

District of Mackenzie

**COUNCIL MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Councilor Wright  
**Date:** **February 2025**  
**Subject:** Report for February 2025

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**Note to Council:** I was elected President of the 'Youth Wellness Society of Mackenzie', a new non-profit in Mackenzie.

**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:
February 5, 2025	Attended the public Budget Consultation meeting at the Rec Centre.	N/A
February 6, 2025	Attended the monthly Climate Caucus Elected Only Zoom Call. This month's guest speaker was on UNDRIP and how it impacts municipalities.	Climate Liaison
February 6, 2025	Hosted an online 'Ask Me Anything' session. Summary will be attached below.	N/A
February 6, 2025	Attended a board meeting of the Mackenzie Rainbows Swim Club.	N/A
February 7, 2025	Had a meeting with MLA Kiel Giddens, and talked about education in Mackenzie.	Education and Youth Liaison
February 7, 2025	Met with a professor from UNBC who is hosting a series on talks across Northern BC regarding energy opinions. Started planning to have one of these sessions in Mackenzie in April.	Climate Liaison
February 11, 2025	Participated in a community consultation hosted by Enbridge to talk about their proposed Sunrise Project	N/A
February 11, 2025	Participated in the local Primary Care Network Steering Committee meeting.	N/A
February 12, 2025	Participated in the inaugural board meeting of the new non-profit, the 'Youth Wellness Society of Mackenzie'.	Youth and Education Liaison
February 13, 2025	Attended the first half of a special Elected Only Climate Caucus meeting, where the attendees talked about what their municipalities are doing to prepare for potential new tariffs between Canada and USA. I had to leave early for a personal matter.	Climate Liaison
February 18, 2025	Participated in a board meeting of the Williston Lake Elders Society	Williston Lake Elders Society Liaison
February 19, 2025	Attended a special webinar put on by the Climate Caucus, where experts from the Columbia Institute presented on Climate Governance considering all the changing political context around us.	Climate Liaison
February 20, 2025	Attended the monthly Chamber of Commerce luncheon, this month's guest speaker was Anna Duff, the General Manager of Community Futures Fraser-Fort George	Chamber of Commerce Alternate

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilor Wright

## Summary of Feedback/Questions from Public Engagement



1. I'm curious if the idea of the biweekly garbage pick up was considered? [As a budget saving measure].
2. Is there any information on the availability of hydro infrastructure in the industrial area to welcome or push for new industry to open up shop?
3. What is the District's plan for more tourism?
4. I think the idea of wild flowers planted through out town would be beneficial. Less maintenance [as you would not have to cut the grass/weed as often] and help the bees and what not.
5. I worry about raising property taxes as we have many seniors on fixed income and can not afford an increase.
6. Has council noticed more public engagement with the livestreaming of council meetings? Hopefully it will increase with it being accessible to more people.
7. How has the road closure [issue] been developing [north of town]?
8. Have you heard of the Williston Lake Trout Project?
9. It really bothers me [why] do those girls get paid overtime or banked time to water those flowers on the main drag when they could put up artificial flowers.
10. Can the town get Windmills for income like Tumbler Ridge has done?
11. Who is our one economic developer [officer]? And [should/could] they ... inform the community quarterly about what they have done?
12. Back in the day, roughly late '80, the town did have public forums twice a year for question and to let the citizens know what was happening like how the Morfee Lake Road was to be paved.

13. Has the district ever thought about approaching the CBC show Still Standing to help encourage tourism.
14. Be nice to open trail from Mountain road to shooting range for biathlon. Then we can host for training.
15. Has a hiring freeze been thought about too?
16. Also, the rec centre is missing a revenue by not having aqua fit in the evening.
17. Let me buy a lot on Lions Lake. Win/win. Property tax for you, lake front property for me. Economically, it makes sense.
18. Is the Ernie Bodin centre not being torn down? I thought it was being turned into an outdoor space.
19. Has the district reached out to/made space for film companies to come and film in town? They are always looking for scenes/sets in sometimes surprising places....
20. Were you a part of the community consultation with CNC in regards to the restructuring and now reduction of staff at Mackenzie Campus? If you were, what was the information conveyed?
21. What would you suggest or recommend that CNC staff or community members could do? This reduction in staff and capacity to offer programming will be a loss to our community.
22. I want to amend bylaw for chickens out in Gantahaz.