

**Regular Council Meeting**

**Minutes**

**May 26, 2025, 7:15 p.m.**

**Council Chambers of the Municipal Office**

**1 Mackenzie Boulevard, Mackenzie, BC**

Council Present: Mayor J. Atkinson, Councillor V. Brumovsky, Councillor P. Kylo,  
Councillor R. McMeeken, Councillor K. Tapper, Councillor J. Wright

Council Absent: Councillor A. Barnes

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer D. Smith, Chief Financial Officer K. Borne,  
Fire Chief J. Guise, Director of Recreation Services T. Gilmer, Director of  
Corporate Services E. Kaehn, Finance Manager W. Peterson, Deputy  
Fire Chief L. Thorne, Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant, C. Smith,  
Public Works Superintendent, T. Ostash

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:15 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.*

**1.1 Defer to Closed Meeting**

**Resolution: 33819**

**Moved by:** Councillor McMeeken

THAT a Special Closed Meeting will be deferred until after the Regular meeting and will be closed to the public;

AND THAT the basis of the Special Closed Meeting relates to Section 90 (1) (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 Special Meeting - April 28, 2025

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 28, 2025, were adopted as presented.

2.2 Committee of the Whole - April 28, 2025

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on April 28, 2025 were adopted as presented.

2.3 Regular Meeting - April 28, 2025

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 28, 2025 were adopted as amended.

2.4 Special Meeting - May 5, 2025

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 6, 2025 were adopted as presented.

**3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

N/A

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Resolution: 33820**

**Moved by:** Councillor Tapper

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Shannon Bezo, Resident, expressed she was pleased to see that item 7.2.1 was handled thoughtfully and asked if Mayor and Council will keep this communication ongoing.

Mayor Joan Atkinson answered that if there is any more information to share or are invited to provide anymore comments we will certainly keep the community apprised of that.

**6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

6.1 Golf Cart Use In Town

Cody Homister, Resident, spoke to Mayor and Council about allowing the use of electric golf carts from residents homes to the Mackenzie Golf & Country Club.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Resolution: 33821**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wright

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

**CARRIED**

7.1 **For Action:**

7.1.1 Golf Cart Use In Town

**Resolution: 33822**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wright

THAT Council receive this letter for information.

**CARRIED**

7.1.2 Duck Drop Event Space Request

**Resolution: 33823**

**Moved by:** Councillor Kylo

THAT the District allow the Mackenzie Outdoor Route and Trail Association the use of Second Beach at Morfee Lake for the Annual Duck Drop fundraiser, scheduled for Saturday, June 28, 2025;

AND THAT the District also provide support in the form of barricades and traffic control to help ensure public safety.

**CARRIED**

7.1.3 Request for Support - New Residents and Physicians

**Resolution: 33824**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brumovsky

THAT the District provide support to Northern Interior Rural Division of Family Practice in the form of three 6-month passes to the Mackenzie Recreation Centre to welcome three new medical professionals.

**CARRIED**

- 7.1.4 Request for Grant in Kind for Grad 2025 Celebration

**Resolution: 33825**

**Moved by:** Councillor Kylo

THAT the District waive the rental fees for the Mackenzie Recreation Centre Arena, small sound system table rentals and hall set up for the 2025 Graduation Class.

Opposed (1): Councillor Brumovsky

Absent (1): Councillor Barnes

**CARRIED (5 to 1)**

- 7.2 For Consideration:

- 7.2.1 Reply to Comments on Proposed Wildlife Habitat Area and Ungulate Winter Range at Kennedy Siding

- 7.2.2 Updates to BC Hydro's Distribution Extension Policy

- 7.2.3 BC Hydro EV Site Host Quarterly Update

- 7.3 Centre Table File

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- 8.1 2025 UBCM Minister and Staff Meeting Requests

**Resolution: 33826**

**Moved by:** Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council receives this report for information.

**CARRIED**

- 8.2 Council Remuneration and Expenses - 2024

**Resolution: 33827**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wright

THAT Council receives this report for information.

**CARRIED**

8.3 2024 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)

**Resolution: 33828**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council approves the District of Mackenzie's Statement of Financial Information for 2024.

**CARRIED**

**9. COUNCIL REPORTS**

9.1 Mayor's Report

Mayor Joan Atkinson provided a written report.

9.2 Council Reports

Councillor Tapper gave a verbal report.

Councillor Kylo gave a verbal report.

Councillor Wright provided a written report.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

N/A

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution: 33829**

**Moved by:** Mayor Atkinson

THAT Council send a letter of support on behalf of the Nurses' Union, in support of the Provincial Rural Retention Incentive program.

**Resolution: 33830**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wright

THAT the District declare that June is Pride Month and raise the Pride Flag at the Municipal Office for the month of June.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution: 33831**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wright

THAT the District submit a nomination to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Community Excellence Awards for the recent Arena Slab Upgrades project.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution: 33832**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wright

THAT the District send a letter to Minister Davidson regarding better inventory management, and better communication regarding the closure of Whisker's Point Provincial Park for the 2025 season.

**CARRIED**

**12. BYLAWS**

N/A

**13. NOTICE OF MOTION**

N/A

**14. COMING EVENTS**

- FireSmart Curbside pickup week - Mackenzie Townsite May 28, 2025, Gantahaz Subdivision May 29, 2025
- Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda performing at Mackenzie Recreation Centre, 6:30 pm, Thursday, May 29, 2025
- Men's Shed Pancake Breakfast June 1, 2025 at the Mackenzie Legion

**15. INQUIRIES**

N/A

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution: 33833**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wright

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:42 pm.

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer