

COUNCIL MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

To: Mayor and Council
From: Mayor Joan Atkinson
Date: June 24, 2024
Subject: Activity for month of May 2024

Date:	Activity:
May 1	Participated in Mackenzie Wildfire Advisory Committee meeting. Representatives from BC Wildfire Service, Community Forest, District of Mackenzie, Mackenzie Fire Rescue, Jarl Sundve, McLeod Lake Indian Band and Conifex Timber also participated. Topics of discussion included FireSmart Program, Community Resiliency Investment and the Emergency Preparedness Event
May 2	Attended the McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest (MLMCF) Public Information Sharing Session. Dr. Roy Rea, Assistant Professor in Dept of Ecosystem Science and Management at UNBC, presented his work on moose ecology and the effects of timber harvesting practices on moose populations. The MLMCF provides funding for this project
May 4	Attended Bear Awareness Training at Mackenzie Secondary provided by Conuma Coal. Good community participation
May 5	Participated in 2nd Annual Walk for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQ people. Last year, the walk had about 25 participants, this year more than 75 persons participated
May 6	Along with members of District Council and staff, met with McLeod Lake Indian Band Chief and Council. This was our first meeting with new MLIB Council with intentions to make this a recurring event
May 6	Toured Regional District of Fraser Fort George CAO Chris Calder and General Manager of Environmental Services Laura Zapotichny around Mackenzie. They were in town to participate in regular Council meeting
May 8	In my role as Chairperson of Regional Hospital Board, I participated in Digital Health and Health Space Showcase conference held at Prince George Civic Centre
May 10	Attended Zoom presentation "No More Stolen Sisters" which is a human rights response to discrimination leading to missing and murdered indigenous women

May 11	Participated in Emergency Preparedness Presentation held at Rec Centre. It was extremely well attended with presentations from Mackenzie Community Services, Mackenzie Fire Rescue, Search and Rescue, RCMP, BC Wildfire Services
May 12-16	Attended North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) conference in Smithers. Event was hosted by the communities of Smithers and Houston and the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako
May 22	Attended New Horizons Stakeholder Meeting
May 23	Participated in Regional District of Fraser Fort George monthly meeting in Prince George. Two Mackenzie organizations were recipients of Art, Culture and Heritage Grants. Mackenzie Community Arts Council awarded grant \$9900 for renovations needed for Pottery Guild and MORATA awarded \$2,830 to covers entertainment costs for Morfee Lake Scramble
May 24	Along with CAO Smith I attended Mackenzie Hose & Fitting Open House and BBQ.
May 24	Along with CAO Smith, I participated in a Teams meeting with Conifex Executive Team to discuss ongoing challenges
May 26	Attended Air Cadets 40 th Annual Ceremonial Review at Mackenzie Secondary.
May 27	Met with RCMP detachment commander Chis Bezaire to discuss ongoing issues in community
May 30	Participated in Morfee Mountain Road Stakeholders meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to update participants on District of Mackenzie application to acquire tenure of Morfee Mountain Road. Participants included BC Timber Sales, Ministry of Forests, MORATA, BC Rec Site and Trails and District of Mackenzie staff.
May 31	Attended Peace Williston Advisory Committee meeting in Hudson's Hope.
May 31	Attended Special Olympics Meet and Greet at Rec Centre. Mackenzie hosted the regional qualifier event

Respectfully Submitted,
Mayor Joan Atkinson