

**Regular Council Meeting
Minutes**

February 24, 2025, 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 Operations J. Murray, Fire Chief J. Guise, Director of Recreation Services T. Gilmer, Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn, Finance Manager W. Peterson, Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant, C. Smith

Visitors Present: Judy Matkaluk, Manager, Regulatory Affairs and Engagement, CTI Plus Resources

1. CALL TO ORDER

CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:15pm.

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.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Regular Meeting - February 10, 2025

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 10, 2025 were adopted as presented.

2.2 Special Meeting- February 10, 2025

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 10, 2025 were adopted as presented.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

N/A

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Resolution: 33702

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

N/A

6. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

6.1 Rocky Creek Metallurgical Coal Project

Judy Matkaluk, CTI Plus Resources, Manager: Regulatory Affairs and Engagement, gave a presentation on the Rocky Creek metallurgical coal project.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Resolution: 33703

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the Correspondence listed on the agenda be received.

CARRIED

7.1 For Action:

Councillor Wright left the room to avoid conflict of interest on topic 7.1.1.

7.1.1 Letter of Support - Spectrum Support Program

Resolution: 33704

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the District provide a Letter of Support to Mackenzie Community Services application to the McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest for funding to support Social Sunday Activities.

CARRIED

Councillor Wright returned following the vote.

7.1.2 Letter of Support - Mackenzie & District Museum Society

Resolution: 33705

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council provide a Letter of Support to the Mackenzie & District Museum for their application to McLeod Lake Community Forests - Community Benefits Stream for the Trapped: Living Off the Land exhibit.

CARRIED

Resolution: 33706

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council provide a Letter of Support to the Mackenzie & District Museum for their application to the BC Hydro- Broad Impact Grant for the "Building Mackenzie" exhibit.

CARRIED

Resolution: 33707

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council provide a Letter of Support to the Mackenzie & District Museum for their application to the Telus - Community Boards Grant for the "Technology Through Time" exhibit.

CARRIED

7.1.3 Letter of Support - Kimta Transportation

Resolution: 33708

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council provide a Letter of Support to Kimta Transportation for their application to the Housing Infrastructure and Communities Canada - Rural Transfer Solutions Fund, to provide local shuttle services within Mackenzie with additional services to and from McLeod Lake.

CARRIED

7.1.4 CivicInfo BC 2025 Membership Dues

Resolution: 33709

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the CivicInfo BC 2025 Membership dues be paid in the amount of \$268.80.

CARRIED

7.2 For Consideration:

7.2.1 Thank-you Letter - UBCM 2024

7.2.2 Thank-you Letter and Certificate - CN Police

7.2.3 NCLGA Resolution Submission Guidelines

7.2.4 World Down Syndrome Day Light Up Request

7.2.5 Northern Energy Dialogues - Mackenzie Community Open House

7.3 Centre Table File

- PAS System Contract
- What We Heard Survey Results

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1 2025 Budget Survey – What We Heard

Resolution: 33710

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

8.2 2025 Provisional Budget Scenarios Recommendation

Resolution: 33711

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council choose scenario 3, covering the \$1,058,650 shortfall through a combination of other sources of funding and a higher property tax increase: Property Tax 12.87%, Water 12%, Sewer 9%, Garbage 6.5%.

DEFEATED

Resolution: 33712

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council choose an amended shortfall funding scenario 2 and the Recreation Centre budget option 3, covering the \$1,058,650 shortfall through a combination of other sources of funding, property tax increase, and service reduction as follows:

- 10.85% property tax rate increase
- 12% water bylaw rate increase
- 10% sewer bylaw rate increase
- 6.5% garbage bylaw rate increase
- closing the Mackenzie Recreation Centre facility for ½ day on Mondays year round and on Sunday between April and October as well as possible other overall changes to facility hours.

CARRIED (6 to 1)

Opposed (1): Councillor Wright

8.3 Public Alerting System (PAS)

Resolution: 33713

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council approves a two-year contract with the Regional District of Fraser Fort George (RDFFG) for the use of their Public Alerting System (PAS) in the amount of \$750 per year plus GST;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the contract and any related documentation.

CARRIED

8.4 Mental Health and Addictions Liaison

Resolution: 33714

Moved by: Councillor Wright

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.

CARRIED

8.5 NCLGA and UBCM Resolutions – Foundry

Resolution: 33715

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council directs staff to submit the following resolution to NCLGA and UBCM:

"Whereas youth in rural and remote British Columbia are facing mental health and wellness challenges just like their peers in urban centers,"

"Whereas Foundry BC in-person Centers are largely located in urban British Columbia and not accessible for youth in rural and remote BC communities,"

"Therefore, be it resolved that NCLGA and UBCM lobby the Provincial Government, commit to establishing in-person Foundry Centre's that meet the needs of rural and remote youth in their home communities, that recognizes the unique challenges of youth living in rural and remote communities."

CARRIED

8.6 2025 Council Travel

Resolution: 33716

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 Mayor's Report
N/A

9.2 Council Reports

Councillors McMeeken and Kylo gave verbal reports.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

11. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution: 33717

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT staff bring back a report with information regarding the process and opportunities available for the District to develop lakefront and further large acreage lots in the area.

CARRIED

12. BYLAWS

N/A

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

13.1 Notice of Motion – DOM Procurement Practices

This notice of motion will be considered at the March 10, 2024 Council Meeting.

14. COMING EVENTS

N/A

15. INQUIRIES

N/A

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: 33718

Moved by: Councillor Tapper

THAT the meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer