

**Regular Council Meeting
Minutes**

**February 27, 2023, 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 A. Hipkiss, 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, Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn, Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant C. Smirle

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.

1.1 Defer to Closed Meeting

Resolution: 32826

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

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

AND THAT the basis of the Special Closed Meeting relates to 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.

Opposed (1): Councillor Wright

CARRIED (6 to 1)

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Special Meeting - February 13, 2023

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 13, 2023 were adopted as presented.

2.2 Regular Meeting - February 13, 2023

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 13, 2023 were adopted as amended.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

N/A

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: 32827

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Shannon Bezo, resident, asked when she would be able to ask questions regarding the Committee of the Whole Report as there is no public input section during the Committee of the Whole? Mayor Atkinson replied that the Committee of the Whole meetings are just to receive monthly reports from Directors and Chief Administrative Officer, Diane Smith, would look into this and report back.

Ms. Bezo also mentioned she noticed there are a lot of Closed meetings and was wondering if the municipality should be concerned. Mayor Atkinson replied that there are a number of reasons why closed meetings are held and in many cases items come to an open meeting. Ms. Bezo suggested that when items are brought to an open meeting that were previously discussed in a closed meeting she suggested that it be noted in the reports.

6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

N/A

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Resolution: 32828

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

7.1 For Action:

7.1.1 Disaster Risk Reduction - Climate Adaptation Grant Application

Resolution: 32829

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT the District of Mackenzie supports the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George applying for, receiving, and managing grant funding on our behalf through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Disaster Risk Reduction – Climate Adaptation program.

CARRIED

8. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

N/A

9. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

9.1 Mayor's Report

9.1.1 Mayor Atkinson - January 2023

Mayor Atkinson provided a written report.

9.2 Council Reports

9.2.1 Councillor Wright - February 2023

Councillor Wright provided a written report.

9.2.2 Councillor Tapper - February 2023

Councillor Tapper provided a verbal report.

9.2.3 Councillor McMeeken

Councillor McMeeken provided an update on the recent engagement regarding accessibility.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Council Remuneration

Resolution: 32830

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT staff bring a report regarding Council remuneration to a future Council meeting.

CARRIED

12. BYLAWS

N/A

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

N/A

14. COMING EVENTS

14.1 Diverse Abilities - An Expo of Inclusion and Accessibility

15. INQUIRIES

Janice Nelson, Publisher of the Macktown Buzzette, asked if with the new audio-visual upgrades coming if live streaming will be happening? Emily Kaehn, Director of Corporate Services, replied yes. Ms. Nelson added that in previous reports it was mentioned that the upgrades would be done by October. Ms. Kaehn replied that we have had some technical issues with parts received but we are back on track now.

Ms. Nelson asked if there were any outstanding GMHL invoices for ice time? Terry Gilmer, Director of Recreation Services, replied that they are all paid up now. He added that the contract states all ice time must be paid for in advance of use.

Ms. Nelson asked about the recent payment to ThinkSpace and asked what it was for? Ms. Kaehn replied that the payment was for services provided work being completed for the Daycare concept project. Ms. Nelson asked if this is a District project? Ms. Kaehn replied yes.

Ms. Nelson mentioned that there was no bylaw report in the Committee of the Whole Report and asked if we have Animal Control right now? Mayor Atkinson replied no, not right now.

Ms. Nelson asked where the Diverse Abilities event is being advertised?
Councillor McMeeken replied that the event is a College of New
Caledonia/WorkBC event, and it is posted online and on Facebook. Mayor
Atkinson added that it is not a District event, we are just promoting the event for
CNC, and we will have a table set up at the event.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: 32831

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:46 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer