

**District of Mackenzie
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, February 14, 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
Director of Corporate Services
E. Kaehn
Director of Recreation Services
T. Gilmer
Director of Operations
K. Gawryluk
Land & Environmental Coordinator
L. Thorne
Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant
C. Smirle

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:15 pm

We would like to begin by acknowledging 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 January 24, 2022 were adopted as presented.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 24, 2022 were adopted as presented.

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 27, 2022 were adopted as presented.

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 1, 2022 were adopted as presented.

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 8, 2022 were adopted as presented.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

32321. MOVED by Councillor Wiens
Introduction of Late Items THAT the following late item be added to the agenda;

7. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

h) Janitorial Contract 2022

THAT Council awards the 2022 Janitorial Contract, with the option of a one-year extension if mutually agreeable, to SkyBlue Services Corp. for \$3,685.00 per month plus GST.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

32322. MOVED by Councillor Barnes
Adoption of Agenda THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS

Janice Nelson, resident, asked if she would have the opportunity to speak during the correspondence section of the agenda when Council is discussing her letter? Mayor Atkinson replied no, members of the public can only speak during the Public Comment and Question period, as a delegation and at the end of the meeting during inquiries.

Ms. Nelson mentioned that in the report from Ken Gawryluk the wording in the recommendation is odd and very specific. She asked if complaints received by anyone who wishes to have their lights changed would be denied? Ms. Nelson noted that there are errors in the report regarding information about Duncan and Sidney. Ms. Nelson further added that the District had an opportunity to address complaints when BC Hydro was here and as a result this is the consequence of the slow response now. Mayor Atkinson thanked Ms. Nelson for her comments and replied that her concerns would be discussed in the Administrative Report section when Mr. Gawryluk's streetlight report is up for consideration.

Carmen Schalles, resident, asked how the online booking fee will be charged with passes purchased at the Recreation Centre? Terry Gilmer, Director of Recreation Services, replied that for online booking there is a 3% fee that is charged directly for each booking to the Recreation Centre. For memberships purchased there will be an additional 3% charged on annual memberships.

5. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Ross Hobbs, President of Mackenzie Outdoor Route and Trail Association, discussed the Morfee Mountain Trail Network Master Plan with Mayor and Council. A copy of the presentation is included in the Council meeting master file.

Denise Davis, resident, had planned on presenting to Mayor and Council regarding questions concerning the Iris Energy Data Centre and how the development may or may not impact neighbouring properties. Ms. Davis cancelled her presentation.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

32323. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss
Receipt of Correspondence THAT the correspondence listed on the agenda be received.

CARRIED

For Action:

32324. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss
Climbing Wall Letter THAT the email received from resident, Jill Irwin, regarding the decision to move the climbing wall from the Recreation Centre be received for information.

CARRIED

32325. MOVED by Councillor Wiens
Streetlight Letter THAT the letter received from Janice Nelson, resident, regarding the recent streetlight changes be received for information.
CARRIED

32326. MOVED by Councillor Grogan
Epilepsy Awareness THAT the District of Mackenzie light up the Recreation Centre in purple lights on March 26th in honour of epilepsy awareness.
CARRIED

7. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

32327. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss
Morfee Mountain Road THAT Council directs staff to conduct research and bring back further information about whether the District should pursue holding tenure on Morfee Mountain Road through a License of Occupation with the Province of BC or acquiring Morfee Mountain Road as a municipal road from the Province of BC.
CARRIED
OPPOSED by Councillor Wiens

32328. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss
New Street Lighting THAT Council direct staff to follow up on every complaint received as a result of the June 2021 public notice and, if warranted, contact BC Hydro to create a work order to have the head and arm of the streetlights adjusted or wattage of the lights reduced.
CARRIED

32329. MOVED by Councillor Wiens
ICIP Application - Potable Water Treatment of Manganese Project THAT Council approves the application for grant funding for the Gantahaz Potable Water Treatment of Manganese Project through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Green Infrastructure-Environmental Quality (EQ) Sub-Stream;
AND THAT Council supports the project and commits to covering the cost of any unanticipated project overruns;
AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the grant application and, if the application is successful, any related documentation.
CARRIED
OPPOSED by Councillor Grogan

32330. MOVED by Councillor Barnes
Temporary Road Closure THAT Council approves moving forward with the temporary road closure process for the section of Frontage Road that intersects Lots 3, 4, 5 of District Lot 12479 Cariboo District Plan 29874.
CARRIED
OPPOSED by Councillor Grogan

32331. MOVED by Councillor Barnes
UBCM - EOC Grant Application THAT Council approves the application to the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for \$25,000 towards the Emergency Operations Centre Communications Equipment Upgrade project;
AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the grant application and, if the application is successful, any related documentation.
CARRIED

Emily Kaehn, Director of Corporate Services, provided a presentation requesting Council's feedback on questions related to the new electronic meeting procedures.

32332. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss
Electronic Meetings Procedures - Session #2
THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

32333. MOVED by Councillor McMeeken
Association for Mineral Exploration Roundup 2022
THAT Council receives this report for information.

CARRIED

32334. MOVED by Councillor McMeeken
Janitorial Contract
THAT Council awards the 2022 Janitorial Contract, with the option of a one-year extension if mutually agreeable, to SkyBlue Services Corp. for \$3,685.00 per month plus GST.

CARRIED

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor's Report
Nil

Council Reports
Nil

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

10. NEW BUSINESS

Nil

11. BYLAWS

32335. MOVED by Councillor Brumovsky
Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1466
THAT Bylaw No. 1466 cited as "Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1466, 2022" be adopted.

CARRIED

32336. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss
Sewer Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1467
THAT Bylaw No. 1467 cited as "Sewer Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1467, 2022" be adopted.

CARRIED

32337. MOVED by Councillor McMeeken
Garbage Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1468
1468
THAT Bylaw No. 1468 cited as "Garbage Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 1468, 2022" be adopted.

CARRIED

32338. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss
Recreational Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1469
1469
THAT Bylaw No. 1469 cited as "Recreational Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1469, 2022" be adopted.

CARRIED

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

13. COMING EVENTS

WinterQuest - February 25-27, 2022

MacTown's 1st Annual Charity Chili Cook-Off - February 26, 2022

Community Grants - Second In-Take - March 15, 2022

14. INQUIRIES

Ms. Nelson thanked Council for addressing the light concerns. Ms. Nelson added that the District of Mackenzie chose lights that are not recommended for residential neighbourhoods. The neighbour down the street should not determine the impact on another person or be able to make decisions for someone else, the streetlights belong to the taxpayers of BC. Mayor Atkinson responded that we are trying to do the best we can to help everyone and not everyone will be happy with decisions made.

Jill Irwin, resident, sent in a written submission as she had to leave the meeting early.

"Thank you for your response and consideration of my letter. Unfortunately, highlighting unrelated cost saving measures and the fact that our ski hill is running, does not satisfy my concerns about moving a \$100,000 community asset without knowing the costs. It does not satisfy my concern of using public funds to build a \$100,000 squash court in its place, without first determining community need. I am concerned with the way the District continues to engage the community in ways that we have said are not accessible to us. The request to hold online engagement, as requested in the 2019 community consultation, is even more true today than it was then. The engagement on the climbing wall was conducted in person, after the decision was made. Engagement for the 4000k streetlights was done by way of an unannounced door to door canvassing. Engagement for the increase of Recreation Centre fees and changes to the associated bylaw was not conducted. Engagement for the budget was done in person on three separate occasions. If there is no change in the way the District engages with community members of decisions that affect our lives, it will continue to promote apathy and create barriers to participation in community life."

Mayor Atkinson replied that she would reach out to Ms. Irwin directly to discuss her concerns.

15. ADJOURNMENT

32339. MOVED by Councillor Grogan
Adjournment THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 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