

## COUNCIL MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Mayor Joan Atkinson  
**Date:** June 26, 2023  
**Subject:** Activity for month of May 2023

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Activity:</b>
May 2	Spoke with Rachael Greenspan, Executive Director of Connectivity for the province. She has indicated an announcement regarding Universal Broadband Funding is forthcoming.
May 4	Met with Ministry of Forests Executive including Chief Forester Shane Berg and Regional Executive Director Lori Borth regarding the new Annual Allowable Cut for the Mackenzie Timber Supply Area. It has been set at 2.39 million cubic metres. Next steps are apportionment to licence types and finally distribution amongst licensees.
May 4	Participated in interview with CKPG regarding announcement of Annual Allowable Cut. My message was that the AAC clearly demonstrates there is room for another lumber producer in Mackenzie, as currently approximately 30% of the new AAC will be milled in Mackenzie.
May 4	Along with Councillors McMeeken and Wright, I met with members of the Rural Coordination Centre Institute of BC (RCCbc). The RCCbc was established in 2006 as a network of rural doctors and health care professionals exploring rural based solutions for healthcare delivery.
May 5	Attended breakfast meeting with members of RCCbc, local stakeholders and local physicians on pressing needs for improvement of health care delivery in our community. The group has targeted improved staffing of BC Ambulance Service paramedics, long term care beds and construction of a Heli-Landing spot at the Mackenzie District Hospital as top priorities which all attendees will advocate for.
May 5	Attended opening of Chamber of Commerce Spring Expo and delivered greetings to attendees on behalf of Mayor and Council.
May 8	Participated in 2023 Healthy Northern Communities Forum sponsored by Northern Health in Dawson Creek. Forum focused on addressing human

	resource challenges in Northern BC and engagement with Northern Health to support community health and well-being.
May 9-12	Attended North Central Local Government Association annual conference in Dawson Creek (hosted by Dawson Creek & Chetwynd). It was a great opportunity to meet with newly elected Mayors and Councillors.
May 10	Participated in Northern Medical Program Trust meeting. In addition to funding for educational expenses, the Trust provides financial support for students who pursue clinical experiences in rural and remote areas of BC. Mackenzie has had NMPT recipients work in our community over the past number of years.
May 17 - 18	Participated in Regional District of Fraser-Fort George meetings in Prince George, which included a bus tour of the Foothills Transfer Station.
May 18	Chaired Regional Hospital District Board Meeting in Prince George. One of the Capital Expenditures approved was the replacement of the Nurse Call System at the Mackenzie and District Hospital. Regional Hospital District (RHD) Boards provide "40%" of required funds for projects. The project is valued at \$146,000 with the RHD portion of \$58,400.
May 26	Participated in Morfee School Ecology Field Trip with grade 2 students. I worked as a volunteer at one of five stations where I discussed where Mackenzie's water comes from and the importance of water conservation and steps on how to reduce water consumption. The School Ecology Program that has been delivered by Wildlife Infometrics for many years and will now be delivered by DWB Consulting Services with Theresa Brewis running the program.
May 29 – 31	Participated in Bike to Work Week.
May 31	CAO Smith and I met with Mackenzie RCMP Corporal Calvin Aird and Constable Tyler Holz to discuss detachment goals which included prolific offenders, road safety, bylaw support and industrial area thefts.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mayor Joan Atkinson