

COUNCIL MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

To: Mayor and Council
From: Mayor Joan Atkinson
Date: February 23, 2026
Subject: Activity for January 2026

Date:	Activity:
January 9	Participated in Quarterly meeting with MLA Kiel Giddons
January 12	Along with representatives from Northern Health, Williston Elders Society and Mackenzie Community Services; CAO Smith and I participated in meeting with Terry Waterhouse (BC Housing Regional Director) regarding current availability of BC Housing units in the community. Discussion also focused on the lack of Senior Housing in Mackenzie.
Jan 15-16	Participated in Regional District of Fraser Fort George monthly Board meeting. I made the decision to relinquish my role as RD Hospital Chair and nominated Kyle Sampson (PG Councillor) who will assume role of Chairperson. I did accept role of Vice Chair of Regional Hospital Board.
January 19	Along with CAO Smith I participated in a Zoom meeting with City West staff who provided an update on their delivery to Mackenzie; currently there are 600 homes connected in the community. City West anticipating first Partnership Revenue will be payable sometime in 2027
January 21	Attended BC Hydro reception in Prince George where I had the opportunity to meet with Minister Adrian Dix (Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions) and Minister Ravi Kahlon (Minster of Jobs and Economic Growth)
January 22	Along with Councillor Barnes and Economic Development Coordinator Rachelle Richman, I met with Minister of Forests Ravi Parmar and Omineca Regional Executive Director Lori Borth. Discussion focused on Community Forest Expansion and Mackenzie's ongoing challenges to maintain services with loss of Industrial Tax Base due to mill closures
January 25	Participated in Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) first meeting of 2026 which outlined funding availability for this year
January 26	Participated in interview with Jason Peters (CBC Radio) regarding Mackenzie Olympian Evan Bichon
January 27	Attended first NorthCAN meeting of 2026 which included two presentations. One from Northern Health featuring NHA's Climate Change and Sustainability Roadmap addressing issue of building a climate resilient Health system. The second presentation featured the Peace River Regional District and their climate related initiatives focusing on Building, Transportation, Public Infrastructure, Local Economy, Emergency Management and Ecosystems and Green Spaces

Respectfully Submitted,
Mayor Joan Atkinson