

**Regular Council Meeting
Minutes**

July 24, 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, Director of Recreation Services T. Gilmer, Director of Operations J. Murray, Finance Manager W. Peterson, Land and Environmental Programs Coordinator L. Thorne, Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn

1. CALL TO ORDER

CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:16 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: 33005

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

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

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

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Committee of the Whole - June 26, 2023

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on June 26, 2023 were adopted as presented.

2.2 Regular Meeting - June 26, 2023

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 26, 2023 were adopted as presented.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

N/A

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: 33006

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

N/A

6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

N/A

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolution: 33007

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

7.1 For Action:

7.1.1 RDFFG - Bylaw No. 3310, 2023

Resolution: 33008

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the District of Mackenzie supports the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George in adopting "Fire Department Coordination Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1900, Amendment Bylaw No. 3310, 2023."

CARRIED

7.2 For Consideration:

7.2.1 MLIB Sponsorship Letter

Resolution: 33009

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT staff consider setting up a booth at the McLeod Lake Indian Band's Annual General Assembly to promote economic development and tourism.

CARRIED

7.2.2 BC Summer Swimming Swim Meet - Thank you

Resolution: 33010

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT a thank you letter be sent to the BC Summer Swimming Association acknowledging their outstanding efforts and commitment to hosting the June swim meet and an invitation be extended to the BC Summer Swimming Association to return next year to organize another event.

CARRIED

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Annual Report

Mayor Atkinson announced that at this time Council would review and receive any final feedback from the public in regard to the 2021 Annual Report prior to adoption.

Mayor Atkinson asked if there were any members of the public in attendance this evening or attending through Zoom/Phone who wished to comment on the annual report.

There were no questions or comments received in person or through Zoom/Phone.

Resolution: 33011

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council approves the 2022 Annual Report.

CARRIED

- 8.2 COTW Council Procedure
Resolution: 33012
Moved by: Councillor McMeeken
THAT Council receives this report for information.
CARRIED
- 8.3 Outdoor Smoking Shelter
Resolution: 33013
Moved by: Councillor Wright
THAT the location and design for the Outdoor Smoking Shelter be postponed and included in the Active Transportation Planning project.
CARRIED
- 8.4 Vehicle Replacement – 2023 Chevrolet Colorado
Resolution: 33014
Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss
THAT Council awards the purchase of a 2023 Chevrolet Colorado from Wood Wheaton Supercenter in the amount of \$51,728 plus GST;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the contract and any related documentation.
CARRIED
- 8.5 Autumn Lodge – Potential New Location
Resolution: 33015
Moved by: Councillor Wright
THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the relocation of the Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society to the Recreation Centre.
CARRIED
- 8.6 1st and 2nd Quarter Activity Report
Resolution: 33016
Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky
THAT Council receives this report for information.
CARRIED

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 Mayor's Report
N/A

9.2 Council Reports

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

9.2.2 Councillor McMeeken - June/July 2023
Councillor McMeeken provided a written report.

9.2.3 Councillor Brumovsky - June 2023
Councillor Brumovsky provided a written report.

9.2.4 Councillor Barnes
Councillor Barnes provided a verbal report.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Short-Term Housing

Resolution: 33017

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT staff look into short-term housing options, such as Airbnb, to be operated in Mackenzie.

CARRIED

12. BYLAWS

12.1 Bylaw No. 1504 - Council Procedure Amendment

Resolution: 33018

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Bylaw No. 1504 cited as "Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 1504, 2023" be given the first three readings.

CARRIED

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

N/A

14. COMING EVENTS

14.1 Rockin' the Ridgeline
July 29, 2023

15. INQUIRIES

Janice Nelson, Publisher of the Macktown Buzzette, asked for clarification on the rent that would be paid by the Autumn Lodge with their new location at the Rec Centre. Mayor Atkinson confirmed it would be \$250 a month. Ms. Nelson asked who would be paying for renovations to the new space? Mayor Atkinson replied that during the relocation further discussions will be had before any renovations are completed and responsible parties had not been determined at this time. Ms. Nelson asked for clarification on who was speaking during the Autumn Lodge discussion? Mayor Atkinson replied that it was Adele Barnes.

Ms. Nelson asked for clarification on the result of the Smoking Shelter? Mayor Atkinson replied that the Smoking Shelter design and location would be postponed to be included in the Active Transportation Planning project.

Ms. Nelson asked if Council would be sponsoring the MLIB AGA? Mayor Atkinson replied that Council decided that the in-kind donation to use the stage and sound system for the event would be their contribution to the event.

Ms. Nelson asked for clarification on whether the Green Fleet Policy had been adopted and asked for clarification on the decision. Mayor Atkinson replied that the policy has been adopted and that is why a bid for an electric truck was solicited, however, the bid received was cost prohibitive, which is why the lowest bid was selected.

Karen Chada, resident, spoke to her submitted letter during the discussion of the Annual Report concerning the District's Climate Action Initiatives in Mackenzie. She emphasized her concerns regarding waste management, especially hazardous waste in the landfills, and stressed its importance. Ms. Chada also raised concerns about electric vehicles' ability to maintain their charge. Mayor Atkinson clarified that the new truck being purchased for the Public Works department is indeed a gasoline vehicle, not an electric one. Mayor Atkinson assured Ms. Chada that the District has plans to install electric vehicle stations in

the community. Ms. Chada asked what would happen to the current truck that will be replaced? Mayor Atkinson replied that the truck would be put up for Community Auction.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: 33019

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:12 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer

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