

**District of Mackenzie  
Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, August 22, 2022**

Council Chambers of the Municipal Office, 1 Mackenzie Boulevard, Mackenzie, BC.

MINUTES of a Regular Meeting of the Council of the District of Mackenzie held electronically and in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office.

PRESENT: Mayor J. Atkinson  
Councillor A. Barnes  
Councillor P. Grogan  
Councillor A. Hipkiss  
Councillor R. McMeeken  
Councillor J. Wiens  
Chief Administrative Officer  
D. Smith  
Chief Financial Officer K. Borne  
Director of Corporate Services  
E. Kaehn  
Director of Operations  
K. Gawryluk  
Fire Chief J. Guise  
Land & Environmental Coordinator  
L. Thorne  
Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant  
C. Smirle

CALLED TO ORDER: 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.*

32595.  
Defer Closed Meeting

MOVED by Councillor Barnes  
THAT the Special Closed meeting be deferred until after the regular meeting;

AND THAT the basis of the Special Closed Meeting relates to Section 90(1)(j) information that is prohibited, or information that if it were presented in a document would be prohibited, from disclosure under section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED

**1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 8, 2022 were adopted as presented.

## 2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

32596. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss  
*Introduction of Late Items* THAT the following late item be added to the agenda;

### 6. CORRESPONDENCE

#### **For Action:**

- c) Letter received from Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) requesting a letter of support from the District of Mackenzie towards their proposal to the Ministry of Transportation to develop an integrated booking software for passenger travel in Northern BC.

CARRIED

## 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

32597. MOVED by Councillor McMeeken  
*Adoption of Agenda* THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

## 4. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS

N/A

## 5. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

N/A

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

32598. MOVED by Councillor Barnes  
*Receipt of Correspondence* THAT the correspondence listed on the agenda be received.

CARRIED

#### **For Action:**

Councillor McMeeken left the room to avoid a conflict of interest.

32599. MOVED by Councillor Grogan  
*New Horizon - Seniors Recognition* THAT Council provide certificates of appreciation and Mackenzie pins to all Seniors nominated at the Seniors Recognition Lunch that will be held during Mackenzie Seniors' Week on September 24th.

CARRIED

Councillor McMeeken returned.

32600. MOVED by Councillor Barnes  
*Diversified Transportation - Letter of Support* THAT Council provide a letter of support to Diversified Transportation towards the continued operation of BC Bus North.

CARRIED

32601. MOVED by Councillor Grogan  
Diversified Transportation - Survey *THAT Diversified Transportation's survey be shared on the District website and social media platform to help surface insights related to public transportation.*

CARRIED

32602. MOVED by Councillor McMeeken  
NDIT - Letter of Support *THAT Council provides a letter of support to Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) towards their proposal to the Ministry of Transportation to develop an integrated booking software for passenger travel in Northern BC.*

CARRIED

32603. MOVED by Councillor Grogan  
Allow Late Delegation *THAT Mitch Mortenson, resident, be added as a late delegation to speak to Council.*

CARRIED

Mitch Mortenson, resident, provided a letter to Mayor and Council and spoke regarding the decision to demolish the Ernie Bodin Community Centre, requesting the decision be rescinded.

## **7. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

32604. MOVED by Councillor McMeeken  
Mill Road Signage *THAT Council direct staff to replace the current signage at the Junction of Hwy 39 and Mill Road with District owned gateway signage using the proposed concept from the signage strategy;*

*AND THAT Administration bring back a report on the proposed development of a large truck pull-out along Mill Road with commercial advertising opportunities, in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce.*

CARRIED

32605. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss  
Public Comment and Questions *THAT Council receives this report for information.*

CARRIED

32606. MOVED by Councillor Wiens  
Policy 1.24 Privacy Policy *THAT Council adopts Privacy Policy 1.24.*

CARRIED

Councillor Hipkiss left the room to avoid a conflict of interest.

32607. MOVED by Councillor Barnes  
Lot 10 Disposition *THAT Council approves in principle, gifting LOT 10 DISTRICT LOT 12479 CARIBOO DISTRICT PLAN EPP35189 to the Omineca Growers Society;*

*AND THAT Council directs administration to draft the sale agreements and associated covenant for Council's consideration prior to execution;*

*AND THAT the sale agreement includes a clause stating if the Omineca Grower's Society ceases to exist or the land is not used for the intended purpose then the land be acquired back by the District of Mackenzie.*

CARRIED

Councillor Hipkiss returned.

32608. MOVED by Councillor McMeeken  
Resolution *THAT Council supports the District of Mackenzie's application to Northern  
of Support Development Initiative Trust's Community Development Marketing Initiatives for  
NDIT – the "Tourism Guide" project.*  
Tourism  
Guide

CARRIED

32609. MOVED by Councillor Barnes  
Resolution *THAT Council supports the District of Mackenzie's application to South Peace  
of Support Mackenzie Trust for the "Tourism Guide" project.*  
South Peace  
Mackenzie  
Trust -  
Tourism  
Guide

CARRIED

32610. MOVED by Councillor Barnes  
Construction *THAT Council receives this report for information.*  
Update -  
New Fire  
Hall

CARRIED

32611. MOVED by Councillor Barnes  
Fire *THAT Council approves the application to the UBCM Community Emergency  
Departments Preparedness Fund for \$25,000 towards Fire Department equipment;  
Equipment AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the grant  
and Training application and, if the application is successful, any related documentation.*  
UBCM Grant

CARRIED

32612. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss  
Revitalization *THAT Council receives this report for information.*  
Tax  
Exemption  
Bylaw  
Amendment

CARRIED

## 8. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor's Report  
N/A

Council Reports  
N/A

## 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

32613. MOVED by Councillor Grogan  
Floating *THAT Administration bring back a report on the feasibility of a floating,  
Dock independent, dock at First Beach.*

CARRIED

## 11. BYLAWS

32614. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss  
Bylaw No. 1486 *THAT* Bylaw No. 1486 cited as "Revitalization Tax Exemption Amendment Bylaw No. 1486, 2022" be given first three readings.

CARRIED

## 12. NOTICE OF MOTION

N/A

## 13. COMING EVENTS

### 2022 General Local Election - Pre-Candidate Information Session

August 23, 2022

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Mackenzie Recreation Centre

### Downtown Vision and Action Plan Community Gallery

August 24, 2022

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Mackenzie Recreation Centre

### Recreation Fair

September 10, 2022

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sas Da'Ghe Room & Callahan Room

### 2022 Municipal Election - Notice of Nomination

Nomination Period: August 30 - September 9, 2022

## 14. INQUIRIES

Janice Nelson, Publisher of the Macktown Buzette, asked Mayor and Council for clarification on the decision for the disposition of Lot 10 and what would happen if the organization ceased to exist? Emily Kaehn, Director of Corporate Services, replied that Council had requested a line in the agreement that if the organization ceased to exist then the land would be given back to the District of Mackenzie.

Ms. Nelson asked about the vote that was made by Council around February/March reserving Lot 10 for agriculture and asked if the land was being favoured for the Omineca Growers Society? Mayor Atkinson replied that an opportunity was presented to Council from Iris Energy that there may be an opportunity to use the excess heat from their data centre towards agriculture uses. In preparation, Council voted to set Lot 10 aside for agricultural purposes. Mayor Atkinson also mentioned that the announcement about the excess heat from Iris Energy was made at a Chamber of Commerce meeting in October 2021.

Ms. Nelson asked if Councillor Hipkiss was a member of the Omineca Growers Society when Lot 10 was set aside for agricultural use? Councillor Hipkiss replied no.

## 15. ADJOURNMENT

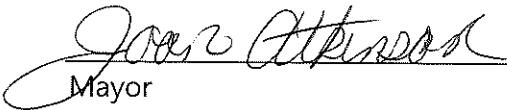
32615. MOVED by Councillor McMeeken  
Adjournment *THAT* the meeting be adjourned at 8:14 pm.

CARRIED

I certify the foregoing to be the original true copy of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting.

Signed:

Certified Correct:

  
Mayor

  
Corporate Officer