

**District of Mackenzie
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, May 09, 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 – *electronic participant*
Chief Administrative Officer
D. Smith
Chief Financial Officer K. Borne
Director of Corporate Services
E. Kaehn
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 April 25, 2022 were adopted as presented.

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on April 25, 2022 were adopted as presented.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 25, 2022 were adopted as presented.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

32440. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss
Adoption of Agenda THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS

Nil

5. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Nil

6. CORRESPONDENCE

32441. MOVED by Councillor Barnes
Receipt of *THAT the correspondence listed on the agenda be received.*
Correspondence

CARRIED

For Action:

Councillor Hipkiss removed herself from the meeting to avoid a conflict of interest.

32442. MOVED by Councillor Barnes
MLMCF *THAT Council appoints Councillor Hipkiss for a further 3-year term to the*
Board *McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest Board of Directors.*
Appointment

CARRIED

32443. MOVED by Councillor Brumovsky
Resolution *THAT Council supports the Mackenzie Outdoor Route and Trail Association's*
of Support - *grant application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust's Fabulous*
Morfee Lake *Festival and Events funding program to support and grow the Morfee Lake*
Scramble *Scramble event.*

CARRIED

Councillor Hipkiss returned to the meeting.

32444. MOVED by Councillor Barnes
Northern BC *THAT Council provides a letter of support towards the Northern BC Tourism*
Tourism *Association's grant application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust's*
Association *Northern Healthy Communities Fund to support the re-establishment and*
Letter of *evolution of the Tourism Resiliency Program specifically in the Northern BC*
Support *region.*

CARRIED

7. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

32445. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss
Community *THAT Council awards the update of the Community Resiliency Plan project to*
Wildfire *Frontera Forest Solutions for a price of \$19,800 plus GST;*
Resiliency *AND THAT Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to award and*
Plan *execute the contract and any related documentation.*

CARRIED

32446. MOVED by Councillor
Azan Trail - *THAT Council approves the Mackenzie Outdoor Route and Trail Association's*
Accessible *proposed change to the location of the accessible section of the Azan Trail.*
Section

CARRIED

Councillor Barnes removed himself from the meeting to avoid conflict of interest.

32447. MOVED by Councillor
Plan H THAT Council directs Administration to apply for the PlanH Community
Community Connectedness grant in partnership with the Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society
Connectedness Grant to support their "Friends Helping Friends Meal Program".

CARRIED

Councillor Barnes returned to the meeting.

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor's Report

N/A

Council Reports

Councillor Brumovsky provided a written report. Councillors Hipkiss and McMeeken provided verbal reports.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

10. NEW BUSINESS

Nil

11. BYLAWS

32448. MOVED by Councillor Barnes
Bylaw No. 1480, 2022 THAT Bylaw No. 1480, cited as "Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1480, 2022" be adopted.

CARRIED

32449. MOVED by Councillor Brumovsky
Bylaw No. 1481, 2022 THAT Bylaw No. 1481, cited as "Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1481, 2022" be adopted.

CARRIED

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

13. COMING EVENTS

Community Clean-Up Day
Wednesday May 25, 2022

14. INQUIRIES

Janice Nelson, Mackenzie resident, asked what the result was of the Azan Trail discussion. Mayor Atkinson indicated that the proposed changes to the location of the accessible section of the trail were approved.

Ms. Nelson further commented that the original proposal for the Azan Trail was to be a wide flat trail, using the fire guard, however, although a beautiful trail, it is not truly multiuse as proposed. She indicated her original impression was

that it was going to be more accessible throughout. Mayor Atkinson and Councillor Hipkiss responded that the original proposal was that a 2 km section off Mackenzie Blvd. was going to be accessible only, not the whole trail. Now the location will be near the ball diamonds and golf course.

Ms. Nelson also commented on the \$500,000 in funding the District received being utilized for the jump and pump track planned for the centre of town.

Councillor Grogan mentioned that there may multiple accessibility definitions being considered in this conversation.

Aaron Snively of the Mackenzie Outdoor Route and Trail Association mentioned that when the trail was originally proposed, it was focused on access from town, then a short section being truly accessible. He indicated that Ms. Nelson may be considering a previous proposal made by District staff. Ms. Nelson disputed this comment and said it is a missed opportunity that the full trail is not as multi-purpose as proposed.

Dave Schindler, resident, commented that he thought the trail was initially focusing on inclusive trail development, for adaptive biking. In terms of walking, he indicated it is a challenging trail. He continued by saying that everyone has their own version of accessibility, but there is a new code available. Due to the location of the trail, he mentioned it is difficult to make a flat trail on a mountainside. Lastly, he mentioned that the community becoming accessible is incremental and will take time, but begins with a culture of inclusion.

15. ADJOURNMENT

32450. MOVED by Councillor Grogan
Adjournment THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:43 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