

**Regular Council Meeting
Minutes**

March 13, 2023, 7:15 p.m.

**Council Chambers of the Municipal Office
1 Mackenzie Boulevard, Mackenzie, BC**

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

Council Absent: Councillor A. Hipkiss

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer D. Smith, Chief Financial Officer K. Borne, Director of Recreation Services T. Gilmer, Land and Environmental Programs Coordinator L. Thorne, Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn, Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant C. Smirle

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.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 COTW- February 27, 2023

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on February 27, 2023 were adopted as presented.

2.2 Regular Meeting - February 27, 2023

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 27, 2023 were adopted as presented.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Resolution: 32841

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the following late item be added to the agenda;

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 For Action

7.1.2 Letter of Support Request

Email received from the Omineca Growers Society requesting a letter of support and resolution from the District to support their grant application to the South Peace Mackenzie Trust for their Mackenzie Greenhouse Project.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution: 32842

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

N/A

6. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Corinne Nearing was presented with her 25-year service pin award. Corinne celebrated her 25 years of service with the District of Mackenzie on March 2, 2023.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolution: 32843

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

7.1 For Action

7.1.1 MSS Bursary

Resolution: 32844

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT the District of Mackenzie support the 2023 Mackenzie Secondary graduating class by providing a bursary of \$500.

CARRIED

- 7.1.2 Letter of Support - Omineca Growers Society
Councillor Tapper declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Tapper left the room and returned after the decision.)

Resolution: 32845

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the District of Mackenzie provide a letter of support and resolution to the Omineca Growers Society in support of their grant application to the South Peace Mackenzie Trust for their Mackenzie Greenhouse Project.

CARRIED

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 8.1 Solar Efficiency in the North - GICB Grant
Robert Baxter, Founder of Vancouver Renewable Energy, was present to answer Council's questions.

Resolution: 32846

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

- 8.2 Requests for Letters of Support Policy 1.27

Resolution: 32847

Moved by: Councillor Wright

THAT Council approves Requests for Letters of Support Policy 1.27.

Opposed (5): Mayor Atkinson, Councillor Barnes, Councillor Brumovsky, Councillor McMeeken, and Councillor Tapper

Absent (1): Councillor Hipkiss

DEFEATED (1 to 5)

- 8.3 Library Board of Directors Appointment

Resolution: 32848

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council appoints Cornelia Thomi to the Mackenzie Library Board of Directors with a term starting immediately and ending December 31, 2024.

CARRIED

8.4 Housing – Rapid Housing Initiative

Resolution: 32849

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

8.5 Electric Vehicle Charging Location

Resolution: 32850

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council approves moving forward with the location of the proposed Level 3 DCFC station;

AND THAT Council consider and share any feedback on the proposed EV Licence with BC Hydro.

CARRIED

8.6 Water, Sewer, Garbage Bylaw Review

Councillor Barnes declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Barnes left the room and returned after motion was considered.)

Resolution: 32851

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT Council approves staff recommendation for Option 1: provide a subsidized rate equal to 50% of the bylaw rate for places of worship and not-for-profit agencies for water, sewer and garbage services.

DEFEATED

Amendment:

Resolution: 32852

Moved by: Councillor Brumovsky

THAT Council approves staff recommendation for Option 3: provide a full exemption for places of worship and not-for-profit agencies for water, sewer and garbage services.

Opposed (2): Councillor Tapper, and Councillor Wright

Conflict (1): Councillor Barnes

Absent (1): Councillor Hipkiss

CARRIED (3 to 2)

8.7 2023 Water, Sewer and Garbage Proposed Rates

Resolution: 32853

Moved by: Councillor Barnes

THAT Council approve a 2023 water rate increase of 7%;

AND THAT Council approve a 2023 sewer rate increase of 7%;

AND THAT Council approve a 2023 residential garbage rate increase of 7%;

AND THAT Council approve a 2023 commercial garbage rate increase of 7%.

CARRIED

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1 Mayor's Report
N/A

9.2 Council Reports

9.2.1 Councillor Brumovsky - February 2023
Councillor Brumovsky provided a written report.

9.2.2 Councillor Wright - Feb/March 2023
Councillor Wright provided a written report.

9.2.3 Councillor Barnes
Councillor Barnes provided a verbal report.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

In January, Council had received a letter from Enbridge requesting to arrange a meeting with Council, Councillor Wright asked for an update on the meeting if one was set up. Emily Kaehn, Director of Corporate Services, replied that we would look into it and get back to Council.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Wright praised staff for the content on the Love Mackenzie Facebook page.

Councillor Wright also commended the Fall and Winter photo contest that was just ran and all the great photos received.

12. BYLAWS

N/A

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

N/A

14. COMING EVENTS

14.1 Epilepsy Awareness Day

14.2 Elected Officials Seminar

14.3 History of Mackenzie Scavenger Hunt - MCAC

14.4 Accessibility Art Contest with the MCAC

15. INQUIRIES

Janice Nelson, Publisher of the Macktown Buzzette, asked if the decision for locating the EV chargers was due to the proximity of the Visitor Centre? Emily Kaehn, Director of Corporate Services, replied yes, that was part of the decision. Ms. Nelson asked if the location for the EV chargers would change if the location of the Visitor Centre changes? Mayor Atkinson replied that at the moment this is the best location in the centre of town. Ms. Nelson asked if there are public washrooms at the Visitor Centre? Ms. Kaehn replied no, there are washrooms in the K9 Mall and the Mackenzie Mall. Mayor Atkinson added that there are public washrooms also available at the Rec Centre.

Ms. Nelson asked for clarification of the decision for the Water, Sewer, Garbage Bylaw Review report? Mayor Atkinson replied that option #3 was selected.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution: 32854

Moved by: Councillor McMeeken

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Corporate Officer

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