

Council Highlights

May 8, 2023

Truck Loggers Association 2023-2024 Membership

Council approved the renewal of the District's annual membership with the Truck Loggers Association in the amount of \$404.25.

NBCTA Regional Tourism Initiatives

Council approved the request from the Northern BC Tourism Association (NBCTA) to provide two letters of support towards their grant applications to the Northern Development Initiative Trust. Through the Northern Healthy Communities Fund, they will be applying for funding to support the continued evolution of the Northern BC Tourism Resiliency Program. They are also applying for funding to the Northern Development Initiatives Fund to support the development of a promotional journal for the region.

Letter of Support – Community Futures Fraser-Fort George

Council approved the request from Community Futures of Fraser-Fort George to provide a letter of support towards their application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for their Regional Business Liaison initiative.

Resolution of Support - Mackenzie Community Arts Council

Council approved the request from the Mackenzie Community Arts Council (MCAC) for a letter of support towards their application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for funding for their Project Caribou: A Home For the Arts. The MCAC will be moving into their new location at 9 Laurier Drive, if approved for funding they will use funds to carry out renovations and make the new location accessible.

Letter of Recommendation - Forest Enhancement Society of BC

Council approved providing a letter of recommendation to the Forest Enhancement Society of BC for an award through the Canadian Institute of Forestry for the Canadian Forest Management Group Achievement Presidential Award.

Enbridge Sunrise Expansion Project

Enbridge is proposing the Sunrise Expansion Program (Project), an expansion of the southern portion of the Westcoast system, also known as the BC Pipeline system. The Project currently includes the addition of new compressor units, pipeline looping, and other required compressor station modifications. In addition, they are investigating the potential for electrification of some of the compressor units and feasibility of new transmission power lines. Mackenzie has been identified as a potentially affected community, and Enbridge is requesting review of the Project and invites interests, comments, or concerns to be shared so that they may be considered in the early development of this Project. Enbridge will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday June 7, 2023 at the Mackenzie Rec Centre from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Residents are invited to learn more about the Sunrise Expansion Program, meet members of the team, and provide input about the proposed Project.

Enbridge Sunrise Expansion Project - Information

Resolutions of Support - NDIT & SPMT

Council supported the District's application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust and the South Peace Mackenzie Trust for grant funding up to \$20,000 from each funding stream towards the Relocation Materials Project. If approved, the project would complement previous investment attraction projects by the District by focusing and going a bit deeper on resident



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attraction and retention. The cost estimates for the project are approximately \$17,000, if approved for funding, the costs would be funded entirely through grants.

Growing Communities Reserve Fund

Council approved amending Council Policy 3.18 Reserve and Surplus Policy to include the Growing Communities Reserve Fund. In 2023, the District received funding in the amount of \$1,723,000, from the Province of BC under the Growing Communities Fund with the primary objective to increase local housing supply with investments in community infrastructure and amenities. As per the terms of the grant, the funds will be placed in a separate dedicated reserve fund for the Capital and Planning purposes of the Growing Communities Reserve. Reserve Funds Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 1500, 2023 was given the first three readings.

Council Code of Conduct Policy

Council reviewed the Council Code of Conduct Policy. No changes were made.

2022 Audited Financial Statements

Council approved the **revised** 2022 Audited Financial Statements.

Business Façade Improvement Program

Council approved two applications to the Business Façade Improvement Program in the amount of \$2,078 to Mackenzie Community Services, formally known as Mackenzie Counselling Services, and \$2,158.50 to the Ace Victory Building Centre. Mackenzie Community Services will be installing new signage and exterior door paint, and Ace Victory will be installing a 55' sign decal on the warehouse building.

Financial Plan and Tax Rate Bylaws

Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1498, 2023 and Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1499, 2023 were adopted.