

**Regular Council Meeting
Minutes**

**February 26, 2024, 7:15 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 Administrative Officer D. Smith, Chief Financial Officer K. Borne, Director of Recreation Services T. Gilmer, Fire Chief J. Guise, Superintendent of Public Works T. Ostash, Land and Environmental Programs Coordinator L. Thorne, Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant C. Smirle, Local Government Intern R. Paulsen

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 Special Meeting- February 12, 2024

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 12, 2024 were adopted as presented.

2.2 Regular Meeting - February 12, 2024

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 12, 2024 were adopted as presented.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

N/A

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Resolution: 33300

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

N/A

6. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

Farah Sheriffdeen, Municipal Program Coordinator for FoodCycle Science, provided a presentation to Mayor and Council on the results of the FoodCycler Pilot Program final survey results. The results will be published on the District website.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Resolution: 33301

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

7.1 For Action:

N/A

8. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

8.1 2024 Provisional Operating and Capital Budgets

Resolution: 33302

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council approves the 2024 Provisional Operating and Capital Budgets.

CARRIED

8.2 Food Cycler Pilot Program

Resolution: 33303

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

Resolution: 33304

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT staff look into furthering the Food Cycler Program for the District of Mackenzie and explore similar options that Nelson did for their community.

CARRIED

8.3 DOM 24 – 01 Commercial Front Load Bear Resistant Garbage Bins

Resolution: 33305

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council awards the DOM 24 – 01 Commercial Front Load Bear Resistant Garbage Bins in the amount of \$338,527 plus GST;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the contract and any related documentation.

CARRIED

8.4 Recreation Access Program Update

Resolution: 33306

Moved by: Mayor Atkinson

THAT the Recreation Access Program be updated by increasing the qualifying income level to match Cowichan Bay;

AND THAT additional referral options from School District 57, Mackenzie Community Services and AiMHi be added to the program;

AND THAT Little Mac Season passes be added to the program.

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 Wright

Councillor Wright provided a written report.

9.2.2 Councillor Hipkiss
Councillor Hipkiss provided a verbal report.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 NCLGA Resolution

Resolution: 33307

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the District put forward a motion to the NCLGA to lobby the government to reduce the wait time for diagnostic assessment for children and youth who are suspected of have an Autism Spectrum Disorder or other neurodevelopment conditions.

CARRIED

11.2 Northern Initial Fire Attack Crew Relocation

Resolution: 33308

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the District write a letter to the government in opposition of the decision to remove the Northern Initial Fire Attack Crew base from Chetwynd and relocate it to Dawson Creek.

CARRIED

11.3 Online Dog Tag Renewal

Resolution: 33309

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the option to pay for dog tag renewals online be explored.

CARRIED

12. BYLAWS

N/A

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

N/A

14. COMING EVENTS

14.1 An Evening with John Brink

Mackenzie Community Services presents an Evening with John Brink

When: March 6, 2024

Where: Mackenzie Rec Centre

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Admission \$5

15. INQUIRIES

Janice Nelson, Publisher of the Macktown Buzzette, commented that it is hard to hear some Councillors speaking during the meeting over Zoom. Mayor Atkinson reminded Councillor's to make sure when they are speaking to speak into their microphones.

Ms. Nelson asked if the local company that provided a bid for the commercial garbage truck was considered? Mayor Atkinson replied that they had been considered however their quote was more than double the price of the lowest bid received.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: 33310

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer