

Regular Council Meeting

Minutes

April 22, 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, Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn, Land and Environmental Programs Coordinator L. Thorne, Local Government Intern, R. Paulsen

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 Regular Meeting - April 8, 2024

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 8, 2024 were adopted as presented.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

N/A

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: 33359

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

N/A

6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

6.1 Enbridge

Rikki Beaudet, Strategist for Community & Indigenous Engagement and Aaron Mannella, Sr. Advisor for Community & Indigenous Engagement gave a presentation introducing the Sunrise Expansion Program. The Sunrise Expansion Program is a proposed expansion of the southern portion of the Westcoast Pipeline system by building additional pipeline loops. A new natural Gas drive compressor unit is proposed near Azouetta, and two pipeline loops are proposed for construction south of Mackenzie: one 18 km and another 13.6 km. Enbridge is also proposing a temporary workplace lodge in the region and will work with the District of Mackenzie, the Regional District of Fraser Fort George, and local Indigenous groups to determine an appropriate location, identify benefits for the local economy, and address any anticipated issues.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolution: 33360

Moved by: Councillor Tapper

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

CARRIED 7.1 For Action:

7.1.1 Request for Letter of Support - Mackenzie Autumn Lodge

Councilor Barnes left council chambers at 7:43 pm and returned at 7:44 pm after the motion carried to avoid a conflict of interest.

Resolution: 33361

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council provide a letter of support for the Mackenzie Autumn Lodge's grant application to the South Peace Mackenzie Trust.

CARRIED

7.2 For Consideration:

7.2.1 Invitation to MSS Capstone Gallery Walk

Resolution: 33362

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT any member of Council may attend

CARRIED

7.2.3 Request for Engagement - Regional Agricultural Strategy

Resolution: 33363

Moved by: Councillor Tapper

THAT District arrange a meeting with the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George to discuss and collaborate on opportunities regarding the Regional Agricultural Strategy.

CARRIED

7.2.5 Fencing Amendment Request

Resolution: 33364

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Staff bring back a report with further information on this request.

CARRIED

7.2.6 MLMCF AGM and Appointment Notification Letter

Resolution: 33365

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT This item be deferred to an upcoming meeting;
AND THAT Staff bring back a report with further information on the nomination process and options moving forward.

CARRIED

7.3 Centre Table File

7.3.1 Grant Adjudication Committee Meeting Agenda April 15, 2024

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1 2024 – 1st Quarter Activity Report

Resolution: 33366

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

8.2 Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee

Resolution: 33367

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council appoints Amy Coates to the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2025.

CARRIED

8.3 Purple Bicycle Natural Foods Patio – Licence to Use

Resolution: 33368

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT Council amends the License-to-Use Agreement with the Purple Bicycle Natural Foods for the patio area located on District property to allow the serving of alcohol, pending approval of appropriate Provincial permitting.

CARRIED

8.4 Business Façade Improvement Program 2024

Resolution: 33369

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council approves the applications from Mackenzie Community Arts Centre, Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce, and Legion Branch #273 to the Business Façade Improvement Program to a maximum amount of \$13,375.38.

CARRIED

8.5 Community Grants – March 2024 Second In-Take

Resolution: 33370

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council approves the recommendations of the Grant Adjudication Committee for the second intake of the 2024 Community Grants Program as outlined in this report.

CARRIED

8.6 2024 Council Liaison Appointments

Resolution: 33371

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT Council approves Councillor Wright's liaison appointment to the Williston Lake Elders Society.

CARRIED

8.7 2024 Property Tax Revenues and Tax Rates

Resolution: 33372

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

8.8 Community Garden – Licence of Occupation and Expansion

Resolution: 33373

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council approves the Licence-of-Occupation for the Mackenzie Community Garden Society;

AND THAT the new license will include the expanded area as requested by the Mackenzie Community Garden Society;

CARRIED

8.9 2024 Final Operating and Capital Budget

Resolution: 33374

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council approves the 2024 Final Operating and Capital Budget with the list of changes.

CARRIED

8.10 New Wildland Type 5 Fire Truck – Capital Purchase

Resolution: 33375

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council awards the purchase of a 2024 Wildland truck to Commercial Emergency Equipment Co. for a price of \$244,987.20 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

9.1.1 Mayor Atkinson

Mayor Atkinson provided a written report.

9.2 Council Reports

9.2.1 Councilor Wright

Councilor Wright provided a written report.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

11. NEW BUSINESS

N/A

12. BYLAWS

12.1 Bylaw No. 1515 - 2024-2028 Financial Plan Bylaw

Resolution: 33376

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council gives the 2024-2028 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1515, 2024 first three readings.

CARRIED

12.2 Bylaw No. 1516 - Tax Rate 2024

Resolution: 33377

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council gives the 2024 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1516, 2024 first three readings.

CARRIED

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

N/A

14. COMING EVENTS

14.1 Emergency Preparedness

11:00 am Saturday, May 11, 2024
Mackenzie Recreation Centre

14.2 Community Forest PAG

6:30 pm Thursday, May 2, 2024
Sas Da' Ghe Room, Mackenzie Recreation Centre

14.3 Wildlife Awareness Training

12:00 pm Saturday May 4, 2024
Mackenzie Secondary School Gym

15. INQUIRIES

Shannon Bezo, resident, commented on 9.2.1, Councilor Wright's Council report, explaining that he also attended a community advisory session at CNC. CNC has been given permission to find partnerships for use of their space and their training kitchen.

Janice Nelson of the Macktown Buzette asked what motion was passed regarding the MLMCF. Councilor Hipkiss answered that the motion was tabled to be decided at a later meeting so staff can bring back further information. Janice commented that she had brought up this matter before and appreciated that Councilor Wright had brought it up.

Janice Nelson also asked if the rent subsidies funded outside of the community grants program would be borrowed from next year's allotment. Chief Financial Officer Kerri

Borne replied that the funding for this year would be taken from this year's surplus, and the funding in future years would be taken from the community grant fund of the matching year.

Dominique Symbalisy, resident, commented that she appreciated the Enbridge presentation as it was well done and informative.

Dominique Symbalisy asked for a recap on Councillor Wright's question to Enbridge that the proposed camp would be a wet or dry camp. Mayor Atkinson answered that at this time the project is at a preliminary stage and much of the project is undecided, such as if the camp will be for 400 or 600 people or if it will be a dry or wet camp. That will be a consideration. Enbridge encourages the community to express their opinion and concerns they may have. There are no concrete plans for this camp yet.

Dominique Symbalisy asked for further clarification on the answer given by an Enbridge representative to Councilor Wright's question on if there are camps with bars in them. Mayor Atkinson answered that yes some camps have bars and that is not an anomaly in camps these days.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: 33378

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:23 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer