

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Administration

Date: March 4, 2025

Subject: Council Liaison Appointment – Mental Health and Addictions

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Councillor Jesse Wright be appointed the Mental Health and Addictions Council Liaison.

BACKGROUND:

On November 14, 2024, Council signed the North Central Local Government Association's "Mental Health and Addictions Accord" along with other communities within the region recognizing the urgent and ongoing need to address the mental health and addictions crisis affecting our communities and committing to work collaboratively and leverage collective resources to advance positive solutions in this area of concern.

At the February 24, 2024, Regular Meeting Council approved the creation of the new liaison position to support the work that may result from the Mental Health and Addictions Accord. Councillor Wright has indicated his interest in assuming the role as part of his Council portfolio.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Any travel expenses will be paid in accordance with the District of Mackenzie Expense Account Regulation Policy and allocated from the Mayor and Council Travel operational budget.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Community and Social Development

- Our investment in the municipality's services and infrastructure, our commitment to principles of social equity and well-being, and our belief in the value of resident engagement, creates a healthy community in which everyone feels valued and enjoys a high quality of life.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Mayor Joan Atkinson

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer