

COUNCIL MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

To: Mayor and Council
From: Mayor Joan Atkinson
Date: Monday, March 10, 2025
Subject: Activity for February 2025

Date:	Activity:
February 5	Met with Roshan Pothumulla (Evergreen Taxi). Roshan has made the difficult decision to suspend taxi services in Mackenzie. Ongoing financial challenges have forced Roshan to make this decision. I thanked Roshan on behalf of the District of Mackenzie for his outstanding service to our community
February 5	Attended Community Consultation for 2025 Budget at Rec Centre. Chief Financial Officer Kerri Borne updated the community on revenue shortfalls due to closure of Heavy Industry facilities. Following the presentation, attendees were encouraged to voice their opinions and concerns
February 6	CAO Smith and I met Kelly Favron, General Manager for Conifex Timber. Conifex has hired all the required personnel for their second shift and is currently focusing on building up required inventory in log yard to support lumber production during spring break up.
February 10	Participated in presentation from Finance Department regarding 2025 Provisional Operating and Capital Budget
February 11	Attended Enbridge Community Update on the Sunrise Expansion Project. Topics of discussion focused on Workforce Accommodation; Economic and Community Benefits; and Healthcare and Emergency Preparedness. Approximately 40 community members attended representing many organizations in Mackenzie
February 13	Participated in "Mackenzie Forest Landscape Planning Table". The main focus was finalizing Terms of Reference for the group which includes 5 First Nation; District of Mackenzie; McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest; Mackenzie Timber Supply Area Forest Licence Holders and the Province of BC
February 18	Participated in Virtual Listening Tour sponsored by Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Topic was Canada – US Relations and the role of local governments in protecting the Canadian economy

February 19	Participated in Regional District of Fraser Fort George Committee of the Whole meeting. Consideration of 2025 Budget was approved which resulted in a tax requisition increase of 7.13%. Total Budget is \$70,049,346.
February 19	Participated in Regional Hospital Board Meeting. I have been re-elected as Chairperson of the Board and Director Kyle Sampson was re-elected as Vice Chairperson.
February 21	Participated in Peace Williston Advisory committee meeting. Glen Clark has been appointed as the new chair of BC Hydro Board of Directors. Currently Williston Lake is below average but that should change with snowpack melt. Councillor Kylo participated in the meeting as a guest. I have submitted Councillor Kylo's name to sit on this Advisory committee.
February 24	Met with Raymond Lamont, chief negotiator for Tsay Keh Dene Nation regarding stumpage challenges in the north end of our timber supply area
February 25	CAO Smith and I met with Andrew McLellan, President and Chief Operating Officer for Conifex Timber. Tariff threats from the US are a major concern.
February 25	Participated in a phone conversation with Adam Schaan, Assistant to MLA Sheldon Claire (Prince George North Cariboo) regarding challenges with Regional Hospital District funding requests from Northern Health
February 25	Reached out to Lori Borth, Regional Executive Director (Ministry of Forests) requesting Forest Minister Ravi Parmar travel to Mackenzie to get a better understanding of the challenges we are facing
February 26	Attended College of New Caledonia Open House
February 26	Along with Councillors McMeeken, Wright, Brumovsky and Barnes, I participated in a Zoom call with Cindy Heitman, President and CEO of the College of New Caledonia. The college is currently being restructured due to financial challenges. CNC campus in Mackenzie will remain open with a new structure that is scheduled to be in place in September 2025. There will be no changes to Work BC delivery of services to the community

Respectfully Submitted,
Mayor Joan Atkinson