

District of Mackenzie

COUNCIL MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

To: Mayor and Council
From: Councilor Wright
Date: **October/November 2024**
Subject: Report for October/November 2024

Note to Council: A personal update, as of November 28th, 2024 I will no longer be an employee of Mackenzie Community Services, having resigned my 2 positions within the organization.

Councilor Wright Council Appointments:

Education and Youth Liaison
Williston Lake Elders Society Liaison
Climate Action Liaison
Deputy Mayor (August 1, 2025 – October 31, 2025)

Alternate For:

Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Liaison
Chamber of Commerce Liaison
Alternate Director for Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (RDFFG)
Alternate for Prince George Treaty Advisory Committee
Alternate Member of Northern Development Initiative Trust's (NDIT) Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

Activities:

Date:	Activity	Council Appointment:
October 22, 2024	Had lunch with SD57 School Trustee Sarah Holland, discussed governance and growing the relationship between SD57 and the District of Mackenzie.	Education and Youth Liaison
October 22, 2024	Attended the opening reception of the Northern BC Tourism Summit in PG. It was held at Exploration Place.	Chamber of Commerce Alternate
October 23, 2024	<p>Attended the first day of the Northern BC Tourism Summit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keynote speech by Dr. Rachel Dodds, where she challenges the audience to think about the metrics of tourism differently Focus on community wellness rather than number of visitors.• Next was a discussion on Tourism Communication during a time of crisis/emergency given by Krista Lockhead• Northern BC Tourism had their annual AGM and Board Election• An update was given by Walt Judas on lobbying/advocacy efforts that have been undertaken by the Tourism Industry Association of BC• A panel discussion hosted by Patrick Lucas of Indigenous Youth Mountain Bike Program to talk about how Mountain Biking and Reconciliation can go hand in hand.	Chamber of Commerce Alternate
October 24, 2024	<p>Attended the last day of the Northern BC Tourism Summit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An update from Destination BC, focused mainly on the unveiling of the new Northern BC Iconic strategy, titled 'The Great Wilderness'.• A 'community bragging session' was held where 5 different municipalities talked about the work they are doing around tourism. Mackenzie's Economic Development Officer Rachelle Richman spoke on behalf of the District of Mackenzie and gave a great talk!• A keynote speech by Chris Fields, about how to be unique in the tourism space and to not be afraid of trying new things.	Chamber of Commerce Alternate
October 24, 2024	Had lunch with SD57 Superintendent Jameel Aziz and discussed governance and growing the relationship between SD57 and the District of Mackenzie.	Education and Youth Liaison

October 25, 2024	Had a meeting with Alex de Chantal with the Fraser Basin Council, where he gave an overview of the Community Cooperation Wildfire program he is running.	N/A
October 26, 2024	Was presented with the ceremonial first Poppy of this years Legion Poppy campaign in Mackenzie by Mackenzie Legion President Lawrence Napier.	Deputy Mayor
October 28, 2024	Participated in PCN Community Advisory Committee meeting.	N/A
November 5 th , 2024	Attended the Annual General Meeting of the Kimta Transportation Society	N/A
November 6 th , 2024	Meeting with Mayor Atkinson and CAO Smith regarding an upcoming Notice of Motion	N/A
November 6 th , 2024	Participated in a working group, built off the Mackenzie PCN table around developing a website/resource list for mental health supports.	N/A
November 6, 2024	Attended the first half an hour of the Morfee Elementary PAC meeting.	Education and Youth Liaison
November 6, 2024	Attended a public information session hosted by the McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest.	N/A
November 7 th , 2024	Attended the public budget meeting held at the Rec Centre to hear from residents on their preliminary thoughts on the 2025 budget.	N/A
November 7 th , 2024	Participated in a Board of Directors meeting for the Mackenzie Rainbows Swim Club.	N/A
November 11 th , 2024	Attended Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Mackenzie Branch Legion 273.	N/A
November 12, 2024	Participated in an executive committee meeting of the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) in preparation of hosting the Mental Health and Addictions Symposium the following day.	N/A
November 13, 2024	<p>First day of the Mental Health and Addictions Symposium. Here is a recap:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A funny and poignant keynote address from former NHLer Corey Hirsch 2. A call to action panel discussion from Intersect Family Services and the Community Action Initiative 3. Amazing advice about collaboration from Fort St. John's Sapling Mental Health and Connective 4. An powerful opening address from MP Todd Doherty 5. A breakout session with the founder of Stigma Free Mental Health BC on her own personal journey. 	N/A

November 14, 2024	<p>Final Day of the Mental Health and Addictions Symposium. Here is a brief recap:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="370 310 1190 384">1. A really amazing and inspiring panel discussion by The Pounds Project and the Prince George Community Action team.<li data-bbox="370 430 1190 541">2. A deeply personal breakout session with the founder of Stigma Free Mental Health and also a great keynote by them on mental health and leadership.<li data-bbox="370 588 1117 661">3. An update by the Nisga Nation on their work on health, switching the paradigm from reactive to preventive.<li data-bbox="370 707 1174 890">4. I was humbled to sign on behalf of the District of Mackenzie along with 20+ other local governments, Indigenous Nations and organizations a Mental Health and Addictions Accord, demonstrating our commitment to combating and working towards solutions on the issues.	N/A
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Respectfully Submitted,

Councilor Wright