

COUNCIL MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Mayor Joan Atkinson

Date: April 24, 2023

Subject: Activity for month of March 2023

Date:	Activity:
March 4	Attended the Mackenzie Fire Rescue Annual Awards Banquet and delivered a message of thanks from Mayor and Council.
March 6	Participated in 1 st of webinar series "Readiness in Transition" sponsored by UNBC. These webinars were developed as a result of the recent hard hits that have occurred in communities supported by the natural resource industry. The purpose of the webinars is to communicate lessons learned from communities that have experienced sudden economic closures. This webinar focused on Municipal Administrative Responses.
March 6	Participated in Interview with Matt Allan (CBC) regarding the ongoing issues with the forest industry and fiscal challenges we are experiencing due to substantial loss of industrial tax.
March 6	Met with representative from Autumn Lodge Society regarding support from the District for relocation of raised Garden Beds at the Senior's Centre.
March 7	Participated in meeting with local and regional Canadian Rangers and local stakeholders including local Search and Rescue and RCMP to discuss role of Canadian Rangers in providing safety to communities.
March 7	Attended viewing of "Kwadacha by the River" at the CNC Event Space, sponsored by CNC. The gathering was especially meaningful with the attendance of CNC students from the Kwadacha Nation.
March 9	Participated in 2 nd "Readiness in Transition" Webinar. This webinar focused on economic and business responses and opportunities and change.
March 13	Participated in 3 rd "Readiness in Transition" Webinar that focused on municipal response. Guest Speaker was Warren Waycheshen former Mackenzie CAO who told the Mackenzie story of the Mill closures in 2008/2009 and the community response.
March 14	Participated in Resource Municipality Coalition monthly meeting.

March 14	Participated in 4 th "Readiness in Transition" Webinar. This webinar focused on Service Provision in Challenging Circumstances.
March 14	Participated in discussions with Barefoot Planning regarding the "draft" plan for the Downtown Revitalization Plan.
March 15-17	Participated in Elected Official Seminar Series in Prince George. This multi-day workshop provides elected officials with the tools and knowledge required to understand our roles and what good governance looks like.
March 22	Participated in Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (RDFFG) training for RDFFG Directors. This session focused on Emergency Management.
March 23	Participated in RDFFG monthly meeting.
March 24	Met with Kelsey Berlinger, Auditor from KPMG regarding their Audit of District of Mackenzie financial operations. I conveyed to auditors that I have no concerns regarding operations of Financial Services.
March 27	Participated in Zoom meeting with representatives from Smart Prosperity Institute (University of Ottawa) regarding opportunities and challenges in forestry sector in Northern BC.
March 29	Participated in Zoom Webinar on "Collaborative Governance" sponsored by University of Fraser Valley (Part 2 of "Toward Collaborative Governance" Series). This session focused on "Ethical Responsibility to Engage in Consultation and Coalition Building."
March 31	Reached out to VP of Indigenous and Community Affairs for Conuma Coal regarding opportunity for BC Conservation Officer Service and District of Mackenzie to participate in Bear Awareness training being offered by Conuma Coal.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mayor Joan Atkinson