

**Regular Council Meeting
Minutes**

**November 12, 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,
Fire Chief J. Guise, Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn, Executive
Assistant/Legislative Clerk C. Smith

Visitors Present: David Fogarty, Acting President, Williston Lake Elders Society, Tracy
Medley, Executive Director, Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce,
Shannon Bezo, President, Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce

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 Committee Of The Whole - October 28, 2024

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on October 28 were adopted as presented.

2.2 Regular Meeting - October 28, 2024

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 28 were adopted as presented.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

N/A

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Resolution: 33594

Moved by: Councillor Tapper

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Shannon Bezo, resident, commented that she was available to discuss item 7.2.1 further if Council had questions.

6. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

6.1 Williston Lake Elders Society - Request to Address Council

David Fogarty presented to Council an update on the Williston Lake Elders Society as well as an update on their plans for an assisted living/seniors residence in the community.

6.2 Community Grants Presentation

The Community Grants Policy 3.16 requires all organizations approved for Fee-For-Service Agreements to provide an in-person presentation to Council at the end of each year highlighting accomplishments, goals and objectives, benefits provided to the community, and a financial statement outlining how the District's funding was utilized. The Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce provided a presentation to Mayor and Council highlighting 2024 year's activities.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Resolution: 33595

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

7.1 For Action:

7.1.1 Mackenzie Community Services - Letter of Support

Resolution: 33596

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the District of Mackenzie supports the application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust from Mackenzie Community Services for their capacity building project and hiring of a bookkeeper.

CARRIED

7.1.2 Williston Lake Elders Society Land Request

Councillor McMeeken left the meeting and returned after the vote to avoid a conflict.

Resolution: 33597

Moved by: Mayor Atkinson

THAT Council bring back a report to Council providing a dollar amount to the land WLES requested.

Opposed (1): Councillor Wright

Conflict (1): Councillor McMeeken

CARRIED (4 to 1)

7.1.3 Chamber of Commerce Annual Auction

Resolution: 33598

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the District donates a basket to the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce Auction

CARRIED

7.2 For Consideration:

7.2.1 Letter to Superintendent Aziz Regarding Early Childhood Education Program

Resolution: 33599

Moved by: Mayor Atkinson

THAT Council receive this letter for information.

CARRIED

7.3 Centre Table File

N/A

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1 2024-2028 Financial Plan Amendment

Item was deferred to next meeting to be updated with new information.

8.2 New Shop Local Branding

Resolution: 33600

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 Mayor's Report

N/A

- 9.2 Council Reports
Councillor McMeeken and Barnes gave verbal reports.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

11. NEW BUSINESS

N/A

12. BYLAWS

- 12.1 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1520, 2024
Item was deferred to next meeting for updated information.

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

N/A

14. COMING EVENTS

Williston Lake Elders Society Public Update Meeting
Date: Tuesday November 26
Time: 7:00pm
Where: Mackenzie Legion

Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce Annual Auction
Date: Saturday November 30
Time: Doors at 6:00pm
Where: Mackenzie Legion

2024 Mental Health and Addictions Symposium
Date: November 13 & 14, 2024
Where: Prince George, BC

15. INQUIRIES

N/A

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: 33601

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer

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