

**Regular Council Meeting
Minutes**

**June 12, 2023, 7:15 p.m.
Council Chambers of the Municipal Office
1 Mackenzie Boulevard, Mackenzie, BC**

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

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer D. Smith, Chief Financial Officer K. Borne, Director of Recreation Services T. Gilmer, Fire Chief J. Guise, Land and Environmental Programs Coordinator L. Thorne, Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn, Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant C. Smirle

1. CALL TO ORDER

CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:15 PM.

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

1.1 Defer to Closed Meeting

Resolution: 32951

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

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

AND THAT the basis of the Special Closed Meeting relates to Section 90 (1) (l) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 *annual municipal report*.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Committee of the Whole - May 23, 2023

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on May 23, 2023 were adopted as presented.

2.2 Regular Meeting - May 23, 2023

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 23, 2023 were adopted as presented.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Resolution: 32952

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT the following late item be added to the agenda:

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.6 UBCM Grant Application: CRI FireSmart Community Funding & Supports

THAT Council approves the application to the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program for up to \$200,000 in funding for FireSmart activities and Fuel Mitigation within the District of Mackenzie;

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

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: 32953

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

N/A

6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

6.1 Mackenzie Mountaineers Lease

Derek Prue, Owner, was scheduled to provide a presentation to Council to discuss the Mackenzie Mountaineers lease agreement which expires July 31, 2023, however, he was unable to attend.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolution: 32954

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

7.1 For Action:

7.1.1 Request for Usage of Lakeview Campsite

Councillor Hipkiss declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Hipkiss left the room and returned after the discussion.)

Resolution: 32955

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT all 16 Morfee Lake Campground sites are reserved from July 21-23, 2023 by resident Lynn McDonald to host a family reunion.

CARRIED

7.2 For Consideration:

7.2.1 Possible Changes to Animal Control and Licensing Bylaw

Resolution: 32956

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT the Animal Control and Licensing Bylaw and any affiliated bylaws be brought forward with an amendment to allow for backyard ducks.

CARRIED

7.2.2 UBCM Childcare Resolution

Resolution: 32957

Moved by: Councillor Wright

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education and Child Care is responsible for B.C.'s \$10/day child care program, and ChildCareBC's growing system of

universal child care has been life-changing for families, with demand far outstripping supply;

AND WHEREAS the current grant-based process to expand universal child care relies on grant applicants to coordinate all aspects of design and implementation, and local and Indigenous governments and nonprofit organizations often lack the resources to successfully manage this process in accordance with UBCMfunded child care needs assessments and action plans:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that while the Province continues to rely on individual grant applicants to plan and develop child care expansion, that instead, the Province provide multi-year funding to local and Indigenous governments and nonprofit organizations to support resources to coordinate this process:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM urge the Ministry of Education and Child Care to replace the current grant-based application process with a systematic expansion of universal child care that upholds UNDRIP obligations and supports the involvement of, but does not rely on, local and Indigenous governments and nonprofit organizations to coordinate design and implementation.

CARRIED

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Mackenzie Mountaineers Lease

Resolution: 32958

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the District of Mackenzie does not renew the lease with the Western Provinces Hockey Association, which expires on July 31, 2023.

CARRIED

8.2 Purple Bicycle Natural Foods – Alcohol Permit

Resolution: 32959

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council authorizes Recreation Services to approve in principle a special event permit for Purple Bicycle Natural Foods that would allow them to serve alcohol on their patio on Saturdays between 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm starting from July 1, 2023, ending October 31, 2023.

CARRIED

8.3 Canadian Rangers – License of Occupation

Resolution: 32960

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council approves the Licence-of-Occupation with the Mackenzie Canadian Ranger Patrol of British Columbia Company, – 4th Canadian Ranger Patrol Group for placement of a sea container for storage out at the Fire Hall #2 property.

CARRIED

8.4 64 Centennial – Janitorial Services Contract

Resolution: 32961

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT Council awards the 2024 – 2025 Janitorial Services Contract for 64 Centennial Drive to Sky Blue Cleaning Services in the amount of \$2,790 per month plus GST for both year one and two of the contract;

AND THAT if mutually agreeable, the option be approved to extend the contract up to an additional year;

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

CARRIED

8.5 Council Remuneration and Expenses - 2022

Resolution: 32962

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

Amendment:

Resolution: 32963

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Administrative bring back a report considering annual increases to Councillor wages based on similar research completed by the District of Vanderhoof.

Opposed (5): Mayor Atkinson, Councillor Barnes, Councillor Brumovsky, Councillor Hipkiss, and Councillor McMeeken

DEFEATED (2 to 5)

8.6 UBCM Grant Application: CRI FireSmart Community Funding & Supports

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Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

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CARRIED

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 Mayor's Report
N/A

9.2 Council Reports

9.2.1 Councillor Wright - May 2023
Councillor Wright provided a written report.

9.2.2 Councillor Brumovsky - May 2023
Councillor Brumovsky provided a written report.

9.2.3 Councillor Barnes
Councillor Barnes provided a verbal report.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

11. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution: 32965

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Administration bring back a report to Council looking into Director's salaries to ensure competitiveness with similar size communities.

CARRIED

12. BYLAWS

N/A

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

N/A

14. COMING EVENTS

14.1 Global News

Global News will be in Mackenzie shooting interviews June 13-14, 2023 to hear about what's going on in the region with forestry jobs.

14.2 Mike Morris Golf Tournament - June 17, 2023

All proceeds will be going to Mackenzie Counselling to support their important work in Mackenzie.

15. INQUIRIES

Janice Nelson, Publisher of the Macktown Buzzette, asked why Councillor Hipkiss was listed as attending the COFI convention as Acting Mayor when the Mayor also attended COFI? Mayor Atkinson replied that Councillor Hipkiss attended as the Deputy Mayor as approval was received at a Council meeting for both to attend. Councillor McMeeken added that the report showed she attended the COFI convention, however she did not attend. Mayor Atkinson replied that that was an error and should have shown a total of \$1,477 for attending the NCLGA convention.

Ms. Nelson asked for clarification on the motion made by Councillor Wright under New Business. Mayor Atkinson replied that the motion was for a report to be brought forward to a future Council meeting with Directors' salaries to ensure they are competitive among similar sized communities.

Shannon Bezo, resident, asked what happens to items in the for consideration section if Council does not discuss them? Mayor Atkinson replied that

administration receives a lot of correspondence for Council and it is up to the discretion of Council if they wish to discuss the items.

Ms. Bezo asked if item 7.2.4 was discussed? Mayor Atkinson replied that it was, and a motion was made by Councillor Wright to pass a motion in support of enhancements to the grant application process for upgrades to the child care system.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: 32966

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:02 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer