

Regular Council Meeting

Minutes

January 13, 2025, 7:15 p.m.

Council Chambers of the Municipal Office

1 Mackenzie Boulevard, Mackenzie, BC

Council Present: Councillor A. Barnes, Councillor V. Brumovsky, Councillor P. Kylo,
Councillor R. McMeeken, Councillor K. Tapper, Councillor J. Wright

Council Absent: Mayor J. Atkinson

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer D. Smith, Chief Financial Officer K. Borne,
Fire Chief J. Guise, Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn, Public
Works Superintendent T. Ostash, Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant,
C. Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:15pm.

Deputy Mayor Barnes 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 - December 9, 2024

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

2.2 Special Meeting- December 9, 2024

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on December 9, 2024 were adopted as presented.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

N/A

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: 33639

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**

Resolution: 33640

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

7.1 For Action:

7.1.1 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Membership Dues

Resolution: 33641

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the 2025 Federation of Canadian Municipalities membership dues be paid.

CARRIED

7.1.2 Request for Support - Mackenzie Community Services

Councillor Wright left the room.

Resolution: 33642

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council provide a letter of support for MCS grant application to the Youth Mental Health Fund for Integrated Youth Services in Mackenzie.

CARRIED

Resolution: 33643

Moved by: Councillor Tapper

THAT Council support in principle, the rental and utilization of the upper floor, washroom and back office space in the Mackenzie Recreation Centre.

CARRIED

7.1.3 Request for Support - Mackenzie Community Arts Council

Councillor Wright returned.

Resolution: 33644

Moved by: Councillor Tapper

THAT Council provide a letter of support for the MCAC application to NDI: Cultural Infrastructure to complete phase 2 of Project Caribou.

CARRIED

Resolution: 33645

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council provide a letter of support for the MCAC application to McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forests to complete phase 2 of Project Caribou.

CARRIED

Resolution: 33466

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council provide a letter of support for the MCAC application to CO-OP Community Spaces to complete phase 2 of Project Caribou.

Resolution: 33647

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council provide a letter of support for the MCAC application to the Pacific Institute of Climate Solutions: Community Climate Action Events Program to enhance upcoming community events.

CARRIED

Resolution: 33648

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council provide a letter of support for MCAC application to BC Art's Council's Community Arts Festival Program to enhance upcoming community events

CARRIED

7.1.4 Request for Proclamation

Resolution: 33649

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the District declare March 26, 2025 International Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness.

AND THAT the Mackenzie Recreation Centre be lit up with purple lights on March 26, 2025 in honour of epilepsy awareness.

CARRIED

7.2 For Consideration:

7.2.1 For Top Honours

Resolution: 33650

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the nomination information for The Order of British Columbia and the Medal of Good Citizenship be advertised on the District website and social media channels.

- 7.2.2 Correspondence from Mark Robillard
 - 7.2.3 Centerra Gold Q4 2024 Newsletter
 - 7.2.4 Protecting Taxpayers from Overspending on Local Government Construction
 - 7.2.5 Westcoast Energy Inc. Sunrise Expansion Program - Project Update
 - 7.2.6 January 2025 Healthy Communities E-Brief
- 7.3 Centre Table File
N/A

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 8.1 2025 Emergency Support Services Grant
Resolution: 33651
Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky
THAT Council supports an application of up to \$40,000 to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) for the Emergency Support Services Equipment & Training grant;
AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the grant application, and if successful, any related documentation.
- CARRIED**
- 8.2 Contract Disclosure – Garden House Bed & Breakfast
Resolution: 33562
Moved by: Councillor Wright
THAT Council receives this report for information.
- CARRIED**
- 8.3 Contract Disclosure – Ski Instructor
Councillor Wright left the room.
Resolution: 33653
Moved by: Councillor P. Kylo
THAT Council receives this report for information.
- CARRIED**
- 8.4 DOM 25-1 Fork Attachment Replacement for Loader
Councillor Wright returned.
Resolution: 33564
Moved by: Councillor Wright
THAT Council awards the purchase of a Fork Attachment to Nors Construction Equipment Canada GW Ltd in the amount of \$16,010 plus GST.

CARRIED

8.5 Nuclear Energy in British Columbia

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council write a letter to the new Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions Adiran Dix, CEO of BC Hydro Chris O'Riley and Premier of BC David Eby to request a review of the current prohibition on Nuclear Energy in British Columbia and all this communication be copied to Mackenzie's MLA Kiel Giddens and MP Bob Zimmer to keep them in the loop.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council directs staff to submit resolutions to UBCM advocating for a review of the Clean Energy Act, specifically to study the feasibility of a reversal on the current prohibition on nuclear energy in British Columbia.

CARRIED

8.6 Williston Lake Elders Society – Land Request Review

Councillor McMeeken left the room.

Resolution: 33657

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council provides a letter of intent to provide land to the Williston Lake Elders' Society, for their Seniors Housing project, subject to subdivision zoning and servicing review processes.

CARRIED

8.7 Dental Equipment – Storage and Disposal

Councillor McMeeken returned.

Resolution: 33568

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council authorize Administration to dispose or recycle District-owned dental equipment that is no longer in useable condition.

CARRIED

8.8 Revised 2025 Budget Schedule

Resolution: 33659

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council approves the revised Council meeting dates for the 2025 annual budget process.

CARRIED

9. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

9.1 Mayor's Report
N/A

9.2 Council Reports

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

N/A

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

N/A

12. **BYLAWS**

13. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

N/A

14. **COMING EVENTS**

15. **INQUIRIES**

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution: 33660

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken
THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:57pm

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer