

**Regular Council Meeting
Minutes**

October 10, 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 J. Wright

Council Absent: Councillor K. Tapper

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer D. Smith, Chief Financial Officer K. Borne, Director of Operations J. Murray, Fire Chief J. Guise, Land and Environmental Programs Coordinator L. Thorne, Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant C. Smirle

Visitors Present: Kimta Transportation Society – M. Robillard, MackChu Brewing – P. Skala, LCRB Specialist – C. Beehler

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.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Committee of the Whole - September 25, 2023

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on September 25, 2023 were adopted as presented.

2.2 Regular Meeting - September 25, 2023

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 25, 2023 were adopted as presented.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

N/A

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: 33102

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Shannon Bezo, resident, asked if there was going to be a report shared with the community from the Councillors who attended the UBCM convention in Vancouver? Mayor Atkinson replied that her report detailing events attended will be brought forward to the October 23rd Council meeting.

Ms. Bezo noted that she hoped Council would discuss agenda item 7.2.1 regarding the dog park letter.

6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

6.1 Mark Robillard - Kimta Transportation Society

Mark Robillard of the Kimta Transportation Society provided a brief update to Mayor and Council on operations since the bus was received in 2021. Mr. Robillard noted that the group was looking for provincial funding to be increased and hoped Mayor and Council could do something to lobby the government.

Resolution: 33103

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT the District write a letter to Minister Flemming requesting provincial funding for passenger and transportation services in northern and rural communities be increased.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolution: 33104

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

7.1 For Action:

7.1.1 Letter of Support - MCAC - Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage

Resolution: 33105

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the District of Mackenzie supports the application to Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage from the Mackenzie Community Arts Council for Rockin' the Ridgeline 2024.

CARRIED

7.1.2 Letter of Support - MCAC - Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure

Resolution: 33106

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT the District of Mackenzie supports the application to the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program - Forest Impact Transition from the Mackenzie Community Arts Council for Project Caribou.

CARRIED

7.1.3 Letter of Support - MCAC - NDI Northern Healthy Communities Fund Capitol Program

Resolution: 33107

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the District of Mackenzie supports the application to NDI Northern Healthy Communities Capital Program from the Mackenzie Community Arts Council for Caribou Place: A Home for the Arts.

CARRIED

7.1.4 Letter of Support - MCAC - BCAC Arts Infrastructure

Resolution: 33108

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the District of Mackenzie supports the application to BC Arts Council - Arts Infrastructure from the Mackenzie Community Arts Council for Caribou Place: A Home for the Arts.

CARRIED

7.1.5 October - Foster Family Month

Resolution: 33109

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council receives the email from the Ministry of Children and Family Development for information.

CARRIED

Resolution: 33110

Moved by: Mayor Atkinson

THAT the District supports and celebrate October as Foster Family month by sharing a social media post and providing resources so residents can find out how to sign up to Foster if they wish.

CARRIED

7.2 For Consideration:

7.2.1 Dog Park

Council received an email from Joy Davy, resident, regarding the possibility of adding a secondary fenced dog park in Mackenzie.

Resolution: 33109

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT administration reach out to the residents who have expressed interest in volunteering to help build a new dog park and to discuss next steps for involvement.

CARRIED

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaws

Resolution: 33110

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

8.2 Mackchu Brewing Ltd. – LCRB Application

Resolution: 33111

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

Resolution: 33112

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council provide support in principle, by way of the resolution outlined in this report, to the MackChu Brewing Lounge Endorsement Permit Application subject to meeting District business licensing and fire safety requirements prior to operation.

CARRIED

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 Mayor's Report

9.1.1 Mayor Atkinson - August 2023

Mayor Atkinson provided a written report.

9.2 Council Reports

9.2.1 Councillor Wright

Councillor Wright provided a written report.

9.2.2 Councillor Brumovsky

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

Councillor Wright mentioned that he had been contacted by several community members asking if the District had anything planned for Truth and Reconciliation Day and suggested next year something be planned with McLeod Lake Indian Band if possible.

12. BYLAWS

12.1 Bylaw No. 1505 Permissive Tax Exemption

Resolution: 33113

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Bylaw No. 1505 cited as "Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1505, 2023" be given the first three readings.

CARRIED

12.2 Bylaw No. 1506 Permissive Tax Exemption

Resolution: 33114

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT Bylaw No. 1506 cited as "Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1506, 2023" be given the first three readings.

CARRIED

12.3 Bylaw No. 1507 Permissive Tax Exemption

Resolution: 33115

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Bylaw No. 1507 cited as "Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1507, 2023" be given the first three readings.

CARRIED

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

N/A

14. COMING EVENTS

- GoByBike Week - October 16-29, 2023
- Business Walks - October 18, 2023

15. INQUIRIES

Dominique Symbalistry, resident, commented that several years ago a dog park committee was formed in Mackenzie and a trial off leash dog park was constructed behind the Ernie Bodin Community Centre. After one year the committee was referred to Recreation Services to discuss building a more permanent larger space, however due to staffing changes, nothing was done, and the committee eventually dissolved. Mayor Atkinson thanked Ms. Symbalistry for the reminder and suggested that now with more interest from community members we hope to get the committee running again and create a plan going forward. Mayor Atkinson noted that it would be a good idea to bring up a new

dog park during budget discussions. Councillor McMeeken thanked Ms. Symbalistry for bringing this forward and asked where she would like a new park to be located if she could choose. Ms. Symbalistry replied Mountainview Field as it would have more than enough space for all sized dogs to play.

Janice Nelson, Publisher of the Macktown Buzzette asked for clarification of a change that was made to the Animal Control Bylaw several months ago removing leash requirements on trails. Mayor Atkinson replied that we would look closer at the bylaw and get back to her.

Ms. Nelson asked where Bay #4 is, the proposed location for MackChu Brewing. Petr Skala, owner of MackChu Brewing, replied that it is in between Kelly's Bakery and the Mechanic Store.

Ms. Nelson commented that some businesses in town do not use all advertising avenues and suggested that the District share with organizations the different opportunities available. Mayor Atkinson noted that if organizations are run by volunteers things may fall through the cracks.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: 33116

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer