

**District of Mackenzie  
Special Meeting  
Monday, January 24, 2022**

MINUTES of a Special 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 V. Brumovsky  
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  
Fire Chief J. Guise  
Land & Environmental Coordinator  
L. Thorne  
Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant  
C. Smirle

**1. CALL TO ORDER AT 6:00 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.*

**2. PRESENTATION**

Kerri Borne, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation to the public on the 2022 Provisional Operating and Capital Budgets. A copy of the 2022 Provisional Operating and Capital Budget Information Book has been attached to this agenda for further information.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS**

Mayor Atkinson welcomed members of the public to provide any comments or ask questions regarding the 2022 Budget.

Councillor Hipkiss asked where the Community Forest Dividends go when they are received? Kerri Borne, Chief Financial Officer, replied that when the dividends are received the budget is amended in June, a report goes to Council for final approval, and they are transferred to reserves for infrastructure replacement unless Council wishes otherwise.

Jesse Wright, resident, asked about the budget from the Economic Development account moving into the Administration budget what that means for the position, if it is still planning on being filled at the District? Emily Kaehn, Director of Corporate Services, replied that there is no impact, it is just an administrative change moving the budget and there are still plans to fill the position.

Janice Nelson, Publisher of the Macktown Buzette, asked if when replacing the roof at the Recreation Centre if the roof will need to be re-done again when installing solar panels, causing redundancy in the work? Terry Gilmer, Director of Recreation Services, replied that no, once the roof is replaced and solar panels are added, the new roof sections will not need to be re-installed.

Ms. Nelson asked what conferences and events took place last year regarding use of the Council expenses budget? Ms. Borne replied that very little took place last year due to COVID-19. She added that the budget for Council expenses also includes wages, benefits, strategic planning and training.

Ms. Nelson asked what exactly is planned for the Municipal Hall refresh? Ken Gawryluk, Director of Operations, replied that the refresh has been three years in the making. The plan is to re-evaluate the scope of work and reduce if possible. The plan is to update the heating, install new lights, replace the carpet and add additional insulation to the attic.

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

32264. MOVED by Councillor  
*Adjournment THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:38 pm.*

CARRIED

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

Signed:

Certified Correct:

  
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Mayor

  
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Corporate Officer