

August 14 2023

Petitions and Delegations

Ron Kenyon, resident, appeared as a delegation to Mayor and Council regarding a letter concerning cul-de-sac parking in Mackenzie. Council requested staff look into cul-de-sac parking regulations in other communities.

Rail Safety Week

Council declared the week of September 18-24, 2023, Rail Safety Week to support the ongoing effort to raise awareness, save lives, and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality.

Seniors Week

Council declared the week of September 24 – October 1, 2023, Mackenzie Seniors Week.

New Firehall Construction Update

The Fire Department reported on construction progress. As of August 4, 2023, the following outstanding items have yet to be completed:

- Commissioning of building systems including boilers and in-slab heating and fire alarm verification;
- Exterior paving, curbs, landscaping, exterior furniture (bench, flag poles), etc.
- Abatement and demolition of the existing hall.
- Exterior building deficiencies including clean-up of metal siding, trim, painting, windows, canopies, etc.
- Interior building deficiencies including electrical, plumbing, painting, drywall, flooring, millwork, title, handrails, balcony pavers, etc.

The prime consultant, Faction Architecture, estimates substantial completion of the project could be at the end of September 2023.

MORATA Alcohol Permit

Council authorized a Special Event Permit to the Mackenzie Outdoor Recreation & Trails Association (MORATA) to allow for alcohol service for the Morfee Lake Scramble at Second Beach on August 19, 2023. Last year the Morfee Lake Scramble race and post-race dance was held at Second Beach.

Temporary Use Permit Application

Council advised Administration to commence the process for a Temporary Use permit to allow the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 273 to temporarily place a sea-can on their property at 357 Skeena Drive to store gymnastic equipment.

Refund Policy Amendment

Council approved amendments to the Council Policy 3.2 Refund Policy to expand the policy to other departmental sections such as Municipal Campgrounds and Recreation Services.

Contract Award for Mackenzie Gravel

Council awarded the two-year winter abrasive material contract to Mackenzie Gravel for up to \$55,640 plus GST per year.

Concession Lease Agreement

Council agreed to amend the concession lease agreement for Edward Lepp, owner of Fry Daddy's, to provide him with additional storage space (Janitor Room – F107) in exchange for \$200 per month in rent and by removing the clause regarding the District of Mackenzie covering cleaning supplies from his existing contract.

Wood Smoke Reduction Program

Council approved staff applying to the Provincial Community Wood Smoke Reduction Program for funding towards replacement of wood stoves in residential properties. In addition, Council approved also applying for the funding towards a rebate for those who remove their wood stove, but do not replace it.

Arena Slab and Energy Upgrades Project – Architectural Planning, Design and Project Manager

Council awarded the contract for Architectural Planning, Design, and Project Manager to Carscadden Stokes McDonald Architects for \$307,096 plus GST.

Animal Control and Licencing Amendment Bylaw No. 1501, 2023

Council adopted Bylaw No. 1501, 2023. This bylaw will permit residents in some residential areas to have backyard ducks on their property with an approved permit from the District.

Municipal Ticket Information Amendment Bylaw No. 1502, 2023

Council adopted Bylaw No. 1502, 2023. This bylaw now sets a fine for failure to comply with backyard hen and duck enclosure regulations.

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1503, 2023

Council adopted Bylaw No. 1503, 2023. This bylaw includes definitions and size requirements of Hen and Duck Enclosures (Coops and Pens).

Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 1504, 2023

Council adopted Bylaw No. 1504, 2023. This bylaw introduces a public comments and question period at the beginning of Committee of the Whole meetings which follow the same rules as public comments and questions periods at Regular Council Meetings.