

**Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes**

**February 9, 2026, 7:00 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,  
Councillor P. Kylo

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer D. Smith, Chief Financial Officer K. Borne,  
Director of Operations J. Murray, Fire Chief J. Guise, Director of  
Recreation Services T. Gilmer, Director of Corporate Services E. Kaehn,  
Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant, C. Smith, FireSmart Coordinator,  
M. Taylor

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**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 Special Meeting- January 26, 2026

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 26, 2026 were adopted as presented.

2.2 Committee of the Whole - January 26, 2026

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on January 26, 2026 were adopted as presented.

2.3 Regular Meeting - January 9, 2026

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 9, 2026 were adopted as amended.

**3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

N/A

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Resolution: 34118**

**Moved by:** Councillor Barnes

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Janice Nelson, resident, asked for more information on Item 8.6, the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) Economic Development Capacity Building grant application, as the District had received funding for a second Economic Development staff member. Mayor Atkinson responded that the Economic Development Capacity Building grant from NDIT helps fund the current Economic Development Coordinator position and that the District has received this grant for several years. Mayor Atkinson added that funding towards a second Economic Development position has been approved from the South Peace Mackenzie Trust. Ms. Nelson asked if the position has been filled. Director of Corporate Services Emily Kaehn responded that the posting had closed and the interview process would begin shortly.

Shannon Bezo, President of the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce, said she was hopeful that Council would approve Item 8.1, to continue work with the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce, and Item 8.7 as the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce sees value in this program and they direct not-for-profits to the District for grant writing support.

6. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

N/A

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Resolution: 34119**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wright

THAT the Correspondence listed on the Agenda be received.

**CARRIED**

7.1 For Action:

7.1.1 Request for Support - Mackenzie Figure Skating Club

**Resolution: 34120**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wright

THAT the District of Mackenzie provide a donation basket valued at \$100.

**CARRIED**

7.2 For Consideration:

7.2.5 Purple Lights Campaign - BC Epilepsy Society

**Resolution: 34121**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wright

THAT the Recreation Centre is illuminated purple on March 26, 2026, for Purple Day, highlighting epilepsy awareness.

**CARRIED**

7.3 Centre Table File

N/A

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- 8.1 Visitor Centre Operations 2026-2027  
Councillor Brumovsky left the room until discussions and voting on 8.1 finished.  
**Resolution: 34122**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Barnes  
THAT Council approves the 2026 – 2027 Visitor Centre Operations Agreement with the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$28,000 per year.  
**CARRIED**
- 8.2 Colliers Emergency Program Review  
**Resolution: 34123**  
**Moved by:** Councillor McMeeken  
THAT Council receives this report for information.  
**CARRIED**
- 8.3 Emergency Management Bylaw  
**Resolution: 34124**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Brumovsky  
THAT Council receives this report for information.  
**CARRIED**
- 8.4 Mackenzie FireSmart Program  
**Resolution: 34125**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Wright  
THAT Council receives this report for information.  
**CARRIED**
- 8.5 2026 Emergency Operations Center Grant Application  
**Resolution: 34126**  
**Moved by:** Councillor Barnes  
THAT Council supports an application of up to \$30,000 to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) for the Emergency Operations Center Equipment and Training grant;  
  
AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the grant application, and if successful, and related documentation.  
**CARRIED**

8.6 Resolution of Support – NDI Economic Development Capacity Building 2026

**Resolution: 34127**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wright

THAT Council supports the District of Mackenzie’s application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust’s Economic Development Capacity Building grant program for up to \$50,000;

AND THAT the Chief Administration Officer be authorized to execute the grant application and, if the application is successful, any related documentation.

**CARRIED**

8.7 Resolution of Support – NDI Grant Writing Support Program 2026

**Resolution: 34128**

**Moved by:** Councillor Barnes

THAT Council supports the District of Mackenzie’s application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust’s Grant Writing Support grant program for up to \$8,000 in funding towards the District of Mackenzie’s Grant Writing Support Services program;

AND THAT the Chief Administration Officer be authorized to execute the grant application and, if the application is successful, any related documentation.

**CARRIED**

**9. COUNCIL REPORTS**

9.1 Mayor's Report

N/A

9.2 Council Reports

Councillor McMeeken provided an update on the Mackenzie 60th Celebration. Councillor Brumovsky and Wright provided written reports.

**Resolution: 34129**

**Moved by:** Councillor P. Kylo

THAT Staff bring back a report with information outlining the requirements and process to allow golf cart use on roads within District limits.

**CARRIED**

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

N/A

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

N/A

**12. BYLAWS**

12.1 Emergency Program Bylaw No. 1530, 2026

**Resolution: 34130**

**Moved by:** Councillor McMeeken

THAT Bylaw No. 1530, 2026 cited "Emergency Program Bylaw No.1530, 2026" be given its first three readings.

**CARRIED**

**13. NOTICE OF MOTION**

N/A

**14. COMING EVENTS**

14.1 Coffee and Cookies with the Chamber

14.2 Mackenzie Funspiel

14.3 Mountain Magic WinterQuest

14.4 Mackenzie Figure Skating Club Presents MFSC 50th Anniversary

14.5 Community House Concert February 21, at Mackenzie Community Arts Council

**15. INQUIRIES**

N/A

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution: 34131**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wright

THAT the meeting adjourns at 7:39 pm.

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer