

## **COUNCIL MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Mayor Joan Atkinson  
**Date:** June 23, 2025  
**Subject:** Activity for May 2025

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Activity:</b>
May 2-3	Attended Chamber of Commerce "Spring Expo" Opening Ceremony where I delivered a welcome message from Mayor and Council. I also volunteered at District of Mackenzie info booth
May 5	Participated in Red Dress Day March at McLeod Lake Indian Band (MLIB) The walk signifies a National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls and Two-spirited People. The solemn event was even more meaningful as MLIB member Alice Chingee has been missing since July 15, 2024
May 6	Along with staff and other members of Council, I participated in a tour of the Rec Centre featuring the energy upgrades that were completed in 2024
May 7	Attended Mackenzie Wildfire Advisory Committee (MWAC) meeting
May 8	In my role as Chairperson of the Fraser-Fort George Regional Hospital Board, I, along with the 5 other NHA Board Chairs, participated in a Zoom meeting with Minister Bowinn Ma, Minister of Infrastructure. The topic of discussion was the financial burden that is being placed on regional hospital boards, as it is expected RD's will contribute 40% of equipment and capital projects which is no longer sustainable.
May 8	Attended BC Hydro Community Information Session. Many industry representatives were in attendance. They voiced their concerns regarding the level of Williston Lake. The Lake must be a minimum of 2170 before logs can be transported by water.

May 9	In my role as chairperson of the RDFFG Hospital District, along with Vice Chair Kyle Sampson met with Conservative MLA's Kiel Giddons, Sheldon Clare and Anna Kindy (Health Critic). Main topic of discussion was funding formula between the Province of BC and Regional Hospital Districts.
May 11-16	Attended the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) convention in Prince Rupert. It was a full week with many opportunities to connect with other elected officials in the North. The highlight of the week was Mackenzie receiving the NCLGA award for Environmental Stewardship. This award recognized the outstanding impact the upgrades (to the Mackenzie Recreation Centre in 2024) in reducing energy and water usage at the Rec Centre. I also took the opportunity to meet with two representative of the BC Nurses Union regarding their concerns
May 20	Participated in workshop with Northern Health Authority regarding the UHNBC Acute Care Tower Project`
May 21	Attended UBC Rural Immersion Gathering to celebrate the "Residency Program" that the Mackenzie Health Centre will now be part of. Mackenzie will have a graduate Dr. completing their residency in the community for 2-year term
May 21	Attended the McLeod Lake Mackenzie Forest (MLMCF) public information session
May 23	Along with members of Council, participated in Enbridge meeting with project team to discuss Workforce Accommodation for the upcoming Sunrise Expansion Program
May 24	Attending the grand opening of the Mackenzie Fire Rescue station. It is a beautiful building that will serve us well
May 26	Participated in South Peace Mackenzie Trust Regional Advisory Committee meeting. Three projects were awarded funding
May 26	Attending info session with Mackenzie Fire Rescue regarding establishment of Emergency Operations Centre and were briefed on Council's role in the event of an emergency
May 28	Chaired Community Awareness Meeting at Rec Centre. Representatives from RCMP, CNC, Gammies Day Care, Mackenzie Secondary School, Mackenzie Community Services, MLA's office and District of Mackenzie staff participated
May 29	Participated in Forest Landscape Planning meeting

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mayor Joan Atkinson