

COUNCIL MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Mayor Joan Atkinson

Date: December 11, 2023

Subject: Activity for month of November 2023

Date:	Activity:
Nov 4	Met with representative from Sekani Biofuels and received update regarding establishment of biofuel plant in Mackenzie.
Nov 9	Received phone call from Health Minister Adian Dix to let me know announcement about increased staffing for Mackenzie Ambulance Service would be released today. I also received congratulatory note from Troy Clifford (past President of BC Paramedics) on Mackenzie receiving full time Alpha Model coverage.
Nov 10	Participated in Remembrance Day Assembly at Morfee Elementary School. Children were amazingly well behaved and attentive.
Nov 11	On behalf of the District of Mackenzie, I laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day Ceremony hosted by Royal Canadian Legion and attended the reception following.
Nov 12	Reached out to Three 4 th year Northern Medical Program students who were completing a rural elective rotation in Mackenzie. These students are recipients of funding from the Northern Medical Program Trust (Mackenzie is a partner and contributor) I received very positive feedback including " Mackenzie was a great place to do a rotation, everyone was friendly, the team at the medical center is great ". " The docs in Mackenzie have an excellent reputation for teaching and my 2 weeks there certainly lived up to it - thanks for having us. "
Nov 14-15	Participated in interview process for new CAO for Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (RDFFG). Second stage for recruitment will occur on December 6 th in Prince George.
Nov 15	Attended RDFFG monthly meeting which included chairing Regional Hospital District Board meeting. Lara Beckett was re-elected as Chair of the RDFFG and Art Kaehn re-elected as Vice Chair for 2024. Very

	unfortunate news from Bear Lake Volunteer Fire Department who have announced they will be suspending emergency response services effective December 1, 2023 due to not having sufficient qualified volunteer firefighters.
November 20	Participated in a Zoom meeting with representatives from BC Hydro. There is a strong possibility Williston Reservoir will have to be lowered due to drought conditions. Hydro will hold an information session in Mackenzie in January 2024 to bring an update to the community. Refill levels will depend on snow load, but it is too early to predict the outcome at this point.
November 24	Participated in Plaid Friday event at Mackenzie Centre Mall.
November 24	Attended Charity Hockey Game at Mackenzie Rec Centre. All proceeds were shared by Mackenzie Care and Share and St. Peter's Pantry. Huge shout out to Kyle Pacheco who organized this fun community event.
November 24	Participated in Peace Williston Advisory Committee meeting. BC Hydro is currently looking for "Call for Power" projects to support ongoing demand for electricity.
November 29	Attended Active Transportation and Community Spaces Open House at the Rec Centre. Consultant provided a concept plan to those attending

Respectfully Submitted,
Mayor Joan Atkinson