

October 23, 2023

NCLGA 2023-2024 Membership Dues

Council moved to pay the 2023-2024 membership dues in the amount of \$2,303.71. The dues for 2022-2023 were \$2,273.65.

Letter of Support – Foundry

Mackenzie Community Services requested a letter of support for a Foundry location in Mackenzie. Foundry is a province-wide network of integrated health and wellness services for young people ages 12-24. Council approved the request.

Rocky Mountain Riders

The Rocky Mountain Riders requested to re-establish the snowmobile trail located on District land that would connect the District works yard and Morfee Mtn. Road. Additionally, the club is requesting a letter of support for the Rocky Mountain Rider's tenure application for the portion of the trail that is located on crown land within District boundaries. Lastly, they asked Council pass a resolution of support towards their REDIP application as well as being listed as a project partner on their application. Council approved all three requests.

Letter of Support – MackChu Brewing

MackChu Brewing requested a letter of support for their grant application to the South Peace Mackenzie Trust for funding towards the startup of their new business. Council approved the request.

Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce Auction

The Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce requested a donation of sponsorship or merchandise for their Annual Auction that will be held on November 23, 2023. Council approved a donation in the amount of \$100 from the District of Mackenzie.

Council Liaison Appointments

Council approved the following liaison appointments:

Annual Appointments – ending November 1st of each year

Deputy Mayor	Councillor Barnes 1/11/2023 – 31/1/2024 Councillor Hipkiss 1/2/2024 – 30/4/2024 Councillor McMeeken 1/5/2024 – 31/7/2024 Councillor Wright 1/8/2024 – 31/10/2024
Access and Inclusion Committee	Liaison: Councillor McMeeken Alternate: Councillor Brumovsky
Asset Management Committee	Liaison: Mayor Atkinson Alternate: Councillor Wright
Chamber of Commerce	Liaison: Councillor Hipkiss

	Alternate: Councillor Wright
CNC Advisory Group	Liaison: Councillor Barnes Liaison: Councillor Tapper
Grant Adjudication Committee	Liaison: Councillor Barnes Liaison: Councillor McMeeken
Mackenzie Wildfire Advisory Committee	Liaison: Councillor Barnes Alternate: Councillor Brumovsky
Municipal Library	Liaison: Councillor Tapper Alternate: Councillor Brumovsky
New Horizons – Senior Inclusion Solutions Advisory Group	Liaison: Councillor Wright Alternate: Mayor Atkison

MLMCF Council Representatives – 3-year Term Ending in June 2025

McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest (MLMCF)	Liaison: Councillor Hipkiss
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Strategic Priorities Liaisons – 4-year Appointments Ending November 1, 2026

Agricultural Opportunities and Food Security Liaison	Liaison: Councillor Tapper Alternate: Councillor Brumovsky
Climate Action Liaison	Liaison: Councillor Hipkiss Alternate: Councillor Tapper
Education Liaison	Liaison: Councillor Wright Alternate: Councillor Brumovsky
Forestry Liaison	Liaison: Mayor Atkinson Alternate: Deputy Mayor
Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Liaison	Liaison: Councillor Barnes Alternate: Councillor Wright
Mining Liaison	Liaison: Councillor Barnes Alternate: Councillor Wright

Full Term Appointment to Other Boards – Ending November 1, 2026

BC Hydro Peace River/Williston Reservoir Advisory Committee	Liaison: Mayor Atkinson
DoM Emergency Executive Committee	Liaison: Mayor Atkinson Liaison: Councillor McMeeken
Northern Development Initiative Trust – Prince George Regional Advisory Committee	Liaison: Mayor Atkinson Alternate: Councillor Wright
Prince George Advisory Committee – Regional District Sub.	Liaison: Councillor Wright
Regional District of Fraser-Fort George	Director: Mayor Atkinson Alternate: Councillor Wright

Mackenzie Lake Floating Dock

Council approved the purchase of an Inflatable Bongo 13 Water Park in the amount of \$3,400 plus GST. The dock can be installed in the lake during the summer and provides another recreation opportunity for youth.

Cul-de-sac Parking Bylaws

Council received a report for information on Parking Bylaws in other communities with regards to cul-de-sacs.

Commercial Daycare Lease – Gammie’s Daycare

Council authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into a three-year lease agreement with Gammie’s Daycare to allow for a designated outdoor space for the purpose of enhancing recreational activities for children under their care.

Mackenzie Industrial Area Snow Removal 2023/2024

Council awarded the 2023-2024 Snow Removal Contract for the Mackenzie Industrial Area to Cordwood Industries in the amount of \$37,525 plus GST.

NDIT – Business Façade Improvement Program 2024

Council approved the District’s application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust from the District of Mackenzie for a grant of up to \$20,000 for the Business Façade Improvement program from the Prince George Regional development Account.

Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1505, 2023

Council adopted Bylaw No. 1505, 2023. This bylaw extends an exemption of taxation to the whole or a part of land and improvements owned or held by an athletic or service club or association and used principally as a public park or recreation ground or for public athletic or recreational purposes. This includes the Mackenzie Golf and Country Club, the Mackenzie Fish and Game Association, the Mackenzie Alpine Riders Horse Club, and the Mackenzie Nordiques Cross-Country Ski Club.

Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1506, 2023

Council adopted Bylaw No. 1506, 2023. This bylaw extends an exemption from taxation to whole or parts of land and improvements not being operated for profit or gain and owned by a charitable or philanthropic organization supported in whole or in part by public funds and used exclusively for charitable or philanthropic purposes. This includes the Royal Canadian Legion Mackenzie Branch, Youth for Christ Prince George, and the Mackenzie Community Arts Council.

Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1507, 2023

Council adopted Bylaw No. 1507, 2023. This bylaw extends an exemption from taxation to whole or parts of land and improvements owned or occupied by a church as tenant or licensee for the purpose of public worship or for the purposes of a church hall which Council considers necessary to the Church. This includes the Living Joy Christian Centre Inc, the Roman Catholic Episcopal Church, the Canadian Baptists of Western Canada, and the Trustees Congregation Jehovah’s Witnesses.

Notices of Motion

Agricultural Information Fair

At the next regular council meeting, Council will decide if staff will plan for an Agriculture Information Fair. This fair would facilitate the sharing of information related to agriculture such as funding, supports, types of agriculture, allowable land, and more.

Remaining Council Travel Funds

At the next regular council meeting, Council will decide if remaining funds allocated for Councillor travel not spent during 2023 could be redirected as a one-time grant opportunity for non-profits in Mackenzie for projects designed for community benefit.

Coming Events

Open House – Official Community Plan Amendment

Wednesday October 25, 2023 at the Mackenzie Recreation Centre from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

The District is looking to establish Development Permit Area's within the District of Mackenzie. The purpose of the open house is to inform residents about a proposed amendment to the Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1304 associated with the creation of these permit areas.

Halloween Fireworks – Mackenzie Recreation Centre

Tuesday October 31, 2023 – 7:00 pm

Upper parking lot at the Recreation Centre

Morfee elementary PAC Halloween Movie Night

Friday October 27, 2023 – 6:00 pm

At the School Gym. Snacks and beverages for sale, all proceeds go towards Morfee Elementary PAC.

Haunted Maze 2023 - Mackenzie Community Arts Council

Friday October 27 and Saturday October 28

Lights On 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Closed 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Lights Off 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm