

COUNCIL MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

To: Mayor and Council
From: Mayor Joan Atkinson
Date: March 21, 2023
Subject: Activity for month of February 2023

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February 3	Met with Jeremy Greenfield, Timber Sales Manager for BC Timber Sales. BCTS currently has proposed logging activity on Morfee Mountain and has been instrumental in assisting the District and Ministry of Forests in the planned upgrades to Morfee Mountain Road. The tenure transfer process from TELUS to the District of Mackenzie is ongoing.
February 3	Participated in the BC Rural Health Care Alliance Zoom meeting. The Alliance is made up of elected officials from across BC. The alliance was formed in September 2022 to highlight health care issues in rural communities, and more specifically to address issues regarding emergency room closures and inadequate paramedic coverage.
February 8	Participated in Mackenzie/Robson Valley Regional Working Group, which is a sub working group of Northern Interior Rural Division of Family Practice. Together, the members work to improve patient access to local primary care, increase local practitioners influence on health care delivery and policy, and provide professional support for practitioners. Consists of 8 municipalities and 22 First Nations communities.
February 10	Met with Raymond Lamont, Chief Negotiator for Tsay Keh Dene Nation regarding ongoing projects TKD is pursuing.
February 13	Participated in Provisional Budget Meeting.
February 14	Participated in monthly Resource Municipalities Coalition meeting. Presentations were made by the Deb Zehr, Executive Director for Provincial Immigration Program and Alberta MLA Getson who made a presentation on Economic Corridors in Western Canada.
February 15	Participated in Regional District of Fraser-Fort George orientation session including 2023 budget discussions.

February 16	<p>Participated in monthly meeting of Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. Highlights of the meeting include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The RDFFG has adopted its first ever Regional Agricultural Strategy. • As part of a pilot program, the RD will offer new hours at the Transfer Stations in Mackenzie and Valemount. Both facilities will be open seven days per week from April 1 – September 30. Mackenzie will add Friday (9:00-5:00) Saturday (9:00-1:00) and reduce Sunday hours from 9:00-5:00 to 9:00-1:00.
February 21	<p>CAO Smith and I met with Iris Energy Executives Daniel Roberts, Will Roberts and David Shaw. Operations are going well. Members of Council will be invited for a tour of their facility in late spring. Community Grant Funding opportunities will be made available this spring.</p>
February 21	<p>Attended Mackenzie Accessibility & Inclusion Advisory Committee open house at the Legion.</p>
February 22	<p>Along with Regional District of the Northern Rockies Mayor Rob Fraser, I attended a Zoom meeting with the BC Nurses' Union.</p>
February 24	<p>Participated in Peace Williston Advisory Committee meeting. Presentations were made on Hydro new initiative "Net Metering" and anticipated Williston Reservoir levels this year.</p>
February 25	<p>Attended the Mackenzie Strong Event at Rec Centre and delivered a message from Mayor and Council. It was a fabulous day with food, music, and a great market. Kudos to the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce.</p>
February 25	<p>Participated in WinterQuest activities. Event was well supported by the community. I heard many positive comments on how important this event has become and how grateful residents are to the District for hosting this.</p>
February 27	<p>Met with Ryan Bichon, District Manager Ministry of Forests. It is expected the new annual allowable cut will be released at the end of March.</p>
February 28	<p>Chaired Community Awareness meeting with community stakeholders that included Mackenzie & District Health Centre, Mackenzie Counselling, Ministry of Children and Family Development, MLA Mike Morris office, College of New Caledonia, Morfee School and Mackenzie Secondary School, Autumn Lodge, Mk Recreation Services. We met to discuss ongoing challenges and opportunities how we can support each other.</p>
February 28	<p>Participated as a guest speaker in UNBC Forum "The Future of Forestry."</p>

Respectfully Submitted,
Mayor Joan Atkinson