

**Regular Council Meeting
Minutes**

**January 22, 2024, 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, Chief Financial Officer K. Borne, Director of Recreation Services T. Gilmer, Director of Operations J. Murray, Fire Chief J. Guise, Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn, Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant C. Smirle

1. CALL TO ORDER

CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:17 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: 33234

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) (c) labour relations or other employee relations.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Special Meeting- January 8, 2024

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 8, 2024 were adopted as presented.

2.2 Regular Meeting - January 8, 2024

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 8, 2024 were adopted as presented.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

N/A

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: 33235

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Megan Brumovsky, resident/grad parent, addressed Mayor and Council, in support of the request from the Graduating Class of 2024. She requested Council to extend their support and assistance to these students as they reach this pivotal milestone in their education.

6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

N/A

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolution: 33236

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

7.1 For Action:

7.1.1 Dry Grad Dinner and Dance Venue Rental

Councillor Brumovsky declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Brumovsky left the room and returned after the discussion and vote.)

Resolution: 33237

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the District of Mackenzie provide an in-kind grant to waive the rental fees for the 2024 graduating class to host their dry grad dinner and dance at the Rec Centre in the Callahan Room and the Arena if available.

CARRIED

7.1.2 The Skadi Tour - All 42 Lift Serviced Ski Areas in BC in 42 Days

Resolution: 33238

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT the District provide two day passes to Little Mac Ski Hill to the Tidbits of Change Foundation in support of their goal to ski all 42 ski resorts in BC in 42 days while promoting the bursaries they have available to local youth.

CARRIED

7.2 For Consideration:

7.2.1 BC Honours and Awards

Resolution: 33239

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the District advertise on the District website and social media that nominations are being accepted for British Columbia's two highest honours - the Order of British Columbia and the Medal of Good Citizenship.

CARRIED

7.2.2 Illumination of Mackenzie Recreation Centre for Epilepsy Awareness

Resolution: 33240

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the District of Mackenzie light up the Rec Centre in purple on March 26, 2024 for International Purple Day for Epilepsy awareness;

AND THAT the District pass the following motion:

WHEREAS Purple Day is celebrated on March 26 annually, during Epilepsy Awareness Month, to increase the knowledge and understanding of epilepsy in the community;

AND WHEREAS Purple Day was founded in 2008 by Cassidy Megan, a nine-year-old girl from Nova Scotia, who wanted people living with epilepsy that they were not alone;

AND WHEREAS On Purple Day, people in communities around the world are encouraged to wear purple and host events in support of epilepsy awareness;

AND WHEREAS There are over 50,000 people in British Columbia, over 380,000 people in Canada and over 65 Million people worldwide living with epilepsy;

AND WHEREAS The onset of epilepsy can occur at any stage of life and does not discriminate against age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic status, geographic location, or sexual orientation;

AND WHEREAS Purple Day can improve the quality of life of people living with epilepsy, create a society that embraces the beauty of difference and help us understand how we can all come together to make the world a better place:

NOW THEREFORE I, Mayor Joan Atkinson, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM Tuesday March 26th, 2024 as "PURPLE DAY" in the District of Mackenzie.

CARRIED

7.2.3 Mackenzie Figure Skating Club Request

Resolution: 33241

Moved by: Mayor Atkinson

THAT the District provide a gift basket totaling \$100 in District swag to the Mackenzie Figure Skating Club towards their comedy and casino night fundraiser that will be held on February 3, 2024.

CARRIED

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Revised 2024 Budget Schedule

Resolution: 33242

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council approves the revised Council meeting dates for the 2024 annual budget process.

CARRIED

8.2 2024 Water, Sewer and Garbage Bylaw Amendment

Resolution: 33243

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

8.3 Visitor Centre Caboose Operations 2024

Resolution: 33244

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council defer the decision to approve the 2024 Visitor Services Agreement with the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce to allow for more time to discuss the agreement prior to decision.

CARRIED

8.4 Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training Grant App

Resolution: 33245

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council approves the application to the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for \$30,000 towards Emergency Social Services equipment, training, and personnel wages;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the grant application and, if the application is successful, any related documentation.

CARRIED

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 Mayor's Report

- 9.1.1 Mayor Atkinson
Mayor Atkinson provided a written report.

9.2 Council Reports

- 9.2.1 Councillor McMeeken
Councillor McMeeken provided a verbal report.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Parking Bylaw

Resolution: 33246

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT staff bring a report to Council regarding the Parking Bylaw to consider the language as it relates to accessible/disability parking spots, particularly as it relates to the size of the spaces.

CARRIED

11.2 Designate Accessible Parking Spots

Resolution: 33247

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the District change all parking stalls currently located in the front of the Recreation Centre to be designated as accessible/disability parking spots.

CARRIED

12. BYLAWS

12.1 Bylaw No. 1511 Annual Mayor and Council Remuneration Amendment

Resolution: 33248

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Bylaw No. 1511 cited as "Annual Mayor and Councillor Remuneration and Expenses Amendment Bylaw No. 1511, 2024" be adopted.

CARRIED

12.2 Bylaw No. 1512 Water Rates and Regulations Amendment

Resolution: 33249

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT Bylaw No. 1512 cited as "Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1512, 2024" be given the first three readings.

CARRIED

12.3 Bylaw No. 1513 Sewer Rates and Regulations Amendment

Resolution: 33250

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Bylaw No. 1513 cited as "Sewer Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1513, 2024" be given the first three readings.

CARRIED

12.4 Bylaw No. 1514 Garbage Rates and Regulations Amendment

Resolution: 33251

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Bylaw No. 1514 cited as "Garbage Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1514, 2024" be given the first three readings.

CARRIED

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

N/A

14. COMING EVENTS

14.1 Mackenzie Community Arts Centre

What: Self Expression Through Art Exhibit

When: January 1-27, 2024 - Tuesday to Saturday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Where: Notable Expression Gallery - Ernie Bodin Community Centre

Special Meet the Artist: Sunshine Brown

January 25, 2024

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Limited spots available, please pre-register

14.2 Recreation Centre - Walk to Italy

Recreation Services is teaming up with the New Horizons Bridging the Gap project to provide a fun way to stay active and social during the long winter months.

Join us for our 9,966 km walk to Rome, Italy! The walk starts January 29 and runs until April 22. Register by calling 250-997-5283 or by emailing recoffice@districtofmackenzie.ca.

14.3 BC Hydro - Williston Reservoir Operations Open House

BC Hydro is hosting an open house to discuss Williston Reservoir operations. Members of the public are invited to attend. Due to low inflows from ongoing drought, below average water levels are forecast for Williston Reservoir this spring.

Date: Thursday February 8, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Location: Mackenzie Recreation Centre, 400 Skeena Drive

14.4 Mackenzie Minor Hockey Association Tournament

January 26 - 28, 2024

U-18 Jepson Petro Knights - Home Tournament

15. INQUIRIES

N/A

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution: 33252

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer

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