

## **Council Highlights**

## July 24, 2023

### Public Hearing Held - Backyard Ducks

Council received submissions from the public on the proposed bylaw which if passed would permit residents to keep ducks in a backyard enclosure. A permit would be required to maintain a duck enclosure, and like backyard Hen enclosures, they would only be permitted on parcels containing a single detached dwelling. Council will make a final decision on August 14.

### RDFFG Fire Department Coordination Bylaw

Council to support the adoption of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George's Fire Department Coordination Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1990, Amendment Bylaw No. 3310, 2023.

#### MLIB Annual General Assembly

Council requested staff to consider hosting a booth at the Annual General Assembly on August 11th.

## **BC Summer Swimming Swim Meet Letter**

Council received a thank you letter from the BC Summer Swim Meeting Regional Director to the District of Mackenzie for supporting the swim meet held at the Recreation Centre June 10-11, 2023. Council resolved to send a thank you letter in return with encouraging the organization to return next year.

#### 2022 Annual Report

Council received a report on public feedback to the 2022 Annual Report draft, then approved the 2022 Annual Report. The final report is available on the 2022 Annual Report project page on Let's Chat Mackenzie, and at the District of Mackenzie Document center website.

#### COTW Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw No. 1504, 2023.

Council received a report on COTW Council Procedure. The amendment would formally establish an agenda procedure for COTW meetings with the inclusion of a Public Comments and Questions period (which would immediate follow the Call to Order). The amendment also expands the rules and procedures for this period already in regular council meetings to the new period in COTW meetings, ensuring that they are both conducted under the same rules and procedure. The bylaw was given its first three readings. Final consideration will take place August 14.

#### **Outdoor Smoking Shelter**

A report was received with information on the potential style and location of a new smoking shelter on Recreation Centre property. Council moved to wait until the Active Transportation Planning is complete. This plan will include plans for landscape, trails, and paths for the Recreation Centre property. The shelter's location and design will be included as part of that planning.

#### Vehicle Replacement – 2023 Chevrolet Colorado

Council awarded the purchase of a 2023 Chevrolet Colorado from Wood Wheaton Supercentre in the amount of \$51,728 plus GST and authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the contract and any related documentation.



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## Autumn Lodge – Potential New Location

Council directed staff to proceed with relocation of Autumn Lodge to the Recreation Centre. The Autumn Lodge society will be relocating to the upstairs meeting room; the leased space previously occupied by the Mackenzie Mountaineers. Possible renovations were discussed.

Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee (AIC) 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Activity Report Council received the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Activity reports from the AIAC. The report outlines the committee's activities over the last six months.

## **Short-Term Housing**

Staff was asked to bring back a report with information about how the District could potentially allow and regulate short-term rental housing such as AirBnB in Mackenzie.