

**Regular Council Meeting
Minutes**

February 12, 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, Fire Smart & Assistant Emergency Program Coordinator M. Taylor, Land and Environmental Programs Coordinator L. Thorne, Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant C. Smirle

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.

1.1 Defer to Closed Meeting

Resolution: 33259

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

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; and Section 90 (1) (j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under Section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Committee of the Whole - January 22, 2024

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on January 22, 2024 were adopted as presented.

2.2 Regular Meeting - January 22, 2024

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 22, 2024 were adopted as presented.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Resolution: 33260

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT the following late item be added to the agenda:

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.8 Community Hall - Motorized Solar Shades

THAT Council authorizes Recreation Services to purchase motorized roller shades for the Community Hall in the amount of \$30,821 plus GST from Ace Building Centre.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: 33261

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Shannon Bezo, President of the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce, thanked Council for deferring the approval of the Visitor Centre Caboose Operation agreement from the January 22nd Council meeting to allow for further discussion with the Chamber. Ms. Bezo also mentioned that the Chamber was not interested in options 4-6 in Council report 8.2 as these options suggest reducing hours of operations at the Caboose.

6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Bob Lees, Rory Boyle, and Finn Boyle, representatives of the BC Summer Swimming Association, addressed Mayor and Council regarding hosting the 2024 Summer Swim Meet in Mackenzie.

Resolution: 33262

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the District of Mackenzie promote the 2024 BC Summer Swimming Association Swim Meet on the District's website and social media pages.

CARRIED

Resolution: 33263

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the BC Summer Swimming Association receive an in-kind grant to have the fees waived to host their swim meet at the Rec Centre on May 25-26, 2024.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolution: 33264

Moved by: Councillor Tapper

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

7.1 For Action:

7.1.1 CivicInfo BC Membership Dues 2024

Resolution: 33265

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council approves the annual membership dues in the amount of \$263.55 for the CivicInfo BC 2024 membership.

CARRIED

7.2 For Consideration:

7.2.1 District of Sicamous - Support for Bill 34

Resolution: 33266

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the District of Mackenzie send a letter to Premier David Eby expressing support for Bill 34 and the Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act.

CARRIED

7.2.2 City of Abbotsford - UBCM Resolution

Resolution: 33267

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the District of Mackenzie provide a letter of support to the City of Abbotsford towards their UBCM resolution but requesting additional funding to open detox centres across the Province.

CARRIED

7.2.3 Support our Troops Licence Plate Program - Update

Resolution: 33268

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the District of Mackenzie send a letter of support to the Legislative Assembly of BC in support of the Support Our Troops Licence Plate Program.

CARRIED

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1 2024 Budget Survey Results

Resolution: 33269

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

8.2 Visitor Centre Caboose Operations 2024

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

Resolution: 33270

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT Council approves the agreement for services with the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce with no changes made to service hours at the Caboose if additional grant funding is successful; if the additional grant funding is not successful, reduce Caboose operational hours by 16 hours per week.

CARRIED

8.3 2024 – 2025 Electrical Services Contract

Resolution: 33271

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council approves the submission from Frontline Industries Limited for the 2024 – 2025 Electrical Services Contract;

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

CARRIED

8.4 Council Policy 1.14 Sale of Used Items to the Public

Resolution: 33272

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council amends Council Policy 1.14 Sale of Used Items to the Public to include updated auction procedures.

CARRIED

8.5 Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Equipment and Training Grant

Resolution: 33273

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council approves the application to the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for \$30,000 towards Emergency Operations Centre 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

8.6 Accessible Parking

Resolution: 33274

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the accessible and library staff parking spaces in front of the Recreation Centre be repainted and signed as shown in Option #2 to create three accessible parking spaces to the minimum size requirements set in Zoning Bylaw No. 1368, 2017 of 4.0 meters wide and 7.5 meters long, with the additional 1.5 meters accessibility lanes for side-loading vehicles adjacent the parking spaces.

CARRIED

8.7 CN Bike Trail Licence of Occupation

Resolution: 33275

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the attached ten-year Licence of Occupation with Canadian National Railway Company to allow for the purposes of recreation of non-motorized vehicles, with the exception of e-bikes.

CARRIED

8.8 Community Hall – Motorized Solar Shades

Resolution: 33276

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT Council authorizes Recreation Services to purchase motorized roller shades for the Community Hall in the amount of \$30,821 plus GST from Ace Building Centre.

CARRIED

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 Mayor's Report

N/A

9.2 Council Reports

9.2.1 Councillor Wright

Councillor Wright provided a written report.

9.2.2 Councillor Brumovsky

Councillor Brumovsky provided a written report.

9.2.3 Councillor Barnes
Councillor Barnes provided a verbal report.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Spring Expo Table

Resolution: 33277

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Mayor and Council have a designated table at the Spring Expo specifically for items related to Council.

CARRIED

12. BYLAWS

12.1 Bylaw No. 1512, 2024 Water Rates and Regulations Amendment

Resolution: 33278

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Bylaw No. 1512 cited as "Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1512, 2024" be adopted.

CARRIED

12.2 Bylaw No. 1513, 2024 Sewer Rates and Regulations Amendment

Resolution: 33279

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Bylaw No. 1513 cited as "Sewer Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1513, 2024" be adopted.

CARRIED

12.3 Bylaw No. 1514, 2024 Garbage Rates and Regulations

Resolution: 33280

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Bylaw No. 1514 cited as "Garbage Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1514, 2024" be adopted.

CARRIED

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

N/A

14. COMING EVENTS

14.1 Mackenzie Community Arts Centre - Digital Amelioration by Sylvia Brumovsky

Art Exhibit - Digital Amelioration

When: January 30 - February 24, 2024

Where: Mackenzie Community Arts Centre - 86 Centennial Drive

Special Meet the Artist Opening

January 30, 2024

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

14.2 How Do I - Speaker Series

Celebrating Seniors' Abilities and Experience

When: Sunday February 18, 2024

Time: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Where: Mackenzie Community Services

Register with Cassandra 250-997-6595 or by email

ccarter@mackenziecounselling.ca

14.3 2024 WinterQuest

February 23-25, 2024

14.4 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, asked what the leftover money from the Northern Capital Planning Grant would be used for? Kerri Borne, Chief Financial Officer, replied that there is still a balance to pay when the new Fire Hall is completed and that's where the funds will be used for.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: 33281

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:07 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer

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