

**COUNCIL REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Councillor Wright  
**Date:** February 4, 2025  
**Subject:** Mental Health and Addictions Liaison

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*The date for this motion to be considered is at the February 24, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council adds to the roster of Council Liaison Appointments the role of 'Mental Health and Addictions' Liaison, whose role, as a starting place, is to represent the District of Mackenzie in its role as a signatory of the 'Mental Health and Addiction's Accord' signed in November 2024.

**RATIONALE:**

1. Meetings have been planned to be held bi-monthly of signatories of the accord. With this time commitment, having a formal role of a Mayor/Councillor to do this work will provide predictability and stability to the District's role in the group.
2. The Accord is a 'living document,' which means edits are expected to meet the current issues of the day and changing political landscape. Having the District of Mackenzie's voice in these discussions is essential, as our name is on the document.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

1. Nothing, all this motion requires is staff/council time.
2. The Mental Health and Addictions Symposium held last year is intended to be an annual/bi-annual event. A consideration of a budget to assure the District of Mackenzie has in-person representation at this event could be added at a later date.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

Councillor Jesse Wright