

COUNCIL MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

To: Mayor and Council
From: Mayor Joan Atkinson
Date: November 24, 2025
Subject: Activity for October 2025

Date:	Activity:
October 1	Participated in Mackenzie Wildfire Advisory Committee Meeting. As of the end of September, there have been more than 30 FireSmart home assessments completed.
October 3	Participated in Mackenzie Youth Roundtable meeting. Lots of discussion on the pros & cons of children's access to social media
October 6	Attended IREN Community Grant Reception. Seventeen community groups received grant funding from IREN
October 7	Attended launch of Northern Medical Programs Trust Video which highlighted the positive impact the Trust has had on medical professional students in the north. Mackenzie is part of the Trust
October 9	Along with Dave Christie, Regional Manager for Economic Operations Branch (Prov of BC), I conducted business walks in both the industrial site and townsite.
October 17	Participated in interview with Greg Fry (CKPG news) regarding the announcement that Domtar Mill (formerly Paper Excellence) has been sold to BMI Group. BMI are real estate business developers and will be working to repurpose this brownfield site
October 20	Participated in Northern Health Authority and Regional Hospital District in person Fall Meeting in Prince George
October 22	Along with members of Council, participated in a Zoom Meeting with CNC President Cindy Heitman. Post secondary institutions across the country are struggling with huge revenue losses due to restrictions on international students. The Mackenzie "Community Manager" vacancy is expected to be filled shortly.

October 29	Spent the day with members of The BMI Group who recently purchased the Domtar (formerly Paper Excellence) pulp mill. Four members of the BMI team were in Mackenzie to check out their new facility and the community. The 3 local remaining Domtar employees will be retained by BMI. Members of Council also met with BMI Group to discuss opportunities for the re-purposed site
October 29	Attended the Public Information Session at the Fire Hall regarding the 2025 Fuel Treatment Project on west side of town
October 31	On behalf of the District of Mackenzie, I accepted a Poppy from Lawrence Napier of the Royal Canadian Legion kicking off the 2025 Poppy Campaign

Respectfully Submitted,
 Mayor Joan Atkinson