



Regular Council Meeting Minutes

May 27, 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 Corporate Services E. Kaehn, Land and Environmental Programs Coordinator L. Thorne, Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant, C. Smith

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:15pm.

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: 33403

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

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 (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality and Section 90 (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 - April 22, 2024

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on April 22, 2024 were adopted as presented.

2.2 COTW- April 22, 2024

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on April 22, 2024 were adopted as presented.

2.3 Regular Meeting - April 22, 2024

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 22, 2024 were adopted as presented.

2.4 Regular Meeting - May 6, 2024

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 6, 2024 were adopted as presented.

2.5 Regular Meeting - May 12, 2024

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 12, 2024 were adopted as presented.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Resolution: 33404

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the following late item be added to the agenda;

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.6 NDI - Community Places - Pool Upgrades

THAT Council supports the District's application to the NDI Recreation Infrastructure grant program to cover 50% of the estimated \$503,590 project cost for the pool upgrade project;

AND THAT Council commits to finance 28% of the project at an estimated cost of \$141,795 and any unanticipated cost overruns, ineligible expenses, and any ongoing maintenance and operating costs associated with the operations of the completed project;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the grant application and, if the application is successful, any related documentation.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: 33405

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

N/A

6. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

6.1 BC Rural Health Network

Phoebe Lazier and Bill Storey, Vice President, with BC Rural Health Network gave a presentation to Council providing an overview of BCRHN.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Resolution: 33406

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

7.1 For Action:

7.1.1 RDN - Legislative Reform Initiative - Request for Support

Resolution: 33407

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council receives this letter.

CARRIED

7.1.2 Letter to Trustees and Superintendent of School District 57

Resolution: 33408

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT amendments to the Letter to Trustees and Superintendent of School District 57 be made stating that all 4 Pillars of Learning will be affected by the proposed budget cuts.

CARRIED

7.2 For Consideration:

7.2.1 Support for Resolution - District of North Vancouver

7.2.2 Letter From Mackenzie Special Olympics Committee

7.2.3 MSS Girls' Volleyball

7.3 Centre Table File

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Active Transportation Master Plan - DRAFT

Travis Martin, VDZ+A, presented the DRAFT Active Transportation Master Plan.

Resolution: 33409

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council receives the Draft Active Transportation Master Plan for review.

CARRIED

8.2 Housing Legislation Changes

Resolution: 33410

Moved by: Councillor Hipkiss

THAT Council receive this report for information.

CARRIED

8.3 Food Cycler Phase 2 – Next Steps

Resolution: 33411

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council authorizes staff to proceed with offering Phase 2 of the Food Cycler program to residents.

CARRIED

8.4 Licence to Use – Ace Victory Building Centre

Resolution: 33412

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into a Licence to Use agreement with Ace Victory Building Centre for the use of the additional storefront parking.

CARRIED

8.5 Petition for Recycling Services

Resolution: 33413

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Mayor Atkinson start conversations with the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George regarding the concerns expressed by residents about the changes to recycling services in Mackenzie.

CARRIED

8.6 NDIT – Community Places – Pool Upgrades

Resolution: 33414

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council supports the District's application to the NDIT Recreation Infrastructure grant program to cover 50% of the estimated \$503,590 project cost for the pool upgrade project;

AND THAT Council commits to finance 28% of the project at an estimated cost of \$141,795 and any unanticipated cost overruns, ineligible expenses, and any ongoing maintenance and operating costs associated with the operations of the completed project;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the grant application and, if the application is successful, any related documentation.

CARRIED

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 Mayor's Report

Mayor Atkinson provided a written report.

9.2 Council Reports

Councillor Wright provided a written report.

Councillors Barnes, Hipkiss, and McMeeken gave verbal reports.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

11. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution: 33415

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT staff bring back a report providing recommendations for updates to the flag raising policy and the feasibility to erect another flag pole to accommodate additional flags that commemorate special occasions, with a possible location being at the Recreation Centre.

CARRIED

12. BYLAWS

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

14. COMING EVENTS

14.1 Mackenzie Special Olympics Qualifier

Meet & Greet - May 31, 2024 at 5:00 pm at the Recreation Centre
Qualifier Round - June 1, 2024 at 9:00am at Morfee Elementary School

14.2 Pride Flag Ceremony

On Friday May 31, 2024 at 5:30 pm, the District will be hosting a Pride Flag raising ceremony outside the Municipal Office in honour of Pride Month.

14.3 New Horizon Bridging the Gap Senior's Gathering

June 1, 2024. Mackenzie Seniors and the New Horizon Bridging the Gap project invite Residents to come and join seniors in Mackenzie for a day of connecting.

14.4 Go By Bike Week

June 3, 2024 to June 9, 2024 is Go By Bike Week!

14.5 Bike Rodeo

June 8th, 2024, Mackenzie Men's Shed, MORATA, PAC, RCMP will have a Bike Rodeo at the Recreation Centre at 10:30 - 2:30.

15. INQUIRIES

Shannon Bezo, resident, asked in response to the DRAFT Active Transportation Plan presentation, if there would be intentions to expand the parking behind the 616 area to accommodate the displacement from the new park for those attending education events or working in the buildings. Terry Gilmer, Director of Recreation Services, responded that this is something they could be considered further if/when the project moves forward.

Shannon Bezo further commented that it would be appreciated if verbal Council reports were included in minutes for public access.

Shannon Bezo asked about the meeting held between McLeod Lake Indian Band Chief and Council and District of Mackenzie Mayor and Council and whether there is anything that can be shared and whether there are any future directions/actions that may be moving forward from that meeting. Mayor Atkinson responded that the meeting's primary objective was getting to know one another and building the relationship between both parties.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution: 33415

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:58pm

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer