

**Regular Council Meeting
Minutes**

**February 13, 2023, 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 K. Tapper, Councillor J. Wright

Council Absent: Councillor R. McMeeken

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer D. Smith, Chief Financial Officer K.
Borne, Director of Recreation Services T. Gilmer, Fire Chief J.
Guise, Land and Environmental Programs Coordinator L. Thorne,
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.*

1.1 Defer to Closed Meeting

Resolution: 32809

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

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) (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed
provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and
that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the
interests of the municipality if they were held in public.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Special Meeting - January 23, 2023

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 23, 2023 were adopted as presented.

2.2 Committee of the Whole - January 23, 2023

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on January 23, 2023 were adopted as presented.

2.3 Regular Meeting - January 23, 2023

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 23, 2023 were adopted as presented.

2.4 Special Meeting - January 24, 2023

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 24, 2023 were adopted as presented.

2.5 Special Meeting - January 30, 2023

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 30, 2023 were adopted as presented.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

N/A

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: 32810

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Graham Burrows, resident, asked how reserve balances are managed? Kerri Borne, Chief Financial Officer, replied that the District has a reserve and surplus policy setting minimum and optimum balances. Any changes must come to Council and be adopted by Bylaw.

Shannon Bezo, resident, noted that if there were any questions regarding agenda item 7.1.2, Mackenzie Counselling Letter of Support, she was available to answer them. Ms. Bezo also noted that when Councillor's make verbal reports at Council

she noticed they were not included in the minutes and requested they be written down and attached to next meeting minutes. Mayor Atkinson replied that we could have staff include verbal report details to the meeting minutes.

6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

N/A

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolution: 32811

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

7.1 For Action:

7.1.1 MCAC Letter of Support

Resolution: 32811

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT the District of Mackenzie supports the application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust from the Mackenzie Community Arts Council for their Project MackenzieCAC.

CARRIED

7.1.2 Mackenzie Counselling Letter of Support

Councillor Wright declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Wright left the room and returned after Council made their decision.)

Resolution: 32812

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT the District of Mackenzie supports the application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust from Mackenzie Counselling Services for a grant to support their Expansion Project.

CARRIED

7.1.3 Landmark Lighting

Resolution: 32813

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the District of Mackenzie light up the Rec Centre in Purple on March 26th in support of Epilepsy Awareness for International Purple Day.

CARRIED

7.2 For Consideration:

7.2.1 EV Charging Stations

Resolution: 32814

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT administration look into potential grant funding available for level two Electric Volt Charging Stations in Mackenzie and bring a report back to Council.

CARRIED

7.2.2 Appointment to the Order of British Columbia - Nominations Open

Resolution: 32815

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Mayor and Council be authorized to write letters of support for nominating individuals for awards without Council approval.

CARRIED

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Amending January 10, 2023 Public Hearing Minutes

Resolution: 32816

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT Council amends the Presentations from the Public section recorded in the January 10, 2023 Public Hearing minutes as noted in this report.

CARRIED

8.2 2023 Provisional Operating and Capital Budgets

Resolution: 32817

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council approves the 2023 Provisional Operating and Capital Budgets.

CARRIED

8.3 Fire Hall Update

Resolution: 32817

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

8.4 Visitor Centre Caboose Operations 2023

Resolution: 32818

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council approves the 2023 Visitor Services Agreement with the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce;

AND THAT Council authorizes a \$20,000 contribution towards the service agreement;

AND THAT Council authorizes an increase of up to \$10,000 to the Caboose Visitor Centre general operating budget towards repairs to the entrance to the facility;

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

CARRIED

8.5 Development Variance Permit # 3090-20-23-01 - Final Consideration

Resolution: 32819

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council authorizes approval of a Development Variance Permit Application #3090-20-23-01 for Lot 4 District Lot 3765 Cariboo District Plan 33911 commonly known as 609 Babine Dr.

CARRIED

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 Mayor's Report
N/A

9.2 Council Reports

9.2.1 Councillor Brumovsky
Councillor Brumovsky provided a written report.

9.2.2 Councillor Wright
Councillor Wright provided a written report.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

11. NEW BUSINESS

N/A

12. BYLAWS

12.1 Board of Variance Bylaw No. 1494, 2023

Resolution: 32819

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT Bylaw No. 1494 cited as "Board of Variance Bylaw No. 1494, 2023"
be given final reading and be adopted.

CARRIED

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

N/A

14. COMING EVENTS

14.1 Mackenzie Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory Committee - Open House
February 21, 2023
1-3pm and 6-8pm
Mackenzie Legion

- 14.2 Mackenzie Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory Committee - Business Market
February 25, 2023
11:00 am - 3:30 pm
Mackenzie Recreation Centre
- 14.3 WinterQuest
February 24, 25, 26, 2023
- 14.4 Mackenzie Strong
February 25, 2023
Mackenzie Recreation Centre Community Hall
Fair - 11:00 am-3:30 pm
Ceremony - 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Fireworks - 6:30 pm
- 14.5 Diverse Abilities - An Expo of Inclusion and Accessibility
March 2, 2023
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
CNC Event Centre

15. INQUIRIES

Shannon Bezo, resident, asked for clarification of on the \$10,000 additional grant for the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Service Agreement. Diane Smith, Chief Administrative Officer, replied that the additional funds would be for District staff as well as materials needed to build new stairs at the Caboose.

Janice Nelson, Macktown Buzzette, asked what the plans were for the Caboose long term and if the District plans to phase it out? Mayor Atkinson replied that Mayor and Council met with Chamber of Commerce staff and Board members recently and are in the preliminary stages of developing a plan to provide visitor information services out at the Junction and in the community. Mayor and Council recognize that the Caboose is coming to the end of its life, and want to have something in place before that happens.

Ms. Nelson asked if there was any public input for the Special Budget meeting? Mayor Atkinson replied that at the public meeting on January 30th at the Rec Centre some members of the community were in attendance and provided comment and the meeting this evening received no public comments or concerns.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution: 32820

Moved by: Councillor Tapper

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer

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