

February 13, 2023

Special Budget Meeting

Kerri Borne, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation to the public at a Special Budget Meeting on February 13th prior to the Regular meeting on the 2023 Provisional Operating and Capital Budget.

The 2023 Provisional Operating and Capital Budgets were approved by Council and will be effective immediately until the 2023-2027 Financial Plan is adopted, no later than May 12, 2023. Any revisions in the provisional budgets will be reflected in the Financial Plan.

This year a budget survey was introduced to residents in an attempt to gather more input and engage residents. The [2023 municipal budget book](#) and the survey "[What We Heard](#)" report is available online at www.letschatmackenzie.ca.

Mackenzie Community Arts Council

The Mackenzie Community Arts Council (MCAC) is applying for a grant from the Northern Development Initiative Trust for their Project MackenzieCAC, the creation of a website, an online store, and the development of a social media marketing strategy. The MCAC requested a letter of support from the District, Council approved the request.

Mackenzie Counselling Letter of Support

Mackenzie Counselling Services is applying for a grant from the Northern Development Initiative Trust for their Expansion Project. The Expansion Project includes the request for an additional Counsellor, IT Support, and additional funding to expand services offered. Mackenzie Counselling requested a letter of support from the District, Council approved the request.

International Purple Day - Landmark Lighting

Council proclaimed March 26th as International Purple Day in support of Epilepsy Awareness and will be lighting up the front of the Recreation Centre in purple.

EV Charging Stations

Council requested administration look into funding opportunities that may be available to install level two electric volt charging stations in Mackenzie and bring a report back to Council.

Letters of Support

Council approved delegating members of Mayor and Council to write letters of support for nominating individuals for awards without bringing the request to Council meetings for consideration first.

Amending January 10, 2023 Public Hearing Minutes

Council approved amending the January 10, 2023 Public Hearing minutes inquiry section in response to a request received to capture a question more accurately from a Mackenzie resident.

Fire Hall Update

BC Hydro was onsite on January 30th to energize the new Fire Hall building, however, they found that the ducts from the junction box to the transformer were full of ice. A planned power outage in the area is necessary to fix the issue. The overall project is set to be substantially complete June 1, 2023. The delays have no impact to the overall budget at this time.

Visitor Centre Caboose Operations 2023

Council approved the Visitor Service Agreement for 2023 with the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$37,400. The Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce provides visitor services at the Caboose Visitor Centre at the highway 97 junction as well the Chamber Office located in town.

Development Variance Permit – 609 Babine Drive

Council gave final consideration and approved a development variance permit application for 609 Babine Drive. The application was brought forward for review at the January 23, 2023 Council meeting. No concerns have been identified by technical agencies or nearby properties.

Board of Variance Bylaw No. 1494, 2023

Council gave the final reading and adopted Board of Variance Bylaw No. 1494, 2023. A call for applications to sit on the Board of Variance will be advertised to the community shortly.