

**District of Mackenzie
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, April 26, 2021**

Council Chambers of the Municipal Office, 1 Mackenzie Boulevard, Mackenzie, BC.

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
Councillor J. Wiens
Chief Administrative Officer
D. Smith
Chief Financial Officer K. Borne
Director of Corporate Services
E. Kaehn
Director of Recreation Services
T. Gilmer
Director of Operations T. Wall
Fire Chief J. Guise
Land & Environmental
Programs Coordinator D. Gillis
Economic Development Coordinator
C. Ceder
Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant
C. Gibbons

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:15 pm

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 12, 2021 were adopted as presented.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 12, 2021 were adopted as presented.

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 21, 2021 were adopted as presented.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

31929. MOVED by Councillor Brumovsky
Adoption of Agenda THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS

Nil

5. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Cathy Peters, a private citizen from Vancouver, presented to Mayor and Council regarding raising awareness of human sex trafficking, sexual exploitation, and child sex trafficking.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

31930. MOVED by Councillor Wiens
Receipt of Correspondence *THAT the correspondence listed on the agenda be received.*

CARRIED

For Action:

31931. MOVED by Councillor Brumovsky
RDFFG Letter of Support *THAT Council provides a letter of support to the RDFFG towards their grant application to the Local Government Development Approvals Program.*

CARRIED

31932. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss
Mackenzie Counselling Letter of Support *THAT Council provides Mackenzie Counselling Services with a resolution of support towards their grant application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT).*

CARRIED

31933. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss
Support for 988 Crisis Line *WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;*

AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 per cent;

AND WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

AND WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the District of Mackenzie recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the District of Mackenzie endorses this 988-crisis line initiative;

and that Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MPP, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate our support.

CARRIED

31934. MOVED by Councillor Barnes
Canadian Cancer Society Daffodil Campaign *THAT Council supports the Canadian Cancer Society's Daffodil campaign in the amount of \$438.*

CARRIED

31935. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss
Truck THAT Council approves the membership dues in the amount of \$404.25 for the
Loggers 2021-2022 Truck Loggers Association.
Association
Membership
Dues

CARRIED

7. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

31936. MOVED by Councillor Barnes
2021 Final THAT Council receives this report for information;
Operating AND THAT Council approves the 2021 Final Budget with the list of changes.
Budget and
Capital
Budget

CARRIED

31937. MOVED by Councillor Brumovsky
2021 THAT Council receives this report for information.
Property Tax
Revenue and
Tax Rate

CARRIED

31938. MOVED by Councillor McMeeken
DOM-ITQ- THAT Council awards Concept Design Ltd. the contract for Phase 1 of Signage
21-01 - Production to a maximum amount of \$90,630.00 plus GST;
Signage
Production AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the contract
Phase 1 and any related documentation.
Contract
Award

CARRIED

31939. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss
TESA THAT Council endorses the Temporary Expanded Service Area (TESA)
Authorization authorization application from The Office Bar and Grill, License No. 304839,
- The Office located at 80 Mackenzie Blvd., Mackenzie, BC, to the Liquor and Cannabis
Bar and Grill Regulation Branch, to extend their current liquor service to their new patio
setting as indicated in the floor plan provided;

AND THAT Council provide any comments regarding the application to be
included in the endorsement letter.

CARRIED

31940. MOVED by Councillor McMeeken
Business THAT Council approves the applications to the Mackenzie Business Façade
Façade Improvement Program to a maximum amount of \$11,778.50.
Improvement
Program
2021

CARRIED

31941. MOVED by Councillor Wiens
UBCM – *THAT Council supports the District’s application to the Union of British Columbia
Local Municipalities - Local Government Development Approvals Program to cover
Government 100% of the estimated \$60,000 project cost for the Development Permit Area
Development Approvals Guidelines and Public Engagement Platform project;*
Program *AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the grant
(LGDAP) application and oversee management of the grant.*

CARRIED

31942. MOVED by Councillor Grogan
FortisBC *THAT Council responds to the referral from the BC Oil and Gas Commission
Notification regarding the Fortis BC Inland Gas Upgrade Project with no objections to the
- Inland Gas approval of the project subject to specified conditions restricting members of
Upgrades - other communities from travelling to Mackenzie depending on the level of
Amendment COVID numbers in our community.*

DEFEATED

OPPOSED by Councillor's Barnes, Hipkiss, Brumovsky and McMeeken

31943. MOVED by Councillor Barnes
FortisBC *THAT Council responds to the referral from the BC Oil and Gas Commission
Notification regarding the Fortis BC Inland Gas Upgrade Project with no objections to the
- Inland Gas approval of the project.*
Upgrades

CARRIED

OPPOSED by Councillor Grogan

31944. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss
Community *THAT Mayor and Council proclaim Tuesday May 18, 2021 as “Mother Earth Day”
Clean-Up in Mackenzie for a community clean-up event.*
Day

CARRIED

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Atkinson provided a written report.

Council Reports

Councillor Hipkiss provided a verbal report.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

10. NEW BUSINESS

31945. MOVED by Councillor Wiens
Day of *THAT staff order flowers for the Day of Mourning on April 28, 2021;*
Mourning
*AND THAT Council authorizes the Mayor or designate to attend and lay the
flowers during the ceremony.*

CARRIED

31946. MOVED by Councillor Grogan
Trail *THAT staff publish on the District website and Facebook page to notify residents
Maintenance when trails are open/closed to protect the trails during spring conditions.*

CARRIED

31947. MOVED by Mayor Atkinson
2021 *THAT Mayor Atkinson be authorized to attend the 2021 Indigenous Partnership Forum that will be held virtually on May 28, 2021 and June 4, 2021.*
Indigenous Partnership Forum

CARRIED

11. BYLAWS

31948. MOVED by Councillor Wiens
Bylaw No. *THAT Bylaw No. 1453 cited as "General Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 1453, 2021" be adopted.*
1453

CARRIED

31949. MOVED by Councillor Brumovsky
Bylaw No. *THAT Bylaw No. 1454 cited as "Recreation Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1454, 2021" be adopted.*
1454

CARRIED

31950. MOVED by Councillor Barnes
Bylaw No. *THAT Bylaw No. 1459 cited as "Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1459, 2021" be given first three readings.*
1459

CARRIED

31951. MOVED by Councillor McMeeken
Bylaw No. *THAT Bylaw No. 1460 cited as "Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1460, 2021" be given first three readings.*
1460

CARRIED

12. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

13. COMING EVENTS

Day of Mourning - Wednesday April 28, 2021

NCLGA Virtual Convention - May 5-6, 2021

District of Mackenzie Community Tourism Survey - Please complete by Wednesday April 28th by 5:00 pm.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZQB6WQ9>

14. INQUIRIES

JD Mackenzie, from CHMM 103.5, asked if Mayor Atkinson could share anything about the recommendations to the Premier regarding the TSA Coalition? Mayor Atkinson replied that once the information was public it would be shared with the community.

Janice Nelson, from the Macktown Buzette, asked what kind of action the District is considering for funding regarding the internet connectivity in Mackenzie and what would the funding cover? Diane Smith, Chief Administrative Officer, replied that the District has applied for two grants for high-speed internet. Ms. Smith added that the goal is to improve internet in the community including the Gantahaz subdivision. Ms. Nelson further asked what exactly the District would be doing? Ms. Smith replied that the applications are to upgrade high speed/fibre optics to underserved residents.