

Regular Council Meeting

Minutes

May 5, 2025, 4:30 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 R. McMeeken, Councillor J. Wright

Council Absent: Councillor P. Kylo, Councillor K. Tapper

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer D. Smith, Chief Financial Officer K. Borne,
Director of Operations J. Murray, Director of Corporate Services E.
Kaehn, Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant, C. Smith

Visitors Present: Tamara Taylor KPMG representative

1. CALL TO ORDER

CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:30 PM.

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

N/A

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Resolution: 33805

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the following item be added to the agenda:

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.6 Toolcat Replacement – 2025

THAT Council awards the purchase of a 2025 Bobcat UW56 (Toolcat) from Williams Machinery LP, Prince George in the amount of \$89,880 plus GST;

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

CARRIED

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Resolution: 33806

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

N/A

6. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

6.1 KPMG - Presentation of Audited Financial Statements

Tamara Taylor, Manager at KPMG LLP, provided a presentation of the District's 2024 Draft Financial Statements.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

7.1 For Action:

7.1.1 Request for Resolution of Support - Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society
Councillor Barnes left the room to avoid conflict of interest.

Resolution: 33807

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the District of Mackenzie provide a resolution of support for the Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society's application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust's Community Places Program, to help with renovation costs to their new location, at 298 Mackenzie Blvd.

CARRIED

Councillor Barnes returned after Council voted on 7.1.1.

7.2 For Consideration:

7.2.1 Letter to Premier Eby

7.3 Centre Table File

8. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

8.1 Draft 2024 Audited Financial Statements

Resolution: 33808

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council approves the District of Mackenzie's draft 2024 Audited Financial Statements.

CARRIED

8.2 Bylaw Van Replacement – 2025 Chevy Colorado

Resolution: 33809

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council awards the purchase of a 2025 Chevy Colorado with canopy from Wood Wheaton Supercenter in the amount of \$41,153 plus GST;

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

CARRIED

8.3 Airport Hangar – Assignment

Resolution: 33810

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council authorizes the Assignment and Landlord's Consent for lease of 0.109 hectares of the property legally described as Lot C, Plan 23098, District Lot 12479;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the agreement.

CARRIED

8.4 Draft Submission to Province of BC RE: UWR #u-7-001 and WHA 7-018

Resolution: 33811

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council provided feedback to staff on the draft submission to the Province of BC RE: UWR (Ungulate Winter Range) u-7-001 and WHA (Wildlife Habitat Area proposal) 7 -018 for Southern Mountain Caribou.

CARRIED

8.5 MLMCF Board Appointments

Councillor Barnes left the room to avoid conflict of interest.

Resolution: 33812

Moved by: Mayor Atkinson

THAT Council directs staff on proceeding with option #2 with regard to the District's MLMCF Board appointment process.

CARRIED

Resolution: 33813

Moved by: Mayor Atkinson

THAT Councillor Andy Barnes be re-appointed to the MLMCF Board of Directors until the end of this Council Term (2026).

CARRIED

Councillor Barnes returned after Council voted on item 8.5.

8.6 Toolcat Replacement – 2025

Resolution: 33814

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council awards the purchase of a 2025 Bobcat UW56 (Toolcat) from Williams Machinery LP, Prince George in the amount of \$89,880 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
N/A

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

11. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution: 33815

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the District of Mackenzie submit a nomination to the Community Energy Association for the recent Arena Slab and Energy Upgrades Project.

CARRIED

12. BYLAWS

12.1 Bylaw No. 1524, 2025 - 2029 Financial Plan Bylaw

Resolution: 33816

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Bylaw No.1524, cited "2025 - 2029 Financial Plan Bylaw No.1524, 2025" be adopted.

CARRIED

12.2 Bylaw No.1525 - Tax Rate 2025

Resolution: 33817

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Bylaw No. 1525, cited "2025 Tax Rate Bylaw No.1525, 2025" be adopted.

CARRIED

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

N/A

14. COMING EVENTS

- NCLGA AGM and Convention May 12 - 15, 2025
- Mackenzie Fire Hall #1 Grand Opening May 24, 2025 12:00pm - 5:00pm
- May 24, 2025, Return Invitation Swim Meet at Mackenzie Recreation Centre.

15. INQUIRIES

Janice Nelson, the Macktown Buzzette, asked what the reason was for having a special meeting today and why at this time. Mayor Joan Atkinson responded that the Regular scheduled meeting would be next Monday (May 12th) but there would not be enough Councillors in the community to make quorum. Mayor Atkinson, Councillor Kylo, Councillor McMeeken and Councillor Wright will be away attending the North Central Local Government Association Annual General Meeting. The Financial Plan Bylaws also need to be completed by May 15th, and staff polled Council to see what would work best to make sure quorum would be met.

Ms. Nelson also asked about the local forest industry regarding the Ungulate Winter Range and Wildlife Habitat Area proposals, what local businesses own tenure other than Conifex Timber and DuzCho Industries.

Mayor Atkinson responded that Duz Cho industries does not own tenure, and along with Conifex Timber, McLeod Lake Indian Band, Tsay Keh Dene, Dunkley Lumber.

Councillor Brumovsky added that BC Timber Sales also holds tenure.

Ms. Nelson asked if Dunkley Lumber was considered locally operated.

Mayor Joan Atkinson explained that they own tenure in our timber supply area, so they are certainly a local tenure holder, and a local player in this community.

Ms. Nelson asked if Dunkley Lumber hire people from the community.

Mayor Joan Atkinson replied that Dunkley Lumber holds an office in town that employs 3 people. They also built and donated the steel jail cell used by the Mackenzie Secondary School for their fundraiser at this year's Spring Expo at the Recreation Centre. Dunkley Lumber also sponsors a hockey team, bought a new snow groomer for the community, and are a very good corporate citizen, who pay taxes for their log yard, and they are a part of the industry in this community.

Councillor Barnes also added that McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forests holds tenure.

Councillor Wright added that Dunkley Lumber also donated to the Mackenzie Rainbow Swim Club.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: 33818

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the meeting adjourn at 5:15 PM.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer

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