

November 27, 2023

Community Grants – Presentations

In 2020, Council adopted the Community Grants Policy 3.16 which requires all organizations approved for Fee-For Service Agreements to provide an in-person presentation to Council at the end of each year of the Agreement, highlighting accomplishments, goals and objectives, benefits provided to the community and a financial statement outlining how the District's funding was utilized. The organizations presenting were the Mackenzie & District Museum, the Mackenzie Community Arts Council, and the Mackenzie Outdoor Route and Trail Association (MORATA).

Mackenzie District & Museum

The organization received \$12,000 for operations.

The Mackenzie Community Arts Council

The organization received \$28,000 for operating expenses, and \$1,450 for Rockin' the Ridgeline pop up art event.

Mackenzie Outdoor Route and Trail Association

The organization received \$5,000 to help offset administrative costs to run a trail maintenance program.

Letter of Support Request - Teaching Excellence Award

Council received an email from Rachael Weber, School District No. 57 Mackenzie Rep, requesting the District of Mackenzie write a letter of support for awarding a Teaching Excellence award in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) for the Prime Minister's awards to Kyle Tapper. Council approved the request.

Letter of Support Request – Omineca Growers Society

Council received a request from the Omineca Growers Society that Council provide a letter of support towards their grant application to Northern Health Rural, Remote and Indigenous Food Action Grant for building a self-sustaining greenhouse in Mackenzie. Council approved the request.

Donation Request

Council received a request from the Mackenzie Secondary School 2024 Graduating Class requesting support by cash donation or sponsorship of one of their grad events. Council moved to respond to this request by recommending that the graduating class explore specific in-kind grants from Council to fulfill their needs.

Remaining Council Travel Funds

Council defeated a motion that remaining funds allocated for Councillor travel not spent during 2023 be redirected to a one-time grant opportunity that non-profits in Mackenzie can apply for to do projects designed for community benefit.

Regulation of Cats

Council received a report regarding the potential regulation of cats in Mackenzie. Positive and negative implications were considered, and similar sized communities were researched. Options for consideration

included proposing an amendment to the Animal Control and Licencing Bylaw to impose fines for all animals found at large, maintaining the current bylaw without modifications, or exploring alternative enforcement options. Council voted in favour of making no changes to Animal Control and Licencing Bylaw No. 1354, 2016 at this time.

District of Mackenzie Water System Annual Report – 2022

Council received the District of Mackenzie 2022 Water System Annual Report prepared by L&M Engineering Ltd for information. This report recommended that the District should construct a new reservoir to store more water, that the District should consider a pipe cleaning program of all distribution pipes to increase pipe smoothness areas of reduced flow, and that the District construct a new water treatment plant for the Gantahaz subdivision to reduce the levels of iron and manganese in the water.

2023-2027 Financial Plan Amendment

Council received a report on a proposed amendment to the 2023-2027 Financial Plan. This amendment includes approved grant funding, new capital projects (approved by Council after the bylaw was adopted), and revised operating and capital expenditures.

Environmental Development Permit Areas

Council moved to rescind the second reading of Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1508, 2023 so that the Environmental Development Permit Areas can be reviewed and adjusted. Administration will prepare and bring a report to a future meeting.

Bylaw No. 1509 Financial Plan Amendment

Council moved to give Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1509, 2023 its first three readings.

Notice of Motion: Discounted Gym Memberships

At the next regular council meeting, Council will decide on two motions: First, to amend resolution 31192 to extend the gym membership discount to School District 57 staff, Northern Health employees including nurses and doctors, MCFD Social Workers, and volunteer fire fighters with the Mackenzie Fire Department. Second, to decrease the discount from a 75% to 50% of the rate.

Coming Events

Active Transportation and Community Spaces Open House

November 29, 2023 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
400 Skeena Drive – Recreation Centre

Light up the Community Contest

Three Categories: Best lights, best theme and best business lights. Nominations will be taken until December 6, 2023. To nominate a house or business email emily@districtofmackenzie.ca

Finance Open House

December 5, 2023 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
400 Skeena Drive – Recreation Centre

Parade of Lights

December 9, 2023, begins 5:00 pm

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