

**Regular Council Meeting
Minutes**

**March 11, 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 R. McMeeken, Councillor K. Tapper, Councillor J. Wright

Council Absent: Councillor A. Hipkiss

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer D. Smith, Chief Financial Officer K. Borne, Director of Recreation Services T. Gilmer, Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn, 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.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Special Meeting - February 15, 2024

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 15, 2024 were adopted as presented.

2.2 Special Meeting- February 20, 2024

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 20, 2024 were adopted as presented.

2.3 Special Meeting - February 26, 2024

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 26, 2024 were adopted as presented.

2.4 Committee of the Whole Meeting - February 26, 2024
The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on February 26, 2024 were adopted as presented.

2.5 Regular Meeting - February 26, 2024
The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 26, 2024 were adopted as presented.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Resolution: 33318

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the following late items be added to the agenda;

7.1 For Action

7.1.3 NCLGA Request - Initial Fire Attack Crew Relocation

THAT the District agree to be a co-submitting member of the Initial Fire Attack Crew Relocation resolution to be included in the 2024 NCLGA Annual Report along with the District of Hudson's Hope and the District of Tumbler Ridge.

7.1.4 Sekani Biofuels Letter of Support Request - NRCAN

THAT the District of Mackenzie provide a letter of support to Sekani Biofuels towards their grant application to Natural Resource Canada (NRCAN) for their funding application under the Clean Fuels Fund - Indigenous production projects stream.

7.1.5 Sekani Biofuels Letter of Support Request - Tidewater Midstream Project

THAT the District of Mackenzie provide a letter of support to Sekani Biofuels towards their grant application for funding for the Tidewater Midstream project through the Low Carbon Fuels Branch under the Energy Decarbonization Division of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation.

7.1.6 Recreation Pass Donation

Request received for a donation from the District of Mackenzie for a fundraiser that will be held this weekend at the Legion with donations going to supply the Loaner Medical Equipment Cupboard. Council has approved up to \$100 in the past for similar requests.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: 33319

Moved by: Councillor Tapper

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Shannon Bezo, resident, commented that she hoped items 7.1.3, 7.1.4, and 7.1.5 would be discussed, and hoped that the reasoning for selecting the construction company would be discussed.

6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

N/A

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolution: 33320

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

7.1 For Action:

7.1.1 Recreation Pass Request - Medical Students

Resolution: 33321

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT the two medical students coming to Mackenzie to complete their 2 year residency as requested by Joy Davy, Recruitment Leader, be provided with recreation passes during their residencies in Mackenzie.

CARRIED

- 7.1.2 Letter of Support Request - Auxiliary Thrift
Councilor Barnes left the room to avoid conflict of interest. (Councilor Barnes returned after the motion was carried).
Resolution: 33322
Moved by: Councillor Wright
THAT Council provide a letter of support to the Mackenzie & District Hospital Auxiliary to the McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community forest for funding towards renovations at their new location, the Living Joy Church.
- CARRIED**
- 7.1.3 NCLGA Request - Initial Fire Attack Crew Relocation
Resolution: 33323
Moved by: Councillor Wright
THAT the District agree to be a co-submitting member of the Initial Fire Attack Crew Relocation resolution to be included in the 2024 NCLGA Annual Report along with the District of Hudson's Hope and the District of Tumbler Ridge.
- CARRIED**
- 7.1.4 Sekani Biofuels Letter of Support Request - NRCAN
Resolution: 33324
Moved by: Councillor Barnes
THAT the District of Mackenzie provide a letter of support to Sekani Biofuels towards their grant application to Natural Resource Canada (NRCAN) for their funding application under the Clean Fuels Fund - Indigenous production projects stream.
- CARRIED**
- 7.1.5 Sekani Biofuels Letter of Support Request - Tidewater Midstream Project
Resolution: 33325
Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky
THAT the District of Mackenzie provide a letter of support to Sekani Biofuels towards their grant application for funding for the Sekani Biofuels Mackenzie project through the Low Carbon Fuels Branch under the Energy Decarbonization Division of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation.
- CARRIED**

7.1.6 Recreation Pass Donation

Resolution: 33326

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the District provide a gift basket of up to \$100 in value as a donation to the Legion to support their Loaner Medical Equipment Cupboard fundraiser.

CARRIED

7.2 For Consideration:

7.2.1 Letter to Minister Whiteside Regarding the Foundry Project

Resolution: 33327

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council send a letter to Minister Whiteside responding to the decision to not create a Foundry in Mackenzie

CARRIED

7.2.2 Canada Day Fundraiser

Resolution: 33328

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the District provide a gift basket of up to \$100 in value to the Autumn Lodge Society for their Canada Day Raffle.

CARRIED

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Arena Slab and Energy Upgrades Project – Construction Tender Award

Resolution: 33329

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council agrees to award the Arena Slab and Energy Upgrades construction project contract to Northern Legendary Construction Ltd for a price of \$3,164,985 plus GST;

AND THAT Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the contract and any other related documentation.

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.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

11. NEW BUSINESS

N/A

12. BYLAWS

N/A

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

N/A

14. COMING EVENTS

14.1 Treasures of Mackenzie - MCAC Exclusive Exhibition

86 Centennial Drive

Exhibit runs from March 1 - 30, 2024

Open Tuesday - Saturday: 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

14.2 BC Council of Forest Industries 2024 Convention

April 10-12, 2024 - Vancouver, BC

14.3 Foster Parent Info Session

When: March 21

Where: Mackenzie Community Services

Time: 6:00 pm.

15. INQUIRIES

N/A

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution: 33330

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:43 pm

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer

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