

## **COUNCIL REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Administration

**Date:** May 2, 2024

**Subject:** MLMCF Appointment

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council determine next steps for the MLMCF 2024 Board Appointment.

### **BACKGROUND:**

At the Regular Meeting of April 22, 2024, the District received a letter from the McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest (MLMCF) Board of Directors making a recommendation for appointment to the Board that is coming up for renewal. Council asked staff to bring back a report with further information regarding the process for appointment to the MLMCF Board.

### **McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest**

The MLMCF is a limited partnership established in 2008 between the District of Mackenzie and McLeod Lake Indian Band. The dividends received from the MLMCF operations are shared between the two communities and utilized to support community services and capital projects.

The Board is required to consist of seven Directors. Directors are appointed for a term of three years, except one which serves a term of 1-year only. The Board will at all times comprise the following:

- three nominees of the McLeod Lake Indian Band;
- three nominees of the District;
- one individual nominated by a majority of the Directors. Term of 1 year only.

The one individual nominated by a majority of the Directors is required to possess one or more of the following qualifications:

- a) Extensive experience in running a successful commercial enterprise;
- b) Senior operational or consulting experience in the forestry or forest products industry;
- c) Lawyer, professional accountant, or a person otherwise having a professional designation in the financial industry;

- d) Extensive experience in a leadership role in local community affairs and organizations within the District of Mackenzie;
- e) Senior operational or consulting experience in the areas of forestry environmental and ecological issues; or
- f) Extensive management experience in a community forest operation.

### **Appointment Process**

Following the initial establishment, appointments following the 1 or 3 year terms have followed the same process:

- 1) MLMCF Board of Directors submit letter of recommendation for appointments to Council; and
- 2) Council reviews and determines whether to accept the recommendations or request further information.

### **Other District Committees**

The District currently has three active standing committee and boards with public appointments – the MLMCF, the Mackenzie Public Library, and the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee. The process for the Mackenzie Public Library and Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee is somewhat different and has been based on past practice.

The Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee appointments follow this process:

- 1) Public call for applications
- 2) Applications received by the District
- 3) District reviews applications and staff make recommendation to Council for review.
- 4) Council accepts, denies, or requests further information regarding the appointment.

The Mackenzie Public Library Board appointments have followed this process:

- 1) Public call for applications
- 2) Applications received by the District
- 3) District reviews applications with President of Mackenzie Public Library Board
- 4) Staff and President of the Mackenzie Public Library Board select candidate
- 5) A joint recommendation is made to Council.
- 6) Council accepts, denies, or requests further information regarding the appointment.

### **NEXT STEPS:**

An appointment to the MLMCF is required before their AGM in mid-June 2024. Council has the following options:

- 1) Move forward with the recommendation from the MLMCF and appoint Jim Atkinson for another 3-year term to the Board of Directors;
- 2) Request staff follow a similar process as the Mackenzie Public Library and Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee and accept public applications to the Board and make recommendations to Council for approval at our June 10<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.
- 3) Request further information.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

There is no budgetary impact to this request.

**COUNCIL PRIORITIES:**

**Economic Vitality**

- The District is a leader on efforts aimed at diversifying the community's economy, supporting local businesses, and attracting new investment to the community. Diversification, a strong business sector and new investment are key to our economic vitality.

**Strong Governance and Finances**

- As the municipality's elected governing body, we serve all residents and businesses in the community. We engage residents and stakeholders on important issues and make our decisions through open and transparent processes. We are careful in our use of resources, mindful of the need to maintain programs and services, while also meeting the community's infrastructure needs.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

Emily Kaehn, Director of Corporate Services

**Reviewed By:** Corporate and Financial Services

**Approved By:** Chief Administrative Officer