

April 11, 2023

Mackenzie Counselling Letter of Support

Mackenzie Counselling requested support from the District to bring Foundry services to town. Foundry is a BC wide mental health resource for youth and provides resources such as counselling, info-sessions, substance use education, and sexual health education. Council approved the request and will send letters to the Ministers of Mental Health and Addiction, Health, and Finance advocating to bring the Foundry services to Mackenzie.

Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Membership Dues

Council approved the 2023 annual UBCM membership dues in the amount of \$2,675.57.

College of New Caledonia – Letter of Support

The College of New Caledonia (CNC) is applying for a grant to the South Peace Mackenzie Trust for funding towards a “Tourism and Hospitality Ambassador” program and hiring an Event Coordinator for the CNC Event/Teaching Kitchen space. CNC requested a letter of support from the District of Mackenzie. Council approved the request.

Grant Policy 3.16 - Community Grants Program Applications

Council received a report from the Grant Adjudication Committee with recommendations for the 2023 cash grants/grant in-kind requests for consideration. Council approved the recommended funding allocation to the groups totaling \$11,375.17. The following community groups will receive support from the District:

- Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce - \$630
- Mackenzie Community Arts Council - \$1,450
- Mackenzie Nature Observatory - \$3,295.17
- St. Peter’s Pantry - \$5,000
- The 92 - \$1,000

Approval letters will be going out shortly to all applicants. Recommendations and grant approval details can be found by contacting Corporate Services at info@districtofmackenzie.ca or by calling 250-997-3221.

Mill Road Signage

Council authorized staff to apply for a 30-year Licence of Occupation for a section of Crown Land on Mill Road to install wayfinding signage. The proposed signage options are shown below. Prior to installation a final report will be brought to Council for final design selection.



Figure 1: Large 3 Sign - Billboard Style 24ft by 6ft

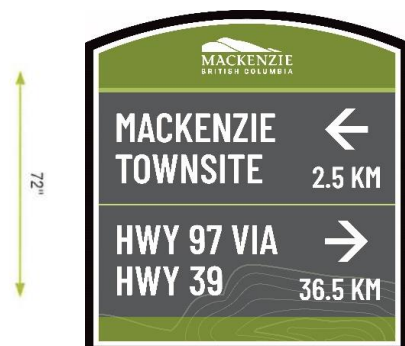


Figure 2: Standalone style – 5ft by 5ft

Electric Vehicle Charging Location

Council authorized staff to execute the 10-year agreement with BC Hydro to allow for the purposes of charging multiple electric vehicles at the preferred location of the 616 Parking Lot, and for the use of certain parking stalls as dedicated charging stalls. Several locations were considered, and after engaging with residents and local businesses in person and online, the location of the 616 Mackenzie Blvd. Parking Lot (in between Fields and Home Hardware) was selected.

Mackenzie Golf & Country Club – Lease Renewal

Council approved the 5-year Licence of Occupation with the Mackenzie Golf and Country Club.

Draft – Downtown Vision and Action Plan

The draft downtown vision and action plan was presented to Council and is available for public feedback. The objective of the project is to create a holistic Downtown Plan that will be used to develop Mackenzie for the future, promoting key ideas such as sustainability, livability, and economic development. The plan can be viewed [online](#) or viewed at the District Municipal Office. Feedback will be received until May 3, 2023.

Financial Plan Objectives and Policies

Council reviewed the required Financial Plan Objectives and Policies for consideration in the 2023-2027 Financial Plan.

Investment Portfolio

Under Council Policy 3.13 Investment, the Chief Financial Officer provided Council with an annual report on the performance of the District's investment portfolio.

Growing Communities Fund

Council approved 100% of the funds received from the Growing Communities Fund utilized for critical infrastructure projects such as water and sewer, as identified in the financial plan bylaw or as capital projects are identified. The District of Mackenzie was awarded a grant of \$1,723,000.

RDFFG – Network Computer and GIS Services Agreement

Council approved the 2023-2025 Network Computer GIS Services Agreement with the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.

Day of Mourning

Across Canada, April 28th has been designated the Day of Mourning. As workers, families, employers, and communities come together at ceremonies held around the province to remember those who have lost their lives to work-related incidents or occupational disease, let's renew our commitment to creating healthy and safe workplaces.

In honour of this day, Council will be laying flowers at the Memorial Rock on Friday April 28th outside the District Office, 1 Mackenzie Blvd.

Further information about the Day of Mourning can be found at www.dayofmourning.bc.ca

Water, Sewer, and Garbage Amendment Bylaws

Bylaws No. 1495 Water Rates and Regulations Amendment, 1496 Sewer Rates and Regulations Amendment and 1497 Garbage Rates and Regulations Amendment were given the final readings and adopted.