

**Regular Council Meeting
Minutes**

**September 25, 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 Financial Officer K. Borne, Director of Operations J. Murray, Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn, Land and Environmental Programs Coordinator L. Thorne, 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: 33082

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) (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Regular Meeting - September 11, 2023

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 11, 2023 were adopted as presented.

2.2 Special Meeting- September 12, 2023

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 12, 2023 were adopted as presented.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

N/A

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: 33083

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

N/A

6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

N/A

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolution: 33084

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

7.1 For Action:

7.1.1 National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Resolution: 33085

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the District of Mackenzie light up the Mackenzie Recreation Centre in Purple or Blue on October 19, 2023 in support of National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

CARRIED

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Local Government Climate Action Program - Reporting

Resolution: 33086

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

8.2 Business Façade Improvement Program 2023

Resolution: 33087

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT Council approves the applications to the Business Façade Improvement Program to a maximum amount of \$8,910.21.

CARRIED

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 Mayor's Report

N/A

9.2 Council Reports

9.2.1 Councillor Wright

Councillor Wright provided a written report.

9.2.2 Councillor McMeeken

Councillor McMeeken provided a verbal report.

9.2.3 Councillor Barnes

Councillor Barnes provided a verbal report.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 Local Climate Action Plan Programming - Further Reporting

Resolution: 33088

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT staff bring back a report to Council about what would be involved with declaring a "climate emergency" in Mackenzie.

CARRIED

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Bi-Weekly Garbage Pick-Up

Resolution: 33089

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT bi-weekly garbage users receive weekly pick-up at no additional charge until December 1, 2023 as a way to try to alleviate the bear/garbage issues.

CARRIED

12. BYLAWS

N/A

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

N/A

14. COMING EVENTS

14.1 Mackenzie Community Services Open House

September 27, 2023

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

14.2 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - September 30, 2023

14.3 Mackenzie Seniors' Week - September 24 - October 1, 2023

14.4 FireSmart Curbside Pickup

Mackenzie Townsite - October 3, 2023

Gantahaz Residents - October 4, 2023

14.5 Mike Morris Meet and Greet

October 10, 2023

Terry's Tiny Cafe

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

15. INQUIRIES

Janice Nelson, a resident, inquired about the attendees at the UBCM convention. Mayor Atkinson responded that she, along with Councillor Hipkiss and Brumovsky, had attended the convention last week. Mayor Atkinson emphasized the productivity of the week and mentioned that they had the opportunity to

meet with four provincial ministers. She also mentioned that a comprehensive report on the week's events would be included in her Mayor's Report for September.

Ms. Nelson inquired about whether the UBCM publishes a report from their meetings. In response, Mayor Atkinson stated that the UBCM will publish the resolutions that were passed during the convention. Mayor Atkinson also highlighted the current improved representation of Northern communities on the UBCM Board of Directors. Mayor Atkinson further described the week as being busy and productive, expressing anticipation for positive responses to the District of Mackenzie's requests.

Ms. Nelson inquired about the involvement of the District of Mackenzie in the resolutions at the event. Mayor Atkinson clarified that while the District of Mackenzie did not submit any resolutions themselves, they actively participated by voting on the resolutions during the event.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: 33090

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:46 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer