

## November 13, 2023

### EBCC – Request for Extension

The Mackenzie Community Arts Council wrote to Council that they require an extension of the August 1, 2024 eviction date in order to successfully relocate. Council moved to have staff to report on the cost and safety of potentially extending the eviction to September 1, 2025.

### MORATA – Letter of Support Request

The Mackenzie Outdoor Route & Trail Association has requested a letter of support from the District towards their Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) grant application for funding towards the mountain bike trails. Council approved the request.

### Community Futures Fraser-Fort George - Letter of Support Request

Community Futures requested a letter of support towards their Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) application for a grant to help support the Regional Food System mapping Project. Council approved the request.

### Remaining Council Travel Funds

Council deferred the decision to discuss and vote on the Remaining Council Travel Funds report until a later date when all of Council was present to be part of the discussion and vote.

### Agricultural Information Fair

Council moved that staff organize a one-day agricultural information fair to be held in the fall of 2024.

### Official Community Plan Amendment – Development Permit Area Establishment

This report proposed that two Development Permit Areas (DPAs) be established. DPAs are areas where special treatment is required when being developed. The report proposed two DPAs: a Form and Character Development Permit Area, and an Environmental Development Permit Area. To learn more about DPAs, you can visit <https://www.letschatmackenzie.ca/development-permit-areas>.

### Community Grants – September 2023 First In-Take

Council approved the recommendations of the Grant Adjudication Committee for the first intake of the 2024 Community Grants Program. \$135,371.50 has been released, and \$64,628.50 remains to be awarded in the second intake.

Approval letters will be going out shortly to all applicants. Recommendations and grant approval details can be found by contacting Corporate Services at [info@districtofmackenzie.ca](mailto:info@districtofmackenzie.ca). A secondary intake for cash grant/in-kind applications will be on March 15, 2024.

## Airport Services Agreement Contract Award

Council awarded a two-year Airport Services Agreement to KS2 Management Ltd. in the amount of \$9,650 per month plus GST.

## Library Board of Directors

Council re-appointed Camille Ginnver to the Mackenzie Library Board of Directors with a term retroactively beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2024, reappointed Anthony Brewis to the Mackenzie Library Board of Directors with a term starting January 2024 – December 2025, and appointed Corinne Higgins to the Mackenzie Library Board of Directors with a term starting January 2024 – December 2025.

## Proposed 2024 Budget Schedule

Council approved the proposed Council meeting dates for the 2024 annual budget process. A Budget Survey will be available online for residents to report customer satisfaction with each department, as well as provide suggestions for the 2024 budget. The Finance Open House will be held at the Rec Centre, and all other events will take place at Council Chambers.

Event	Date
Finance Open House	Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 6:00pm-7:00pm
Budget Discussion	Monday, January 8, 2024, 6:00pm
Budget Discussion	Monday, January 22, 2024, 6:00pm
Presentation of the 2024 Provisional Operating and Capital Budget	Monday, February 12, 2024, 5:30pm
Community Budget Consultation	Monday, February 12, 2024, 6:45pm
Presentation of the 2024-2028 Financial Plan Bylaw	Monday, April 22, 2024, 6:00 pm

## Active Transportation Plan – What We Heard Report

Council received this report for information. As part of developing the Active Transportation Plan, a survey was held to gather information on how residents of Mackenzie use active transportation such as walking or bicycling around town, as well as other information about recreational activity. To learn more, you can visit the let's chat Mackenzie page at <https://www.letschatmackenzie.ca/active-transportation-plan>. There will be an open house at the Rec Centre on November 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

## EV Charging Stations Update

Council received this report for information. The construction phase for both the proposed Level 2 Charging Station at the Recreation Centre and the approved Level 3 BC Hydro Charger in the 616 Parking Lot will be delayed until spring 2024.

## Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1508, 2023

Bylaw No. 1508 cited as “Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1508, 2023” was given the first two readings. This Bylaw would establish “Development Permit Areas” where the lands which need special treatment when being developed. Next steps will be sending the bylaw for referral and hosting a public hearing.