

## **COUNCIL REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Administration

**Date:** April 23, 2026

**Subject:** Referral 193339281 – Licence of Occupation – Mesilinka Logging Camp

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council directs Administration on how to respond to the referral request.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The District has received a referral from the Province of BC looking for comments with respect to to Conifex Timber’s application for a License of Occupation for the existing Mesilinka logging camp under the Log Handling policy for a 2 to 5 year term for camp operations.

### **DETAILS:**

Proponent: Conifex Timber Inc.

Authorization Type: License of Occupation

Purpose/Intended Use/background context: Logging Camp

Location: Site maps attached

Area (ha): 36.2

### **EXCERPT FROM MANAGEMENT PLAN:**

Mesilinka Camp is located at 200 km on the Finlay Forest Service Road, located right off the main road. It is an existing and active logging camp special use permit S21505. No additional changes to be made to site. Camp was built in 2018 and remains a whole structure with water and septic field. There is a small (unmaintained) air strip directly across from camp (on the other side of the main road) and a Heli pad on site. Currently 88-man camp. This camp operates year-round.

### **STAFF LAND USE COMMENTS:**

As the application does not occur within the District of Mackenzie boundaries, there are no District permitting, zoning, or official community plan requirements or concerns.

**COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION:**

The District is being asked by the Province to provide comment by May 14, 2026. Responses are to be given by answering the following questions and making a recommendation on the application. If we have additional comments, there is the opportunity to upload further documentation. A copy of the management plan has been attached. The application and submitted mapping documents have been included in Centre Table File for further information.

**Questions:**

We are asked to answer the following questions, with explanation where applicable. Staff have indicated some initial responses based on our land-use review:

YES	NO	N/A	Does this application impact your agency's legislated responsibilities?
YES	NO	N/A	If the proposal proceeds, will the proponent require approval or a permit from your agency?
YES	NO	N/A	Will on-going compliance monitoring be required by your agency as a result of your legislated responsibilities?
YES	NO	N/A	Will this application affect public use of this area?
YES	NO	N/A	Is the application area zoned for the proposed purpose?

**Recommendations:**

We are given the following options for response:

- The District of Mackenzie's **interests are unaffected** by the application.
- The District of Mackenzie **has no objection to approval** of the project.
- The District of Mackenzie **has no objection to approval of the project subject to conditions** outlined below.
- The District of Mackenzie **recommends refusal of the project** due to reasons outlined below.
- N/A

**NEXT STEPS:**

Staff will submit Council's desired responses to the Province of BC by May 14<sup>th</sup>. If information or more time is needed, staff can bring this referral back and any information to the May 11<sup>th</sup> Council meeting for further discussion.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

There is no budgetary impact associated with this recommendation.



**COUNCIL PRIORITIES:**

**Strong Governance and Finances**

- As the municipality's elected governing body, we serve all residents and businesses in the community. We engage residents and stakeholders on important issues and make our decisions through open and transparent processes. We are careful in our use of resources, mindful of the need to maintain programs and services, while also meeting the community's infrastructure needs.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

Emily Kaehn, Director of Corporate Services

**Reviewed By:** Corporate and Financial Services

**Approved By:** Chief Administrative Officer