

COUNCIL MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

To: Mayor and Council
From: Mayor Joan Atkinson
Date: October 15, 2024
Subject: Activity for month of September 2024

Date:	Activity:
September 9	Participated in Northern Development Initiative Trust Regional Advisory Committee meeting. A total of 5 projects were supported totalling \$167,613.
September 11	Participated in Regional District of Fraser Fort George (RDFFG) meetings in Prince George including Agriculture Standing Committee, Environmental & Parks Standing Committee and Public Safety & Emergency Management Standing Committee
September 12	Chaired Fraser Fort George Regional Hospital Board meeting. Bylaw 352 was adopted which provides funding for the construction of the UHNBC Acute Care Tower
September 12	Participated in RDFFG monthly meeting
September 16-20	Attended the Union of BC Municipalities Annual convention in Vancouver. Meetings with Provincial Ministers included <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health - Topics of discussion (1) Hospital Diversions (2) Seniors Housing (3) Reducing Neurodivergent Assessment Wait Times • Mental Health & Addictions – Topic of discussion was the establishment of a Foundry Centre in Mackenzie • Forests – Topic of discussion (1) Closure of Parsnip West Forest Service Road (2) Expansion of Community Forest • Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation – Topic of discussion was Building Economic Development Capacity
September 21	Attended Chamber of Commerce Community Awards Night. Event was well attended; recognizing the outstanding contributions from members of the community who give “above and beyond”
September 23	Met with Sergeant Eamon McArthur (CO Service Omineca Zone) and Mackenzie’s newest conservation officer Katherine Brewer. Mackenzie now has two CO’s in the community. Sergeant McArther took the opportunity to thank us for replacing our old commercial bins and replacing them with bear resistant bins

September 23	Attended IREN Community Grant Event. A total of \$96,000 was disbursed to numerous not for profit organization in the community. I also participated in a video with IREN on their outstanding contribution in supporting Fibre Optic installation in the townsite
September 25	Attended Mackenzie Nordiques AGM. The cleanup of Kirby's Villa following this summer's fire will occur on September 20 in preparation of this year's ski season. The club was successful in having the tipping fees waived by the RDFFG
September 26	Attended the Truth and Reconciliation Gathering at McLeod Lake Indian Band. Event included Smudging, Drumming, discussion on the 94 Calls to Action and a community walk. Students from Mackenzie Secondary "First Peoples" class also attended. It was a very informative and emotional day for all attendees
September 27	Participated in Truth and Reconciliation Assembly at Mackenzie Secondary School. I spoke to the students on the importance of educating yourself on the negative impacts of Colonization and the 94 Calls to Action
September 30	Attended Viewing of Colonization Road at Mackenzie Community Services . This documentary film highlights the Public Lands Act of 1853 and its severe negative impact on First Nations

Respectfully Submitted,
Mayor Joan Atkinson