

**District of Mackenzie  
Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, August 08, 2022**

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 V. Brumovsky  
Councillor P. Grogan  
Councillor A. Hipkiss  
Councillor R. McMeeken  
Councillor J. Wiens  
Chief Administrative Officer  
D. Smith  
Chief Financial Officer  
K. Borne (electronically)  
Director of Corporate Services  
E. Kaehn  
Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant  
C. Smirle  
Economic Development Clerk  
R. Dumoulin (electronically)

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.*

**1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on July 25, 2022 at 5:45 pm were adopted as presented.

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on July 25, 2022 at 6:30 pm were adopted as presented.

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on July 25, 2022 were adopted as presented.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 25, 2022 were adopted as presented.

**2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

32575. MOVED by Councillor Barnes  
*Introduction of Late Items THAT the following late items be added to the agenda;*

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

***For Consideration:***

- i) Email received from Michelle Bobrel, resident, requesting support for the tenants in the Ernie Bodin Community Centre.*
- j) Email received from Shaylee Munn, resident, requesting support for the tenants in the Ernie Bodin Community Centre.*
- k) Email received from LeeAnne Christen, resident, requesting support for the tenants in the Ernie Bodin Community Centre.*
- l) Email received from Joy Edgett, resident, requesting support for the tenants in the Ernie Bodin Community Centre.*

## **7. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

### e) MLIB AGA – Grant-in-Kind

*THAT Council approves or denies the request for in-kind use of two portable toilets for the McLeod Lake Indian Band Annual General Assembly from August 10 – 12, 2022.*

CARRIED

## **3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

32576. MOVED by Councillor Brumovsky  
Adoption of *THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.*  
Agenda

CARRIED

## **4. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS**

The following inquiries are in regard to the Ernie Bodin Community Centre (EBCC):

Jeff Close, resident and representative of CHMM 103.5, asked what the transition plan is and if it has been prepared? Mayor Atkinson replied that Terry Gilmer, Director of Recreation Services, is working on the transition plan to help the current tenants find new spaces in the community. Mr. Gilmer has been speaking with representatives of each organization to determine their needs and how much space is needed. Councillor Hipkiss added that a plan could not be developed until a decision was made to move forward with the demolition of the building. The intent now is to come up with a plan. Mayor Atkinson commented that there is grant funding available for the organizations to apply for. The South Peace Mackenzie Trust has \$10 million in funding and suggested the organizations look into that. Councillor McMeeken encouraged the current tenants to start exploring other options in the community and to take the lead as it would be their space.

Tammy Peron, resident, asked about the two-year time frame for the demolition and if it was realistic? Mayor Atkinson replied that the two-year time frame was decided based on the engineering report. The goal is to have all the organizations relocated within that two-year time frame. Ms. Perron expressed concerns over the current tenants not being able to afford rent in another location in town. Mayor Atkinson replied that the District has lost over \$1 million in taxes, and we need to make sure we are spending our money wisely. Spending money on a building that is not safe nor meets the current tenant needs is not a good financial decision. Ms. Perron thought there was a 7-year time frame, Mayor Atkinson replied that she had not heard of that. Ms. Perron asked if the community was responsible for grant writing? Mayor Atkinson replied that every organization in the community is responsible for writing their own grant applications. Councillor Hipkiss added that the Chamber of Commerce was in the same position and had to find a new location. Ms. Perron asked if the Chamber pays their own expenses? Mayor Atkinson replied that the District has an agreement with the Chamber to help support their expenses.

Rick Johnstone, resident, shared his concerns about the organizations' ability to pay rent in a new space and asked if a grant may be available to help save the building. Mayor Atkinson replied that the decision has already been made and the building would be coming down. The District will be doing everything they can to help ensure the current tenants find a space that meets their needs.

Mr. Close asked if there was the option of redesigning the current building and paying the fees to bring it up to code to suit the current tenants. Mayor Atkinson replied that we are taking notes and will relay to staff. She added that we are trying to work with the community and there is not one person on this Council that wants anything wrong to happen to the non-profits in there.

Ms. Perron asked who would be responsible for a building if a new one was built? Mayor Atkinson replied that it would depend on who was building it. She added that when the Curling Club was a standalone building, they were responsible for paying all fees, ice maker, custodians, power, etc. Ms. Perron further asked if a building were built if the District would supplement the building? Mayor Atkinson replied that that would be after the election, and we would not know who would be on Council. Ms. Perron asked if there were any subsidies that could be provided? Mayor Atkinson replied that every option would be explored.

## 5. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

N/A

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

32577.                    MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss  
*Receipt of Correspondence*            *THAT the correspondence listed on the agenda be received.*

CARRIED

### **For Action:**

Councillor McMeeken excused herself to avoid a conflict of interest.

32578.                    MOVED by Councillor Barnes  
*Mackenzie Seniors Week 2022*            *THAT the District of Mackenzie proclaim September 24 - October 1, 2022 as Mackenzie Seniors Week.*

CARRIED

Councillor McMeeken returned to the meeting.

Councillor Wiens removed himself to avoid a conflict of interest.

32579.                    MOVED by Councillor Brumovsky  
*EBCC Master Plan*                    *THAT the District of Mackenzie commit to completing the transition master plan for the tenants of the Ernie Bodin Community Centre by October 11, 2022.*

DEFEATED

OPPOSED by Councillors Barnes, McMeeken and Mayor Atkinson

32580.                    MOVED by Councillor Grogan  
*Transition of EBCC Tenants*            *THAT administration bring a progress report by the October 11, 2022 Council meeting discussing the relocation of the tenants in the Ernie Bodin Community Centre.*

CARRIED

Councillor Wiens returned to the meeting.

## 7. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

32581. MOVED by Councillor McMeeken  
Council Code of Conduct Policy - Revised  
THAT Council provide final feedback and approval of Council Code of Conduct Policy 1.23.

CARRIED

32582. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss  
Downtown Vision and Action Plan Update  
THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

32583. MOVED by Councillor Barnes  
Resolution of Support – Mackenzie Childcare Solution  
THAT Council supports the District of Mackenzie's application to Northern Development Initiative Trust's Northern Healthy Community Fund Capacity Building Stream for the "Mackenzie Childcare Solution" project.

CARRIED

32584. MOVED by Councillor Grogan  
Council Meeting Schedule Amendment  
THAT Council cancels the Committee of the Whole and Regular meetings on October 24, 2022.

CARRIED

OPPOSED by Councillor Brumovsky and Councillor Wiens

Councillor Grogan removed himself to avoid a conflict of interest.

32585. MOVED by Councillor Brumovsky  
MLIB AGA – Grant-in-Kind  
THAT Council approves the request for in-kind use of two portable toilets for the McLeod Lake Indian Band Annual General Assembly from August 10 – 12, 2022.

CARRIED

Councillor Grogan returned to the meeting.

## 8. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Council Reports

Councillor Wiens provided a verbal report. Councillor Brumovsky provided written report.

## 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

32586. MOVED by Councillor Grogan  
Signage at Mill Road  
THAT Administration bring back a report to Council about the signage located at Mill Rd. and Highway 39.

CARRIED

32587. MOVED by Councillor Grogan  
Public THAT Administration bring back a report to Council discussing the Public  
Comment/ Comment/Question period rules.  
Question  
Period

CARRIED

**11. BYLAWS**

N/A

**12. NOTICE OF MOTION**

N/A

**13. COMING EVENTS**

Movies in the Park

John Dahl Park - 9:15 pm

August 11 - The Sandlot

August 18 - Grease

September 1 - Spider-Man No Way Home

2022 Municipal Election - Notice of Nomination

Nomination Period - August 30 - September 9, 2022

Recreation Fair

September 10, 2022

**14. INQUIRIES**

Mitch Mortenson, resident, in regard to the letters sent to the Province about the shortage of paramedics in Mackenzie, advised Mayor and Council that he would be putting his name forward for a position with the ambulance service.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

32588. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss  
Adjournment THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:32 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