

**District of Mackenzie
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, July 25, 2022**

Council Chambers of the Municipal Office, 1 Mackenzie Boulevard, Mackenzie, BC.

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
Fire Chief J. Guise
Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant
C. Smirle

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.

32557.
Defer Closed Meeting

MOVED by Councillor McMeeken
THAT the Special Closed meeting be deferred until after the regular meeting;

AND THAT the basis of the Special Closed Meeting relates to Section 90(1)(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provisions of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages.

CARRIED

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on June 27, 2022 were adopted as presented.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 27, 2022 were adopted as presented.

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on July 6, 2022 were adopted as presented.

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on July 14, 2022 were adopted as amended.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

N/A

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

32558. MOVED by Councillor Barnes
Adoption of *Agenda* THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS

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

Michelle Bobrel, resident, asked if there are any intentions for pursuing grant money to fix up the EBCC? Mayor Atkinson replied that this evening Council would be discussing whether to invest in the facility or demolish the building. Ms. Bobrel asked if the District would be helping the current tenants find new locations? Mayor Atkinson replied, yes, that conversations have been had with tenants and hopefully we can work with the other organizations. They don't all have to go together in the same building but we will be exploring all options. The intent is to talk about the building not the organizations in the building. Ms. Bobrel asked if the District was looking at other options such as renovating or building a new building? Mayor Atkinson replied that the building is being used for a purpose it was not intended and is over capacity. It currently does not meet fire and safety regulations. Ms. Bobrel expressed that her concerns were with the organizations being shut down with no place to go. Mayor Atkinson replied that every member of Council appreciates what these organizations do for the community and the intent is to work with the organizations to explore alternative spaces for them.

Jarl Sundve, resident, asked if there was a plan to replace the EBCC building if it is torn down? Mr. Sundve mentioned that if there was no plan in place then he would like the building to stay open until a plan is in place as it would affect the tenants and the whole town. Mayor Atkinson replied that the plan is for the organizations to have a new space before the building is demolished. The groups are aware that this may happen. Mayor Atkinson added that the town has lost \$1 million in taxes, so the District could increase taxes to cover cost of new facility if that is the community's wish.

Chris Baker, resident, asked if the cost to dismantle the building has been determined? Adding that the cost could be less than the upgrades needed. Mr. Baker expressed his concerns of losing historical buildings in the town and asked if grant funding could be looked into.

Jeff Close, resident and employee at CHMM 103.5, expressed his concerns and wishes for Council to have a Plan B for the current tenants before any contracts or tenders for demolition are issued. Mr. Close added that radio would need ample time to build a new radio station and asked what kind of assistance the District is proposing? Mayor Atkinson replied that the radio station is essential to the community and would have a spot in town. Mayor Atkinson added that most non-profit organizations are in charge of the direction of their organization. Meetings have been had with current tenants to determine their needs and what is most important to them. Mr. Close asked if Council had a timeline for when options may be available for the users? Mayor Atkinson replied that we will figure that out and want tenants to be looking into alternative options as well. Mayor Atkinson added that this is an important issue and we are trying our best to be fiscally responsible and will work to ensure none of the tenants are thrown under the bus.

Mitch Mortenson, resident, asked if the Council report was based on recent fire practice and code updates? Mayor Atkinson replied that the report was based off the building assessment that was completed in 2018. Mr. Mortenson asked

if the assessment was based on regulations that had been recently updated? Mayor Atkinson replied that the assessment was completed by an engineering firm. Mr. Mortenson discussed how the building standards have changed over time and that the building was built to handle higher use and a higher population of people in town. Mr. Mortenson further suggested the current building stay in place until a new building is built.

Sue Sundve, resident and member of the Senior's Centre expressed her concerns about losing the storage space for Senior's events. If they have events in a different space they would have to set up and clean up after every event. Mayor Atkinson replied that no decision has been made yet and she has spoken with a rep of the Senior's Centre and they are currently looking into alternative spaces for the Seniors. The current space does not meet the needs and is too small.

5. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Mitch Mortenson, resident, provided a letter and expressed concerns to Mayor and Council regarding the construction that has taken place at 113 Moberly Crescent.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

32559. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss
Receipt of Correspondence *THAT the correspondence listed in the agenda be received.*

CARRIED

For Action:

32560. MOVED by Councillor Barnes
NIRD - Recruitment and Retention *THAT the District of Mackenzie support Councillor Barnes and any member of Council who wishes to assist the Northern Interior Rural Division of Family Practice in their initiative of recruitment and retention of health care workers for the population of Mackenzie and McLeod Lake by assisting with guided tours along with health care providers.*

CARRIED

32561. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss
CKPG-TV - Letter of Support *THAT the District of Mackenzie provide a letter of support to CKPG-TV in support of their licence renewal application to the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission.*

CARRIED

7. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Councillor Wiens removed himself to avoid a conflict of interest.

32562. MOVED by Councillor Barnes
Ernie Bodin Community Centre (EBCC) *THAT Council directs staff to proceed with decommissioning and subsequent demolition of the EBCC within a two-year timeframe.*

CARRIED

OPPOSED by Councillor Brumovsky and Councillor Grogan

Councillor Wiens returned to the meeting.

32563. MOVED by Councillor Barnes
MORATA – *THAT Council authorizes Recreation Services to approve a special event permit
Alcohol for MORATA that would allow them to serve alcohol at Second Beach on August
Permit 20, 2022.*

CARRIED

32564. MOVED by Councillor Brumovsky
Code of *THAT Council establish the Code of Conduct 5.22 Policy.*
Conduct
5.22 –
Revisions

CARRIED

32565. MOVED by Councillor Wiens
Council *THAT Council receives this report for information;*
Code of
Conduct *AND THAT the Council Code of Conduct Policy be brought back to a future
Policy Council meeting for adoption with suggested changes made.*

CARRIED

32566. MOVED by Councillor Barnes
Business *THAT Council approves the applications to the Mackenzie Business Façade
Façade Improvement Program to a maximum amount of \$2,500.00.*
Improvement
Program
2022

CARRIED

32567. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss
Mackenzie *THAT Council approves the renewal of the five-year Licence of Occupation with
Nordiques the Mackenzie Nordiques Cross Country Ski Club;*
Cross
Country Ski *AND THAT Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the
Club – agreement.*
Licence of
Occupation

CARRIED

32568. MOVED by Councillor Brumovsky
Construction *THAT Council receives this report for information.*
Update for
the New
Mackenzie
Fire Hall and
the
Demolition
of the
Existing Fire
Hall

CARRIED

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor's Report
N/A

Council Reports
Councillor Hipkiss provided a verbal report.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

10. NEW BUSINESS

N/A

11. BYLAWS

N/A

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

N/A

13. COMING EVENTS

Airport Community Day
August 7, 2022
1:00 - 4:00 pm

14. INQUIRIES

N/A

15. ADJOURNMENT

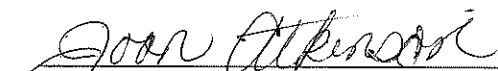
32569. MOVED by Councillor Wiens
Adjournment THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:26 pm

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