



August 8, 2023

Mayor and Council
District of Mackenzie

Dear Mayor Atkinson and Councillors:

October 1 of each year is National Seniors Day, which coincides with the United Nations International Day of Older Persons and is an occasion for Canadians to celebrate the profound contributions of seniors in our homes, communities and workplaces. For all they have done for us and all they continue to do as friends, partners, parents, grandparents, volunteers, colleagues and so much more, older Canadians deserve our sincerest thanks.

The New Horizons Bridging the Gap project under the College of New Caledonia (CNC) Mackenzie Campus would like to ask that the District of Mackenzie honor our seniors in our community by recognizing and valuing the contribution that they continue to make. Our request would be to proclaim September 24th – October 1st, 2023 as Mackenzie Seniors' Week!

We felt that celebrating seniors for the week will bring awareness to our seniors in Mackenzie and provide a variety of opportunities for the community to participate in all the activities we plan to host.

We are aware that the Province of BC recognized BC Seniors' Week from June 5-11, 2023, but we felt that as our funding has come from the Federal Government, we would choose the National Seniors Day in October for our celebrations.

Our mission for our New Horizons Bridging the Gap project is to advocate for seniors, develop connections within and beyond our community, and provide seniors with inclusive programs and services.

We desire that Mackenzie be an inclusive inter-generational community that:

- Elevates seniors as equal and valid role models
- Recognize our seniors as decision-makers and valued for their involvement
- Provides a quality of life where senior needs are met and sustained

Thank you for your consideration. We have included a suggested proclamation for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raye McMeeken".

Raye McMeeken

Project Planner

New Horizons Bridging the Gap

College of New Caledonia Mackenzie Campus

MACKENZIE SENIORS' WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS on October 1, 2023 communities across Canada will join together to recognize National Seniors Day; and

WHEREAS on October 1, 2023 is recognized as the International Day of Older Persons; and

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Joan Atkinson, Mayor of Mackenzie, do hereby proclaim that September 24th to October 1st, 2023 to be observed as "Mackenzie Seniors' Week" in the District of Mackenzie, and I urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by older Canadians in our community.