

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Administration

Date: June 4, 2025

Subject: Referral 7410366 – Logging Camp Permit Renewal

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council directs Administration on how to respond to the referral request.

BACKGROUND:

The District has received a referral from the Province of BC looking for comments with respect to to Conifex Timber's application to renewal of their License of Occupation for their existing Swannell Camp operation located north-west of Mackenzie on the other side of Williston Lake (see attached maps and management plan).

DETAILS:

Proponent: Conifex Timber Inc.

Authorization Type: License of Occupation

Purpose/Intended Use/background context: Operation of Existing Logging Camp

BCGS Mapsheet: 94C.075

Location or Project Name: Ingenika Mine

Area (ha): 10.70

EXCERPT FROM MANAGEMENT PLAN:

No new development to occur. Updating the existing Special Use Permit (SUP) tenure to comply with new legislative requirements for Logging Camps. Original SUP has existed since July 1, 1997. In 2019 an extension request for the site was approved, and new camp infrastructure was moved in. The camp is currently used seasonally (summer) for various forestry contractors and machine operators. In addition to the camp infrastructure (main camp trailers, well house, septic bed and fuel), temporary RV trailers may be set up on site by various contractors. No changes/improvements are being applied for with this application.



STAFF LAND USE COMMENTS:

As the application does not occur within the District of Mackenzie border, there are no District permitting, zoning, or official community plan requirements or concerns.

COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the information presented, Council is being asked by the Province to provide comment. We are given the following options for response:

1. The District of Mackenzie's interests are unaffected by the application.
2. The District of Mackenzie has no objection to approval of the application.
3. The District of Mackenzie has no objection to approval of application subject to specified conditions.
4. The District of Mackenzie recommends refusal of this application due to specified reason

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Strong Governance and Finances

- As the municipality's elected governing body, we serve all residents and businesses in the community. We engage residents and stakeholders on important issues and make our decisions through open and transparent processes. We are careful in our use of resources, mindful of the need to maintain programs and services, while also meeting the community's infrastructure needs.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Emily Kaehn, Director of Corporate Services

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer