

## **COUNCIL MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Mayor Joan Atkinson  
**Date:** April 14, 2025  
**Subject:** Activity for March 2025

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Activity:</b>
March 4 2025	Participated in a meeting with SD 57 Board of Trustees in my role as Regional Director for Fraser Fort George (RDFFG). The Facilities Report on condition of SD57 schools was prepared by a third-party consultant and is intended to be a reference document only. The only decision regarding SD57 schools that will be made this year is whether Giscome Elementary will be permanently closed. This decision will be discussed at the April Board Meeting
March 4 2025	Participated in Mackenzie Wildfire Advisory Committee (MWAC) meeting. Fire Smart funding (provided by Province of BC) has been approved for the 2025/26 fiscal year. Fire Smart coordinator has initiated RFP process to support the removal of fuels in identified areas around perimeter of community.
March 11, 2025	CAO Smith and I met with Mike Kellett (BC Hydro Northern Community Relations Manager) regarding water levels in Williston Reservoir. Hydro has made application to Water Comptroller to draft level below 2150.
March 13 2025	Met with Lori Borth (Regional Executive Director for Ministry of Forests) to discuss ongoing economic challenges with harvesting in the most northern portion of our Timber Supply area
March 20 2025	Participated in RDFFG monthly meeting. I have been elected Chairperson for the Climate Action Mitigation &Adaption Standing Committee
March 22 2025	Attended the Mackenzie Fire Rescue Awards Banquet at our new Fire Hall. It was amazing to see the dedication and commitment of our team and the countless hours they volunteer not only to respond to critical incidents but also the incredible number of training hours they put in
March 24 2025	Along with Members of Council, I met with RCMP Sergeant Chris Bezaire to discuss priorities for 2025/2026
March 26 2025	CAO Smith and I met with representatives from Conifex Timber, to discuss upcoming Day of Mourning Event being held on April 28th

March 27 2025,	Participated in Site Tour of Iren Data Centre, along with CAO Smith and MLA Kiel Giddens
March 27 2025	Along with member of Council met with MLA Kiel Giddens regarding ongoing issues
March 28 2025	Participated in Zoom call with Health Minister Josie Osborne and multiple Mayors in the province regarding health challenges and Emergency Room closures
March 29 2025	Met with Forests Minister Ravi Parmar who travelled to Mackenzie to get a better understanding of challenges our industry is facing. Minister Parmar toured the East Fraser and Conifex facilities while he was in town and met with District Manager Ryan Bichon

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mayor Joan Atkinson