

**Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes**

**September 23, 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 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, Fire Chief J. Guise, Public  
Works Superintendent, T. Ostash, Director of Corporate Services E.  
Kaehn, Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant, C. Smith

Visitors Present: L. McDonald, ASCT, PMP, L&M Engineering

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**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 - September 9, 2024

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 9, 2024, were adopted as presented.

Councillor Wright asked for a change of wording to reflect a larger master plan for off leash dogs.

**3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

3.1 Active Transportation Master Plan Update

**Resolution: 33530**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wright

THAT item 8.2 be removed from the agenda and the following report be submitted in its place.

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Resolution: 33531**

**Moved by:** Councillor McMeeken

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

N/A

6. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

N/A

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

7.1 **For Action:**

7.1.1 SD. 57 Mackenzie Staff Rec Centre Passes

Councillor Tapper and Councillor Brumovsky left the room as both declared a conflict on this topic.

**Resolution: 33532**

**Moved by:** Councillor Barnes

THAT Council denies the request to provide SD57 Mackenzie Staff recreation centre passes.

Opposed (1): Councillor Wright

**CARRIED**

Councillor Brumovsky and Councillor Tapper returned to the meeting.

7.1.2 Williston Lake Elder's Society

**Resolution: 33533**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wright

THAT Council receives this letter for information.

**CARRIED**

7.1.3 District of Mackenzie Bursary

**Resolution: 33534**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council receives this for information

AND THAT Council agrees to donate \$500 to the School District No. 57 Awards Program District of Mackenzie Bursary

**CARRIED**

7.1.4 All Candidates Meeting

Counsellor Brumovsky left the room to avoid conflict of interest.

**Resolution: 33535**

**Moved by:** Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council approve to waive rental fees for the All Candidates Meeting September 25, 2024, subject to staff confirming that the District would not be breaking any Provincial Election rules for providing support to the event

**CARRIED**

Councillor Brumovsky returned to the meeting.

7.1.5 Request for Library Staff Rec Centre Passes

**Resolution: 33536**

**Moved by:** Councillor Barnes

THAT Council deny the request for the Mackenzie Public Library staff to receive recreation centre passes.

**CARRIED**

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

8.1 Gantahaz Water Treatment Facility Open House Summary

**Resolution: 33537**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council receives this report for information

**CARRIED**

8.2 Active Transportation Master Plan - FINAL

**Resolution: 33538**

**Moved by:** Councillor Barnes

THAT Council approves the Active Transportation Master Plan, with concept landscape plans and cost estimates (Appendix A) for the Mackenzie Recreation Centre and 616 landscape properties.

**CARRIED**

- 8.3 2025 Community Resiliency Investment Grant Application  
**Resolution: 33539**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Barnes  
THAT Council approves the application to the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program for up to \$600,000 over two years in funding for Fire Smart Activities within the District of Mackenzie;  
AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the grant application and, if the application is successful, any related documentation.  
**CARRIED**
- 8.4 2023 FireSmart Demonstration Project Mitigation Work  
**Resolution: 33540**  
**Moved by:** Councillor McMeeken  
THAT Council awards the contract for FireSmart Demonstration Project Mitigation work to Mamadou Contracting in the amount of \$17,580 plus GST;  
AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the contract and any related documentation.  
**CARRIED**
- 8.5 RDFFG Collaborative Disaster Risk Reduction Project  
**Resolution: 33541**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Tapper  
THAT the District of Mackenzie supports the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (RDFFG) applying for, receiving, and managing grant funding on our behalf through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Disaster Risk Reduction – Climate Adaptation Fund for the next phase of the Collaborative Disaster Risk Reduction project.  
**CARRIED**
- 8.6 Municipality Role in Medical Professional Recruitment  
**Resolution: 33542**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Wright  
THAT Council receives this report for information.  
**CARRIED**
- 8.7 NBCTA Request for Letter of Support a subject.  
**Resolution: 33543**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Barnes  
THAT Council provide a letter of support to Northern British Columbia Tourism Association’s Iconic Signage Program and their application for funding through the Regional Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Grant (REDIP);

AND THAT Council approve the ongoing maintenance agreement for the proposed signs at the Mackenzie Junction Visitor Centre property.

**CARRIED**

8.8 Ernie Bodin Community Centre (EBCC) – Tenant Requests

**Resolution: 33544**

**Moved by:** Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council receives this report for information.

**CARRIED**

**9. COUNCIL REPORTS**

9.1 Mayor's Report

9.2 Council Reports

Councillor Wright provided a written report and Councillor Barnes gave an verbal report.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

N/A

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

RDFFG Transfer Station Tipping Fees

**Resolution: 33545**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council request reduced tipping fees from RDFFG for the months of June, July and August 2024 when recycling was not available.

**DEFEATED**

RDFFG Transfer Station Road

**Resolution: 33546**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council request the RDFFG maintain the road to the transfer station ensuring it is usable all year for all types of vehicles.

**CARRIED**

**12. BYLAWS**

N/A

**13. NOTICE OF MOTION**

N/A

**14. COMING EVENTS**

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – September 30, 2024

**15. INQUIRIES**

Cassandra Carter, resident and member of the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee, asked what is being done for accessibility at the new transfer station as there are members of this community who cannot take their recycling to the transfer station outside of town? She asked whether a service could be created or used to pick-up/deliver residential recycling? Councillor Brumovsky answered that RecycleBC doesn't allow for third parties to charge to take in recycling. It would have to be volunteer based. Councillor Wright added that he spoke to the RDFFG Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and they are open to ideas at this stage. He mentioned he would connect the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee with the RDFFG CAO.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution: 33547**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wright

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:24 pm

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer