

**Regular Council Meeting
Minutes**

April 14, 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 K. Tapper, Councillor J. Wright

Council Absent: Councillor R. McMeeken

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer D. Smith, Deputy Fire Chief L. Thorne,
Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn, Legislative Clerk/Executive
Assistant, C. Smith

Visitors Present: Wayne Crossland, Land and Resource Coordinator, Caribou Recovery
Program

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 Special Meeting - March 24, 2025

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

2.2 COTW- March 24, 2025

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

2.3 Regular Meeting - March 24, 2025

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

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

N/A

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Resolution: 33774

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

N/A

6. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

Wayne Crossland, Land and Resource Coordinator, with the Caribou Recovery Program provided a virtual presentation about the Ungulate Winter Range and Wildlife Habitat Area proposals for Southern Mountain Caribou in the Mackenzie Natural Resource District (UWR u-7-001 and WHA 7-018). Council has until May 21, 2025 to provide feedback on the two proposals.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Resolution: 33775

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

7.1 **For Action:**

7.1.1 UBCM Next Gen 911 Grant Funding - Proposed Plan

Resolution: 33776

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council approves the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George to act as the primary applicant to apply for, receive, and manage UBCM Next Generation 911 Application-based Funding of up to \$100,000 on behalf of the District of Mackenzie in support of a NextGen 911 Civic Addressing regional project application.

CARRIED

7.1.2 Request for Support - McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest

Resolution: 33777

Moved by: Councillor P. Kylo

THAT the District of Mackenzie provide a letter of support for the McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest and their ongoing expansion efforts.

CARRIED

7.1.4 Request for Support - Mackenzie Nature Observatory

Resolution: 33778

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council approve the requested use of Municipal Campground and Recreation showers for banders and volunteers, a designated dumpster for garbage and recycling, and the grading of the road to Mugaha Marsh once during the operating season.

CARRIED

7.2 For Consideration:

7.2.1 City of Prince George 2025 NCLGA Resolution Submissions

Resolution: 33779

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the District send a letter of support for the City of Prince George 2025 NCLGA Resolution #2, advocating for the construction of a standalone secure psychiatric care facility to serve the region.

CARRIED

Resolution: 33781

Moved by: Councillor Tapper

THAT the District of Mackenzie provide a letter of support for the City of Prince George 2025 NCLGA Resolution Submission #3, advocating for the provincial government to increase core funding for public libraries.

CARRIED

7.2.5 Workplace Nasal Naloxone Pilot

Resolution: 33780

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the District of Mackenzie utilize the one-time no-cost initiative from the Ministry of Health for the maximum (10) number of Nasal Naloxone kits.

CARRIED

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.1 Contract Award – Housing Needs Report and OCP Amendment

Resolution: 33782

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council awards the Housing Needs Report Update and Official Community Plan Amendment project to L&M Engineering in the amount of \$49,700 plus GST; AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the contract and any related documentation.

CARRIED

8.2 2025 Wildfire Fuel Mitigation Forest Professional

Resolution: 33783

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council awards the 2025 Fuel Mitigation Project Forest Professional Work to Strategic Natural Resources in the amount of \$31,561.89 plus GST;
AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the contract and any related documentation.

CARRIED

8.3 BCAA Outreach Program Grant Application

Resolution: 33784

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council approves the grant application to the BCAA Outreach Program through FireSmart BC for up to \$11,000 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

9.2 Council Reports

Councillor Barnes gave a verbal report.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

N/A

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution: 33785

Moved by: Mayor Atkinson

THAT the District of Mackenzie submit a nomination to the NCLGA for the Community Leadership Award, in recognition of the recent arena upgrade project.

CARRIED

Resolution: 33786

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the District of Mackenzie submit a nomination to the FCM for the Sustainable Communities Award in recognition of the recent arena upgrade project.

CARRIED

12. **BYLAWS**

N/A

13. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

N/A

14. COMING EVENTS

Monday, April 28, 2025 Day of Mourning. Location will be at Memorial Rock outside the District Office. Gathering at 10:45am, ceremony to take place at 11:00am.

15. INQUIRIES

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:37pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer