

## February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### Special Council Meeting: Provisional Budget Presentation

Kerri Borne, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation of the 2024 Provisional Operating and Capital Budget. A copy of the 2024 Provisional Budget is available on the [District website](#) for review.

### Petitions and Delegations – FoodCycle Science

Farah Sherifdeen, Municipal Program Coordinator for Food Cycle Science, provided a presentation to Mayor and Council on the results of the Food Cycler Pilot Program final survey results. A copy of the presentation can be found on the [District Website](#).

### 2024 Provisional Operating and Capital Budgets

Council approved the 2024 Provisional Operating and Capital Budgets. The Budgets will be brought forward at an open house for public input in April before they are brought before Council as bylaw.

### Food Cycler Pilot Program

Council received this report for information. Council passed a motion that staff produce a report on expanding the program and investigating how the program was expanded in the City of Nelson.

### New Commercial Bear Resistant Garbage Bins

Council awarded the purchase of Commercial Front Load Bear Resistant Garbage Bins in the amount of \$338,527 plus GST to Universal Handling Equipment.

### Recreation Access Program Update

Council passed a motion that the Recreation Access Program Policy be updated by increasing the qualifying income level, adding additional referral options from School District 57, Mackenzie Community Services and AiMHi, and by adding Little Mac Season passes to the program.

Referrals were already accepted from the Ministry for Children & Family Development/Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation.

### New Business: Fire Fighter Rapid Response Team

Council passed a motion to write a letter to the Minister of Forests to support the retention of the Northern Initial Fire Attack Crew (NIFAC) in Chetwynd.

### New Business: Online Dog Tag Payment

Council passed a motion that staff bring a report to council exploring online dog tag fee payment.

### New Business: NCLGA Lobbying

Council passed a motion for the District of Mackenzie to submit a motion to the NCLGA to lobby the provincial government to reduce the wait time for diagnostic assessment for children and youth who are suspected of having an Autism Spectrum Disorder or other neurodevelopment conditions.

## Coming Events

### **An Evening with John Brink**

March 6, 2024

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Mackenzie Rec Centre

Admission \$5