

## COUNCIL MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Councillor Viktor Brumovsky

**Date:** October 4, 2023

**Subject:** Report for the Months of September 2023

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Activity:</b>
September 8	Attended a demonstration of ICC's pavement scanning equipment as it's being used to provide data for Mackenzie's Pavement Management Plan.
September 9	Attended the annual Recreation Fair at the Mackenzie Recreation Centre and took a shift manning the District's table and answering public questions on bear attractants and our composting program.
September 18	Attended the UBCM Agricultural tour where I saw several small and large commercial agricultural operations and learned about how they are adapting to changing markets and climate conditions. Also had the opportunity to speak at length with the Minister of Agriculture about emerging opportunities in Mackenzie as our winters get milder and our desire for local food production that isn't dependent on long supply lines grows.
September 19	Attended a presentation on Balancing Partisanship in local Politics. It dealt mostly with addressing threats to democracy, however the presenters essentially considered 'threats' to be 'points of view we don't like'. They missed the point, but it was good to think about actual threats to the process and to be reminded that our role is to preserve and respect the process even if we don't agree with everything the people want.
September 19	Along with our other delegates, I participated in a meeting with the Minister of Education and Child Care where we discussed teacher recruitment and retention in Mackenzie.
September 19	Along with our other delegates, I participated in a meeting with the Ministry of Education and Child Care staff where we discussed daycare needs and development in Mackenzie.

September 19	Along with our other delegates, I participated in a meeting with the Minister of Forests where we discussed means by which we can increase the amount of local timber that is processed in the Mackenzie Industrial site.
September 19	Along with our other delegates, I participated in a meeting with the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions where we reinforced our case to be one of the next Foundry sites to provide youth support and mental health services in BC.
September 19	Attended a clinic on preparing for future wildfires. Was pleased to learn our community is doing almost everything they recommend already and that we are far ahead of many other communities in this regard. We would still benefit from better fuel management on private property and also from exercises that simulate our emergency response to hypothetical fires to make sure our procedures are both understood and adequate.
September 19	Attended the Small Talk (Small Communities) forum where various issues impacting small communities and their responses to them were discussed. In particular, planning for active transportation and extreme heat events were discussed.
September 20	Attended the NCLGA lunch where I networked with representatives of other northern communities.
September 20	Attended a presentation from a group looking at ways to improve the public hearing process. There is some promise in their preliminary ideas to lower barriers and increase participation by the public. However, I am concerned that their methods may unintentionally bias the pool of participants instead of encouraging full representation from the community.
September 21	Had the opportunity to join a tour of the Port of Vancouver where the facilities were described and the means by which materials travel to and from the port for import and export.
September 21	Along with our other delegates, I participated in a meeting with the Minister of Health where we reinforced our case to be part of the same funding model for ambulance paramedics that was granted to neighbouring communities but from which we were left out. If successful, this will allow us to recruit full-time paramedics to our community, which we hope will be easier than recruiting only for part-time positions.
September 27	Attending Iris Energy's Community Grant Luncheon at the CNC Event Space to celebrate the grants given to local non-profit organizations

	and the work it will allow them to do.
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Respectfully Submitted,  
Councillor Brumovsky