

District of Mackenzie

COUNCIL MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

To: Mayor and Council
From: Councilor Wright
Date: **May 2025**
Subject: Report for May 2025

Councilor Wright Council Appointments:

Education and Youth Liaison
Mental Health and Addictions Liaison
Williston Lake Elders Society Liaison
Climate Action Liaison
Deputy Mayor (August 1, 2025 – October 31, 2025)

Alternate For:

Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Liaison
Alternate Director for Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (RDFFG)
Alternate for Prince George Treaty Advisory Committee
Alternate Member of Northern Development Initiative Trust's (NDIT) Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

Activities:

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May 12, 2025	<p>Day 1 of North Central Local Government Association! The first day is about connecting with colleagues across Northern BC and the host communities showing off, and boy did they!</p> <p>1. The day started with a tour of the Prince Rupert Port Authority, and what an experience. The weather could not be better, and the amount of activity is staggering!</p> <p>2. The day ended with a Welcome Reception at the North Pacific Cannery. What a place, I was in awe of the history and natural beauty around me the whole time.</p> <p>3. Was able to connect with dozens of other local municipal politicians to talk about what is happening in their community and showcase the District of Mackenzie at the same time.</p>	Covered multiple roles

May 13, 2025	<p>Day 2 of North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Started with an opening welcome by multiple dignitaries including local MLA and Cabinet Minister of Environment and Parks Tamara Davidson, MP Ellis Ross and UBCM President Trish Masenda Mandewo! 2. A discussion on the future financial direction of the NCLGA was started, which will continue during strategic planning later in the week. Which than led to a presentation from Union of BC Municipalities on the economic impacts of the current trade war with the USA. 3. Nominations for the Board of Directors were held. I ran for a seat and was joined by 5 other incredible local government officials to run for the Director at Large position, of which there are 3 seats. I had to give an impromptu speech which I have very little recollection of what I said. 5. Executive Resolutions then went next, where I spoke on behalf of the resolution supporting Our Blood Counts campaign to bring blood donation services to Northern BC and am thrilled to announced it passed unanimously! 6. Team District of Mackenzie than had to run over to a neighboring hotel for a private meeting with senior leadership of Northern Health - BC including CEO Ciro Panessa. Mackenzie lobbied for Foundry Expansion to Mackenzie, better support for Seniors and A.I. usage for front line health care providers. 7. The rest of the day was a series of informational panels covering the new Haida Agreement, updates from host communities and a talk on how municipalities can better collaborate with Chamber of Commerce's. 8. And the highlight of my day was a session on mental health of elected officials. Felt amazing to be in a room of people also interested in supporting other elected officials and their mental health! 	Covered multiple roles
May 14, 2025	<p>Day 3 of NCLGA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The day started with finding out the results of the Board of Director Elections. I am incredibly humbled to be one of the three successful candidates. Congratulations to District of Chetwynd Councilor Julia Nelson and Melanie Woods from the Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government. And also a huge thank you to the other three who ran, as the NCLGA is better for their contributions and I hope you run again in the future! Excited to work with the new Board! 2. Next I was so lucky to moderate an amazing panel on the 	Covered multiple roles

	<p>intersection of climate adaptation, housing and reconciliation using Community Energy Association and the Nisga'a Lisims Government collaboration as a dynamic case study! Thanks to Kaitlyn Robinson, Gaëtane D. Carignan and Cyra Yunkws for the amazing talk!</p> <p>3. I took a break after that and returned for the final resolution session. I am thrilled to report both of the District of Mackenzie resolutions passed! 1 on Foundry in Rural BC and the other on Nuclear Energy (won in a nail biting 52-48 vote!).</p> <p>4. Next District of Mackenzie had a meeting with Enbridge to discuss their Sunrise Expansion project in the area.</p> <p>5. The day finished with a dinner with keynote speaker, former Lieutenant Governor of BC Janet Austin. I was thrilled to have multiple conversations with Ms. Austin!</p>	
May 15, 2025	<p>The final day of NCLGA</p> <p>1. Started with some opening thoughts from incoming President of the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) Mayor of Smithers Gladys Atrill and her vision for the year ahead. She is going to be an excellent President! And I would be remiss for not saying thank you to outgoing President Judy Greenaway who led the last year and has been so kind to me being a rookie on the board. Thanks for all you did Judy!</p> <p>2. Next an announcement of award winners, which I am thrilled to say the District of Mackenzie won in the Environmental Stewardship category for our arena project! Congrats to the other winners City of Fort St. John , City of Prince George and the City of Prince Rupert</p> <p>3. A great strategic planning discussion was held next hosted by Tony Zabinsky and featuring NCLGA Executive Director Terry Robert and incoming President Gladys Atrill . I thought it was a great talk and shows the NCLGA is listening to the members!</p> <p>4. And finally ending with two plenary sessions, one from the Prince Rupert Port Authority and the other by ICBC (Insurance Corporation of British Columbia) .</p> <p>Overall, it was a fantastic week! And it got extended for myself by an ill-timed flat tire, so I get to explore Prince Rupert a little longer.</p>	Covered multiple roles
May 16, 2025	Briefly attended the AGM for the Climate Caucus. Joined remotely well on road home from NCLGA and lost service 15 or so minutes into call	Climate Liaison

May 21, 2025	Attended a welcoming gala at the Rec Centre hosted by UBC for their Residency Program. Mackenzie is lucky to be hosting a resident starting later in 2025	N/A
May 23, 2025	Attended first half of a webinar from the Climate Caucus on BC Builds	Climate Liaison
May 23, 2025	Attended with the rest of Council and staff for a meeting with Enbridge to discuss possible work accommodation in the area	N/A
May 23-24, 2025	Volunteered throughout the weekend at the Mackenzie Invitation Swim Meet	Education and Youth Liaison

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilor Wright