

**Special Council Meeting  
Minutes**

**February 26, 2024, 5:30 p.m.  
Council Chambers of the Municipal Office  
1 Mackenzie Boulevard, Mackenzie, BC**

Council Present: Mayor J. Atkinson, Councillor V. Brumovsky, Councillor A. Hipkiss, Councillor R. McMeeken, Councillor K. Tapper, Councillor J. Wright

Council Absent: Councillor A. Barnes

Staff Present: Chief Financial Officer K. Borne, Director of Recreation Services T. Gilmer, Fire Chief J. Guise, Superintendent of Public Works T. Ostash, Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant C. Smirle, Local Government Intern R. Paulsen

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:30 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. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

N/A

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Resolution: 33298**

**Moved by:** Councillor Tapper

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Kerri Borne, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation of the 2024 Provisional Operating and Capital Budget.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Dave E., resident, asked if the mosquito control provided by the District did anything to the bird population and if there have been any research or thoughts into the effects from the mosquito control on peripheral species of plants and animals? Terry Ostash, Superintendent of Public Works, replied that we would have to look into that and get back to him.

Dave E., asked if when speaking of water infrastructure if that included all of Mackenzie or just Mackenzie outside of the Trailer Parks? Mr. Ostash replied that it would be the entire District of Mackenzie.

Dave E., asked if there were plans to update the washrooms at Second Beach? Mr. Ostash replied that he could look into that.

Janice Nelson, Publisher of the Macktown Buzzette, asked if there were any other initiatives budgeted for accessibility planned for 2024? Mayor Atkinson replied that the Accessibility Committee would be responsible for bringing anything forward. Kerri Borne, Chief Financial Officer, added that this is just the provisional budget and future initiatives can still be brought forward.

Ms. Nelson asked for clarification on the provisional budget and if it would be finalized in April? Ms. Borne replied that this would be the initial approval for the budget and any revisions would be finalized in the final budget brought forward in April.

Ms. Nelson asked if there would be another opportunity for final comment or public input for the property tax rates? Ms. Borne replied that the property tax rates are not finalized and that another open session will occur before the April 22nd meeting where residents can ask questions or provide comments.

Ms. Nelson asked for clarification on the budget change of \$21,000 for telephone, internet and software. Ms. Borne replied that the expenses had been allocated to a different budget line previously and she would get back to Ms. Nelson with further clarification.

Ms. Nelson asked for clarification of what water user fees are? Ms. Borne replied that the fees are charged to commercial users for water use and it also includes residential water fees on property taxes.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution: 33299**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wright

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:35 pm.

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer

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