

**Regular Council Meeting**

**Minutes**

**March 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

Council Absent: 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, Land and Environmental Programs Coordinator L. Thorne, Economic Development Clerk R. Dumoulin, Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant, C. Smith

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:17pm.

*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.*

**1.1 Defer to Closed Meeting**

**Resolution: 33748**

**Moved by:** Councillor McMeeken

THAT the Special Closed meeting be deferred until after the regular meeting;

AND THAT the basis of the Special Closed Meeting relates to Section 90(1) (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality and (k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and

that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public

**CARRIED**

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

2.1 Regular Meeting - March 10, 2025

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

2.2 Special Meeting- March 10, 2025

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

**3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

**Resolution: 33749**

**Moved by:** Councillor Barnes

THAT the following item be added to the agenda:

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

7.1 For Action:

\*7.1.3 Letter of Support - Mackenzie Community Arts Council  
Michelle Bobrel, President, Mackenzie Community Arts Council, is requesting a letter of support for the Mackenzie Community Arts Council's application to Royal Bank of Canada for their upcoming Community Investment Grant, due March 28, for renovations to the new Arts Centre.

**CARRIED**

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Resolution: 33750**

**Moved by:** Councillor Tapper

THAT the Agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

N/A

6. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

N/A

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Resolution: 33751**

**Moved by:** Councillor Tapper

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

**CARRIED**

7.1 **For Action:**

7.1.1 Letter of Comment - Sunrise Expansion Program

**Resolution: 33752**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council provide a letter of comment in support for the Sunrise Expansion Program with no opposition to their plans.

**CARRIED**

7.1.2 Union of BC Municipalities 2025 Membership Dues

**Resolution: 33753**

**Moved by:** Councillor Barnes

THAT the 2025 UBCM membership dues, in the amount of \$2,682.76, be paid.

**CARRIED**

7.1.3 Letter of Support - Mackenzie Community Arts Council

**Resolution: 33754**

**Moved by:** Councillor McMeeken

THAT Mayor and Council provide a Letter of Support for the MCAC application to the RBC Community Investment Grant.

**CARRIED**

7.2 For Consideration:

7.2.1 Letter from Mackenzie Figure Skating Club

7.2.2 Letter from Mackenzie Minor Hockey

7.2.3 BC Hydro Williston Lake Reservoir Forecast Update

**Resolution: 33755**

**Moved by:** Councillor P. Kylo

THAT the District send a letter to both BC Hydro and the Water Controller office, regarding the Williston Lake water levels and the effects it has to our lumber processing facility.

**CARRIED**

7.2.4 Blood Plasma Donor Centre in Northern BC

**Resolution: 33756**

**Moved by:** Councillor Tapper

THAT Council send a letter making the following motion:

WHEREAS plasma from blood is a critical component in life-saving treatments for individuals with immune deficiencies, cancer, kidney disease, and other medical conditions; and

WHEREAS Canada collects less than 20 percent of the plasma required to meet domestic patient needs, relying heavily on international supply chains despite growing demand for plasma-based treatments; and

WHEREAS Canadian Blood Services closed its whole blood donation centre in Prince George in 2015, leaving Northern BC residents with no local option to

donate plasma, while new plasma donor centres have been established in rural regions such as Thunder Bay, Ontario; and

WHEREAS the return of plasma donation services to Northern BC would enhance Canada's self-sufficiency in plasma-based medications, supporting patients in Northern BC and others across Canada while reducing reliance on suppliers from outside the country;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that District of Mackenzie Council urges the Province of British Columbia, through the Ministry of Health, and Canadian Blood Services to establish a Blood Plasma Donor Centre in Prince George to serve Northern BC, improve access for donors, support patient needs, and strengthen Canada's domestic plasma supply; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that District of Mackenzie Council asks residents to further demonstrate their support for life-saving donations by registering for organ and stem cell donation at blood.ca; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Josie Osbourne, BC Minister of Health and Canadian Blood Services CEO Dr. Graham Sher

**CARRIED**

7.2.5 Sugarcane Documentary 2025 Indigenous Culture Week

7.2.6 Light Up in Purple for National Dental Hygienist Week

7.3 Centre Table File

## **8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

8.1 Contract Award – Development Services Program Update

**Resolution: 33757**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council awards the Development Services Program Update project to Praxis Solutions in the amount of \$34,400 plus GST;

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

**CARRIED**

- 8.2 Land Referral - Application for a Section 11 Kwadacha Natural Resources Limited Partnership

**Resolution: 33758**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council directs Administration to respond with option #2 and are in strong support.

**CARRIED**

- 8.3 Vehicle Replacement – 2025 GMC Sierra 1500

**Resolution: 33759**

**Moved by:** Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council awards the purchase of a 2025 GMC Sierra 1500 from Wood Wheaton Supercenter in the amount of \$49,086 plus GST;

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

**CARRIED**

**9. COUNCIL REPORTS**

- 9.1 Mayor's Report

N/A

- 9.2 Council Reports

Councillor Barnes gave a verbal report.

Councillor McMeeken gave a verbal report.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

N/A

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

N/A

**12. BYLAWS**

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

**Resolution: 33760**

**Moved by:** Councillor McMeeken

THAT Bylaw No. 1521, 2025 cited "Water Rates Regulations Amendment  
Amendment Bylaw" be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

**Resolution: 33761**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Bylaw No. 1522, 2025 cited "Sewer Rates Regulations Amendment Bylaw"  
be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

**Resolution: 33762**

**Moved by:** Councillor Barnes

THAT Bylaw No. 1523, 2025, cited "Garbage Rates Regulations Amendment  
Bylaw" be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**13. NOTICE OF MOTION**

N/A

**14. COMING EVENTS**

- Strike Group Job Fair Tuesday April 1, CNC Mackenzie, 10am - 4pm.
- Spring Expo May 2-3, Mackenzie Recreation Centre.

**Resolution: 33763**

**Moved by:** Mayor Atkinson

THAT a letter of congratulations be sent to Gage Siegel for his 3rd place win in the 2024-2025 Youth Remembrance Contest.

**CARRIED**

**15. INQUIRIES**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution: 33764**

**Moved by:** Councillor Barnes

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:58pm.

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer