

Regular Council Meeting

Minutes

December 9, 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 P. Kylo, Councillor R. McMeeken, Councillor K. Tapper, Councillor J. Wright

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer D. Smith, Chief Financial Officer K. Borne, Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn, Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant C. Smith

Visitors Present: Cheryl Campbell, Executive Director, Autumn Lodge Society, Lucille Hinkleman, Board Member, Autumn Lodge Society, Michelle Bobrel, President, Mackenzie Community Arts Council

1. CALL TO ORDER

CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:16PM.

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: 33620

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the Special Closed meeting be deferred until after the regular meeting;

AND THAT the basis of the Special Closed Meeting relates to Section (1) (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 (1) (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 Committee of the Whole - November 25, 2024

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on November 25, 2024 were adopted as presented.

2.2 Regular Meeting - November 25, 2024

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 25, 2024 were adopted as presented.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

N/A

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: 33621

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

N/A

6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

In 2020, Council adopted the Community Grants Policy 3.16 which 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 following groups provided presentations to Mayor and Council highlighting 2024 project and a "year in review"

- Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society
- Mackenzie Community Arts Council

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolution: 33622

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

7.1 For Action:

7.1.1 NCLGA Membership Dues

Resolution: 33623

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the NCLGA Membership dues for 2025 be paid.

CARRIED

7.1.2 Mackenzie Community Arts Council - Request for Support

Resolution: 33624

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council deny the request for snow removal at the new MCAC location

Opposed (1): Councillor P. Kylo

CARRIED (6 to 1)

7.2 For Consideration:

7.2.1 Letter to Kiel Giddens

7.2.2 BC Alert - Ready Program to include Health Services for notification of
Emergency Room Closures

7.2.3 MCS Monthly Seniors News Letter December Edition

7.2.4 December 2024 Northern Health Healthy Communities E - Brief

7.2.5 2025 Calendar for Council

Resolution: 33625

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the meeting of May 12, 2025, be rescheduled for the first week of May,
2025.

CARRIED

7.2.6 November Notice of Motion Letters of Support

7.3 Centre Table File

8. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

8.1 Notice of Motion - South Peace Mackenzie Trust Application

Resolution: 33626

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council directs staff to submit a grant application to the South Peace Mackenzie Trust with the intention of hiring a second Economic Development Worker for the municipality to work in the Corporate Service Department.

Opposed (3): Mayor Atkinson, Councillor Barnes, and Councillor McMeeken

CARRIED (4 to 3)

8.2 External Audit Services (2024-2026)

Resolution: 33627

Moved by: Councillor P. Kylo

THAT the main motion be amended to a one-year term only and be sent out for RFP for the remainder of the term.

CARRIED

Resolution: 33628

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council awards the 2024-2026 External Audit Services to KPMG in the amount of \$51,020 + GST for a one-year term only.

CARRIED

8.3 2025 Council Liaison Appointments - Update

Resolution: 33629

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council appoints Councillor Peter Kylo as an alternate liaison to the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee and the Williston Lake Elders Society for a one-year term;

CARRIED

8.4 Interim Housing Needs Report

Resolution: 33630

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the 2019 District of Mackenzie (District) Housing Needs Report be updated to include the Interim Housing Needs Report in Attachment A as Appendix B;

AND THAT the updated 2019 District of Mackenzie Housing Needs Report be published on the District's website to fulfill the District's requirements under the *Local Government Act*.

CARRIED

8.5 Social Media Policy 1.27

Resolution: 33631

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council approves the proposed Social Media Policy 1.27.

Opposed (2): Councillor Tapper, and Councillor Wright

CARRIED (5 to 2)

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 Mayor's Report

9.2 Council Reports

Councillor Barnes gave a verbal report

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

11. NEW BUSINESS

N/A

12. BYLAWS

12.1 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1520, 2024

Resolution: 33632

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No.1520, 2024 be adopted.

CARRIED

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

In accordance with the "District of Mackenzie Council Procedures Bylaw No. 1470, 2022" notice of the proposed motion was provided. The proposed motions will be included on the January 13, 2025, Regular Council meeting for Council's consideration.

13.1 Nuclear Energy in British Columbia

14. COMING EVENTS

- Morfee Elementary Winter Showcase December 18, 2024
- Chamber Lunch December 12, 2024

15. INQUIRIES

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: 33633

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the meeting adjourns at 8:40PM

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer