

## COUNCIL MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Mayor Joan Atkinson  
**Date:** May 27, 2024  
**Subject:** Activity for month of April 2024

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Activity:</b>
April 3	In my role as Chairperson of the Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital District I participated in the Spring Joint Meeting between Northern Health Authority and the six Regional Hospital Boards located in NHA
April 3	Attended the Climate Hazard Workshop (Zoom)
April 4	Received update from Lisa Risvold, VP Indigenous and Community Affairs for Conuma Coal. Operations at Brule and Wolverine sites will cease in 2024 so the plan is to transition affected employees to the Quintette site. Conuma looking for letter of support for their application to Regulator to restart Quintette site (letter was provided)
April 10-12	Attended Council of Forest Industries Annual Convention in Vancouver. The challenges of the forest industry were main topic of discussion with Economists warning no investment in the industry by forestry companies will result in further deterioration.
April 16	Along with CAO Smith, I met with representative from Phoenix Recycling and General Manager of Environmental Services from RDFFG regarding upcoming changes to recycling options in Mackenzie
April 18	Participated in monthly Regional District of Fraser Fort George meeting
April 20	Attended Earth Day Extravaganza hosted by Mackenzie Community Arts Centre
April 23	Participated in Lheidli "Centre of Excellence" Information Session. Lheidli T'enneh First Nation has received funding from the provincial government for a consultation project to identify programs and services required to establish a regional Centre of Excellence for children and youth in Northern BC. The Info session was well attended by local stakeholders
April 24	Participated in a meeting with new Provincial Senior's advocate Dan Levitt who was visiting Mackenzie for the first time. Some of the issues identified were housing, transportation and health care.

April 25	Along with MLIB Elder Alec Chingee and Conservation Office Hilary Desmarais; we facilitated a "Bear Awareness for Caregivers" info session. Danielle Schmuecker (local resident) who works as an Outreach Consultant for YMCA Childcare Resource hosted the event
April 30	I was a guest speaker for the CNC Hospitality course outlining my experience as an accommodation provider in the community
April 30	Met with Pam Hengeveld, Mackenzie Health Services Administrator and Greg Marr, NHA Senior Operating Officer
April 30	Attended Northern Pathways to Healthcare Community Engagement session at Mackenzie Secondary. Medical students from a broad range of medical professions provided insight into these professions to Grade 11 and Grade 12 students. This information session was sponsored by the Northern Medical Program Trust that Mackenzie is a member of.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mayor Joan Atkinson