compliance of the District Land with Environmental Laws, or the presence or absence of any Contaminants;
- (b) the sub-surface and soil conditions of the District Land and their suitability for the Society's intended use of the District Land;
- (c) the availability of water and sanitary sewer services for the District Land (and the Society hereby confirms its understanding that the Society will need to provide and install, at its cost, an on-site sewerage system and groundwater well in accordance with applicable Provincial regulations), or the cost of providing or extending utilities to the District Land such as electrical, telecommunications and natural gas services that may be required for the use and development of the District Land; and

- (d) zoning regulations or other municipal bylaws, or any statute or regulation of a governmental authority having jurisdiction that apply to the District Land or to the Society's intended use of the District Land.

Except where expressly stated otherwise in this Agreement, the District is transferring the District Land to the Society on an "as is, where is" basis. Without limiting the foregoing the Society acknowledges that it has used and hereafter will use its own due diligence, resources and independent investigations to satisfy itself fully on every aspect, matter, information or thing relating to, or in connection with, the District Land.

4.0 CONDITIONS

4.1 District's Condition Precedent

The obligation of the District to complete the Land Exchange on the Closing Date is subject to the following conditions precedent being satisfied on or before **April 30, 2026**:

- (a) notice of disposition of the District Land having published by the District in accordance with section 26 of the Community Charter; and
- (b) approval of the Council of the District of Mackenzie in its sole discretion of this Agreement.

The conditions precedent in section 4.1 may not be waived. If the conditions precedent are not fulfilled within the time therein provided then the Parties obligations under this Agreement will be at an end.

In consideration of Ten (\$10.00) Dollar non-refundable paid by the District to the Society and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged by the Society, the Society agrees not to revoke its acceptance of the terms of this Agreement while it remains subject to any of the conditions precedent in section 4.1.

4.2 Mutual Conditions Precedent

The obligations of the Parties to complete the Land Exchange on the Closing Date is subject to the parties agreeing to the final wording of the New Covenant and New Right of First Refusal on or before **April 30, 2026**.

The condition precedent in section 4.2 may not be waived. If the condition precedent is not fulfilled within the time provided then the Parties' obligations to exchange the Land will be at an end.

In consideration of Ten (\$10.00) Dollar non-refundable paid by each party to the other and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged, the Parties agree not to revoke acceptance of the terms of this Agreement while it remains subject to any of the conditions precedent in section 4.2.

5.0 RISK, POSSESSION AND COVENANTS

5.1 The Passing of Risk

The District Land shall be at the risk of the District until the completion of the Land Exchange under Article 6.0 of this Agreement.

The Society Land shall be at the risk of the Society until the completion of the Land Exchange under Article 6.0 of this Agreement.

5.2 Possession

The District shall have the right to vacant possession of the Society Land on the Closing Date upon completion of the Land Exchange as referred to in Article 6.0 of this Agreement.

The Society shall have the right to vacant possession of the District Land on the Closing Date, upon completion of the Land Exchange as referred to in Article 6.0 of this Agreement.

5.3 Covenants Regarding Property Use

The Parties covenants with each other that following the execution of this Agreement, they shall not do anything, omit to do anything, allow anything to be done, or allow the omission of anything, that does or could reasonably be expected to destroy, impair, diminish, negatively affect, or alter their respective Land from its condition as of the date of this Agreement.

6.0 CLOSING PROCEDURE

6.1 The Closing

The closing of the Land Exchange will occur on the Closing Date.

6.2 District Documents

On or before the Closing Date, the District will deliver to the Society, or to their solicitors, the following for review and where applicable execution:

- (a) Form A Freehold Transfer transferring the District Land to the Society;
- (b) the New Covenant and New Right of First Refusal, executed by the District;
- (c) an executed registrable discharge of the Existing Covenant and Existing Right of First Refusal and Option to Purchase;
- (d) a certificate regarding GST registration and status of the District; and
- (e) such other documents and assurances as may be reasonably required by the Society to give full effect to the intent and meaning of this Agreement.

6.3 Society's Documents

On or before the Closing Date, the Society will deliver to the District or to its solicitors, the following for review and where applicable execution:

- (a) Form A Freehold Transfer transferring the Society Land to the District;
- (b) The New Covenant and New Right of First Refusal, executed by the Society
- (c) a certificate regarding GST registration and status of the Society; and
- (d) such other documents and assurances as may be reasonably required by the District to give full effect to the intent and meaning of this Agreement.

6.4 Preparation of Closing Documents/Costs of Transaction

- (a) The closing documents referred to in Sections 6.2 and 6.3 shall be prepared by the Society's solicitors.
- (b) the Society shall be solely responsible for the costs of the Land Exchange, including but not limited to:
 - (i) the District's reasonable legal costs in preparing this Agreement and facilitating the Land Exchange contemplated by this Agreement;
 - (ii) the costs of preparing and registering the closing documents required to complete the Land Exchange contemplated herein; and
 - (iii) all Land Title Office fees and charges.

6.5 Registration

On the Closing Date, and following receipt by the District's solicitors of the documents and items referred to in Section 6.3, and following receipt by the Society's solicitors of the documents referred to in Section 6.2:

- (a) the Society will cause the Society's solicitors to file:
 - (i) duly executed registrable Form A Freehold Transfer transferring the District Land to the Society;
 - (ii) Property Transfer Tax Return executed by the Society for the District Land;
 - (iii) The New Covenant and New Right of First Refusal and Option to Purchase and
 - (iv) such other documents and assurances as may be reasonably required by the District to give full effect to the intent and meaning of this Agreement.

- (b) The District shall cause the District's solicitors to file:
- (i) duly executed registrable Form A Freehold Transfer transferring of the Society Land to the District;
 - (ii) a Property Transfer Tax Return executed by the District;
 - (iii) the Form C Release of the Existing Covenant and Existing Right of First Refusal and Option to Purchase; and
 - (iv) such other documents and assurances as may be reasonably required by the Society to give full effect to the intent and meaning of this Agreement

6.6 Property Transfer Tax and General Sales Tax ("GST")

The District is exempt from Property Transfer Tax and will self-assess and pay GST, if applicable, in respect of the transfer to it from the Society of the Society Land.

The Society shall pay any Property Transfer Tax and GST payable in respect of the transfer to the Society of the District Land.

6.7 Concurrent Requirements

It is a condition of this Agreement that all requirements of this Article 6.0 are concurrent requirements and it is specifically agreed that nothing will be completed on the Closing Date until everything required to be paid, executed and delivered on the Closing Date has been so paid, executed and delivered.

7.0 NOTICE

7.1 Each notice sent pursuant to this Agreement ("**Notice**") shall be in writing and shall be sent to the relevant party at the relevant address or e-mail address set out below. Each such Notice may be sent by registered mail, by commercial courier, or by electronic mail.

7.2 The contact information for the parties is:

DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE

Bag 340
Mackenzie, BC V0J 2C0

Attention: Corporate Officer
Telephone: 250-997-3221
Email: info@districtofmackenzie.ca

OMINECA GROWERS SOCIETY

P.O. Box 2078
Mackenzie, BC V0J 2C0

Attention: Board of Directors
Email: info@omenicagrowers.ca

Each Notice sent by electronic mail ("**E-Mail Notice**") must show the e-mail address of the sender, the name or e-mail address of the recipient, and the date and time of transmission, must be fully accessible by the recipient, and unless receipt is acknowledged, must be followed within twenty-four (24) hours by a true copy of such Notice, including all addressing and transmission details, delivered (including by commercial courier) or sent by facsimile transmission.

7.3 Subject to Sections 7.4 through 7.6, each Notice shall be deemed to have been given or made at the following times:

- (a) if delivered to the address (including by commercial courier), on the day the Notice is delivered;
- (b) if sent by registered mail, seven (7) days following the date of such mailing by sender; or
- (c) if sent by electronic mail, on the date the E-Mail Notice is sent electronically by e-mail by the sender.

7.4 If a Notice is sent by electronic mail after 4:00 p.m., or if the date of deemed receipt of a Notice falls upon a day that is not a business day, then the Notice shall be deemed to have been given or made on the next business day following.

7.5 If normal mail service or electronic mail is interrupted by strike, slow down, force majeure or other cause beyond the control of the parties, then a Notice sent by the impaired means of communication will not be deemed to be received until actually received, and the party sending the Notice shall utilize any other such services which have not been so interrupted or shall personally deliver such Notice in order to ensure prompt receipt thereof

7.6 Each party shall provide Notice to the other party of any change of address, facsimile number, or e-mail address of such party within a reasonable time of such change.

8.0 MISCELLANEOUS

8.1 Time

Time shall be of the essence of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated in this Agreement notwithstanding the extension of any of the dates under this Agreement.

8.2 Further Assurances

Each of the parties shall, at the expense of the other party, execute and deliver all such further documents and do such further acts and things as the other party may reasonably request from time to time to give full effect to this Agreement.

8.3 Assignment

Neither party may assign its right under this Agreement without the written consent of the other party.

8.4 Non-merger

None of the provisions of this Agreement shall merge in the exchange of land contemplated by this Agreement or any other document delivered on the Closing Date, and the provisions of this Agreement shall survive the Closing Date.

8.5 Binding Effect

This Agreement shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties, their respective heirs, executors, administrators, and other legal representatives and, to the extent permitted in this Agreement, their respective successors and assigns.

8.6 District's Legal Costs

Intentionally Deleted.

8.7 No Derogation from Statutory Powers

Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted as prejudicing or impairing the District in the exercise of any statutory legislative powers under the *Local Government Act*, the *Community Charter* or any other enactment all of which may be exercised as if this Agreement had not been executed.

8.8 Extended Meanings

Words importing the singular number include the plural and vice versa, and words importing the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter genders.

8.9 Headings

The headings are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of this Agreement.

8.10 Applicable Law

This Agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of British Columbia.

8.11 Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter of the Agreement and contains all of the representations, warranties, covenants and agreements of the respective parties, and may not be amended or modified except by an instrument in writing executed by all parties. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements, memoranda, and negotiations between the parties.

8.12 Schedules

The Schedules attached to this Agreement form part of this Agreement.

Signatures on next page → → →

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first listed above.

DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE by its authorized signatories)
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 Diane Smith, Chief Administrative Officer)

OMINECA GROWERS SOCIETY by its authorized signatories)
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SCHEDULE "A"

District Land – Permitted Encumbrances

Legal Notations

HERETO IS ANNEXED EASEMENT CA3540467 OVER PART OF LOT 1 PLAN EPP35189
SHOWN ON PLAN EPP35190

HERETO IS ANNEXED EASEMENT CA3540468 OVER PART OF LOT 2 PLAN EPP35189
SHOWN ON PLAN EPP35190

HERETO IS ANNEXED EASEMENT CA3540470 OVER PART OF LOT 5 PLAN EPP35189
SHOWN ON PLAN EPP35190

HERETO IS ANNEXED EASEMENT CA3540471 OVER PART OF LOT 6 PLAN EPP35189
SHOWN ON PLAN EPP35190

Charges, Liens and Interests

- Covenant CA3540454 District of Mackenzie
- Easement CA3540469 Part in Plan EPP35190, Appurtenant to Lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 19 and 11 Plan EPP35189
- Covenant CA3540472 District of Mackenzie
- New Covenant
- New Right of First Refusal
- New Option to Purchase

SCHEDULE "B"

Society Land – Permitted Encumbrances

Legal Notations

HERETO IS ANNEXED EASEMENT CA3540467 OVER PART OF LOT 1 PLAN EPP35189
SHOWN ON PLAN EPP35190

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HERETO IS ANNEXED EASEMENT CA3540471 OVER PART OF LOT 6 PLAN EPP35189
SHOWN ON PLAN EPP35190

Charges, Liens and Interest

- Covenant CA3540454 District of Mackenzie
- Covenant CA3540475 District of Mackenzie

COUNCIL MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

To: Mayor and Council
From: Councilor Wright
Date: **March/April 2026**
Subject: **March/April 2026 Council Report**

Councilor Wright Council Appointments:

Education and Youth Liaison
 Mental Health and Addictions Liaison
 Climate Action Liaison

Alternate For:

Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Liaison
 Chamber of Commerce Liaison
 Mining Liaison
 Access and Inclusion Committee
 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:
March 14, 2026	Participated in the free “Candyland” day at Little Mac Ski Hill	N/A
March 17, 2026	Had a meeting with staff at Foundry BC to get an update on the Mackenzie Rural Pilot Project and talk about future collaboration, including at the upcoming Mental Health Summit.	Mental Health and Addictions Liaison
March 19, 2026	Participated in a meeting of the Northern BC Workforce Transition Advisory Committee Meeting hosted by PICS, of which I sit on representing Mackenzie.	Education and Youth Liaison

March 19, 2026	Participated in a meeting of the Climate Caucus's High Hazard Working Group, where we discussed polices to move forward with advocacy.	Climate Liaison
March 19, 2026	Had a meeting with a fellow Councilor from the Village of Burns Lake to discuss their "Health Care Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee" and pick their brain about how something like it could work in Mackenzie.	Covers all roles in different ways.
March 21, 2026	Attended the Annual General Meeting of the Youth Wellness Society of Mackenzie. I was re-elected President of the organization during the meeting for 2026-2027.	Mental Health and Addictions Liaison Education and Youth Liaison
March 23, 2026	Had a meeting with IREN's Community Manager Nicole Dill to talk about workforce needs and potential support for upcoming Mental Health Summit	Mental Health and Addictions Liaison Education and Youth Liaison
March 24, 2026	Had a meeting with a Regional Director of the Cadets Brad McRobert to discuss strategies to increase staffing and volunteer levels for local Cadet squadron.	Education and Youth Liaison
March 27, 2026	Had a meeting we a fellow Councilor from the District of Kitimat to discuss mental health and addictions issues and how Kitimat is addressing them	Mental Health and Addictions Liaison
March 27, 2026	Gave a presentation to the BC Chapter of the Climate Caucus on our solar energy arena slab project. Also heard from other guest speakers from the Village of Cumberland and the District of Summerland on energy and climate projects they have undertaken.	Climate Action Liaison
April 2, 2026	Participated in the monthly Board meeting of Northern BC Crime Stoppers on which I sit as a Director	N/A
April 4, 2026	Attended the last day of the season festivities at Little Mac Ski Area.	N/A
April 7, 2026	Participated in the monthly Board meeting of Special Olympics Mackenzie on which I sit as a Director	Education and Youth Liaison

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilor Wright

DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE

Bylaw No. 1531

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

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

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

1. That "Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1466, 2022" is hereby amended as follows:
 - (a) That Schedule "A" of the "Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1466, 2022" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with Schedule "A" as attached.
 - (b) That Schedule "B" of the "Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1466, 2022" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with Schedule "B" as attached.
2. This bylaw may be cited as "Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1531, 2026".

READ a first time this _____ day of _____, 2026.

READ a second time this _____ day of _____, 2026.

READ a third time this _____ day of _____, 2026.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

I hereby certify the foregoing
to be a true and correct copy of
District of Mackenzie Bylaw
No. 1531 cited as "Water Rates
and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No.
1531, 2026".

Mayor

Corporate Officer

Corporate Officer

SCHEDULE "A"

To the "Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1531, 2026"
of the District of Mackenzie.

FLAT RATE USER RATES

<u>Classification No</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Rates</u>
One (1)	Single Family Dwelling	\$568.28 per year
Two (2)	Two Family Dwelling	\$1,136.56 per year
Three (3)	Multi-Family Dwelling Row Housing - Per unit	\$ 47.39 per month
Four (4)	Trailer Park Per trailer	\$ 32.97 per month
Five (5)	Schools - Per Room	\$ 24.39 per month

SCHEDULE "B"

To the "Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1531, 2026"
of the District of Mackenzie.

METERED USER RATES - Bi-Monthly

Minimum charge	\$ 84.84
Usage in excess of 13,000 gallons	\$ 6.53 per 1,000 gallons
or 2,083 ft ³	\$40.78 per 1,000 ft ³
or 5.91 m ³	\$ 1.44 per 1 m ³

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

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

Due and payable on a monthly basis.

DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE

Bylaw No. 1532

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

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

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

1. That "Sewer Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1467, 2022" is hereby amended as follows:
 - (a) That Schedule "A" of the "Sewer Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1467, 2022" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with Schedule "A" as attached.
 - (b) That Schedule "B" of the "Sewer Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1467, 2022" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with Schedule "B" as attached.
2. This bylaw may be cited as "Sewer Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1532, 2026".

READ a first time this _____ day of _____, 2026.

READ a second time this _____ day of _____, 2026.

READ a third time this _____ day of _____, 2026.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

I hereby certify the foregoing
to be a true and correct copy of
District of Mackenzie Bylaw
No. 1532 cited as "Sewer Rates
and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No.
1532, 2026".

Mayor

Corporate Officer

Corporate Officer

SCHEDULE "A"

To the "Sewer Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1532, 2026"
of the District of Mackenzie.

FLAT RATE USER RATES

<u>Classification No</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Rates</u>
One (1)	Single Family Dwelling	\$354.74 per year
Two (2)	Two Family Dwelling	\$709.51 per year
Three (3)	Multi-Family Dwelling Row Housing - Per unit	\$ 29.56 per month
Four (4)	Trailer Park Per trailer	\$ 29.56 per month
Five (5)	Schools - Per Room	\$ 20.00 per month

SCHEDULE "B"

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SEWER USER RATES FOR WATER METERED PREMISES

Minimum charge	\$ 70.25
Usage in excess of 13,000 gallons	\$ 5.42 per 1,000 gallons
or 2,083 ft ³	\$33.78 per 1,000 ft ³
or 5.91 m ³	\$ 1.19 per 1 m ³

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

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

OTHER SEWER RELATED SERVICE FEES

LAGOON DUMPING

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

CUSTOM WORKS

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

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

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

DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE

Bylaw No. 1533

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

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

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

1. That "Garbage Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1487, 2022" is hereby amended as follows:
 - (a) That Schedule "A" of the "Garbage Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1487, 2022" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with Schedule "A" as attached.
 - (b) That Schedule "B" of the "Garbage Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1487, 2022" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with Schedule "B" as attached.
2. This bylaw may be cited as "Garbage Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1533, 2026".

READ a first time this _____ day of _____, 2026.

READ a second time this _____ day of _____, 2026.

READ a third time this _____ day of _____, 2026.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

I hereby certify the foregoing
to be a true and correct copy of
District of Mackenzie Bylaw
No. 1533 cited as "Garbage Rates
and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No.
1533, 2026".

Mayor

Corporate Officer

Corporate Officer

SCHEDULE "A"

To the "Garbage Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1533, 2026"
of the District of Mackenzie.

FLAT RATE USER RATES

(a)	<u>Single Family Dwelling (per unit)</u>	
	For one collection per week	\$215.92 per year
	For one collection every two weeks	\$182.91 per year
(b)	<u>Two Family Dwelling (per unit)</u>	
	For one collection per week	\$215.92 per year
	For one collection every two weeks	\$182.91 per year
(c)	<u>Secondary Suites (per unit)</u>	
	For one collection per week	\$215.92 per year
	For one collection every two weeks	\$182.91 per year

SCHEDULE "B"

To the "Garbage Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1533, 2026"
of the District of Mackenzie.

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

Bulk containers with a capacity of 3 cubic yards:

Number of containers (3 cubic yards)	Number of Pickups per Week	
	1	2
1	\$ 68.29	\$ 136.57
2	\$ 136.56	\$ 273.12
3	\$ 204.85	\$ 409.70
4	\$ 273.14	\$ 546.27
5	\$ 341.42	\$ 682.84

Bulk containers with a capacity of 4 cubic yards:

Number of containers (4 cubic yards)	Number of Pickups per Week	
	1	2
1	\$ 91.04	\$ 182.08
2	\$ 182.09	\$ 364.19
3	\$ 273.14	\$ 546.27
4	\$ 364.18	\$ 728.35
5	\$ 455.22	\$ 910.44

Additional Containers

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

- (b) When bulk containers are utilized, the rates for individual use classifications do not apply.
- (c) All bulk containers shall be supplied by the District at the following monthly rental rates, per number and size of bulk containers:
 - \$67.98/month for a bulk container with a capacity of 3 cubic yards
 - \$73.72/month for a bulk container with a capacity of 4 cubic yards
- (d) Special requests for additional bulk containers outside the monthly rental options will be subject to the following fees:
 - \$ 50.00/delivery per bulk container
 - \$ 50.00/pickup per bulk container
- (e) Deliveries or pickups outside the regular scheduled days, Monday and Thursday, will be calculated at three times the applicable rate.
- (f) Deliveries or pickups requested outside the scheduled business hours will be calculated at three times the applicable rate plus the applicable overtime rate.