

**Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes**

**March 10, 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, Director of Corporate Services E.  
Kaehn, Finance Manager W. Peterson, Legislative Clerk/Executive  
Assistant, C. Smith

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**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 Committee of the Whole - February 24, 2025

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on February 24, 2025 were adopted as presented.

2.2 Regular Meeting - February 24, 2025

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 24, 2025 were adopted as presented.

2.3 Special Meeting- February 24, 2025

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 24, 2025 were adopted as presented.

**3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

**Resolution: 33722**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wright

THAT the following late items be added to the agenda:

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

*\*8.5 2025 Provisional Operating and Capital Budgets*

*THAT Council approves the 2025 Provisional Operating and Capital Budgets.*

*\*8.6 2025 Water, Sewer and Garbage Bylaw Amendment*

*THAT Council receives this report for information.*

**12. BYLAWS**

*\*12.1 Bylaw No. 1521, 2025 Water Rates and Regulations Amendment*

*THAT Bylaw No. 1521 cited as "Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1521, 2025" be given its first three readings.*

*\*12.2 Bylaw No. 1522, 2025 Sewer Rates and Regulations Amendment*

*THAT Bylaw No. 1522 cited as "Sewer Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No.1522, 2025" be given its first three readings.*

*\*12.3 Bylaw No. 1523, 2025 Garbage Rates and Regulations Amendment*

*THAT Bylaw No. 1523, 2025 cited as "Garbage Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1523, 2025" be given its first three readings.*

**CARRIED**

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Resolution: 33723**

**Moved by:** Councillor McMeeken

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Shannon Bezo, Chair, Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce, spoke to item 8.1 and asked if anyone from the District would present or have an open meeting to share information regarding the procurement process. Mayor Atkinson asked if it would be okay that the District share their policy and procedure on procurement with the Chamber of Commerce, rather than a meeting or a presentation by staff. Mrs. Bezo accepted.

**6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

N/A

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Resolution: 33724**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wright

THAT the correspondence listed on the agenda be received.

**CARRIED**

7.1 For Action:

7.1.1 Letter of Support - Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Brumovsky declared a conflict on this item and left the room for the vote.

**Resolution: 33725**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wright

THAT Council provide a letter of support to the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce for their application to the McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest grant for funding towards Walking Tours and Activities.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Brumovsky returned.

7.2 For Consideration:

7.2.1 UBCM & LMLGA Support for Resolution

7.2.2 Open Letter to Premier Eby and Minister Chandra Herbert

7.2.3 Enbridge Sunrise Expansion Program Roundtable

7.2.4 Hard Drug Full Decriminalization

**Resolution: 33726**

**Moved by:** Councillor Barnes

THAT Council send a letter to alert Premier David Eby that the full decriminalization of hard drugs must be repealed.

Opposed (3): Mayor Atkinson, Councillor Tapper, and Councillor Wright

**CARRIED (4 to 3)**

7.3 Centre Table File

8. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

8.1 Notice of Motion – DOM Procurement Practices

**Resolution: 33727**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wright

THAT the District ban purchases from USA for the next 60 days, if products are also available in Canada.

AND THAT if a product is only available through the USA, staff can seek approval from Chief Administrative Officer.

**CARRIED**

8.2 Council Liaison Appointment – Mental Health and Addictions

**Resolution: 33728**

**Moved by:** Councillor McMeeken

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

**CARRIED**

8.3 Visitor Centre Caboose Operations 2025

Councillor Brumovsky declared a conflict on this item and left the room.

**Resolution: 33729**

**Moved by:** Councillor P. Kylo

THAT Council approves the 2025 Visitor Services Agreement with the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$28,000;

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

**CARRIED**

Councillor Brumovsky returned.

8.4 Resolution of Support – BC Air Access Program and SPMT – Airport Upgrades

**Resolution: 33730**

**Moved by:** Councillor Barnes

THAT Council supports the District of Mackenzie's application to the BC Air Access Program for up to \$33,000 in funding towards airport upgrades.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution: 33731**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council supports the District of Mackenzie's application to the BC Air Access Program for up to \$13,000 in funding towards airport upgrades.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution: 33732**

**Moved by:** Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council supports the District of Mackenzie's application to the South Peace Mackenzie Trust for up to \$46,145 in funding towards airport upgrades.

**CARRIED**

8.5 2025 Provisional Operating and Capital Budgets

**Resolution: 33733**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council approves the 2025 Provisional Operating and Capital Budgets.

Opposed (1): Councillor Wright

**CARRIED (6 to 1)**

8.6 2025 Water, Sewer and Garbage Bylaw Amendment

**Resolution: 33734**

**Moved by:** Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council receives this report for information.

**CARRIED**

**9. COUNCIL REPORTS**

9.1 Mayor's Report

9.2 Council Reports

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

N/A

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution: 33735**

**Moved by:** Councillor P. Kylo

THAT Council submit resolutions to NCLGA and UBCM asking them to lobby the Provincial government to ensure Provincial decisions regarding the removal of crown land from current and potential resource extraction activity, impacting the local economy, must first include consultation from local government prior to decisions being made.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution: 33736**

**Moved by:** Councillor P. Kylo

THAT Council submit a resolution to NCLGA and UBCM asking them to lobby the Provincial Government to ensure local government is afforded the opportunity to participate in discussions prior to any Provincial ministry decisions regarding the closure of forest service roads

**CARRIED**

**12. BYLAWS**

12.1 Bylaw No. 1521, 2025 Water Rates and Regulations Amendment

**Resolution: 33737**

**Moved by:** Councillor Barnes

THAT Bylaw No. 1521 cited as "Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1521, 2025" be given its first three readings.

**CARRIED**

12.2 Bylaw No. 1522, 2025 Sewer Rates and Regulations Amendment

**Resolution: 33738**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Bylaw No. 1522 cited as "Sewer Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No.1522, 2025" be given its first three readings.

**CARRIED**

12.3 Bylaw No. 1523, 2025 Garbage Rates and Regulations Amendment

THAT Bylaw No. 1523, 2025 cited as "Garbage Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1523, 2025" be given its first three readings.

**CARRIED**

**13. NOTICE OF MOTION**

N/A

**14. COMING EVENTS**

March Break for School District No.57 - March 15 - March 30, 2025.

**15. INQUIRIES**

N/A

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution: 33740**

**Moved by:** Councillor Barnes

THAT the meeting adjourns at 8:14pm.

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer