

**District of Mackenzie  
Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, March 08, 2021**

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 Operations T. Wall  
Senior Building Official/  
Project Manager K. Gawryluk  
Director of Recreation Services  
T. Gilmer  
Deputy Fire Chief K. Carty  
Economic Development Coordinator  
C. Ceder  
Legislative Clerk/Executive Assistant  
C. Gibbons

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:15 pm

31855.

*Defer Closed Meeting*

MOVED by Councillor McMeeken

*THAT the Special Closed meeting be deferred until after the regular meeting and will be closed to the public;*

*AND THAT the basis of the Special Closed Meeting relates to Section 90(1)(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provisions of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages.*

CARRIED

**1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on February 22, 2021 were adopted as presented.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 22, 2021 were adopted as presented.

The minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 25, 2021 were adopted as presented.

## 2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

## 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

31856. MOVED by Councillor Wiens  
*Adoption of THAT the agenda be adopted as presented*  
*Agenda*

CARRIED

## 4. PUBLIC COMMENT AND QUESTIONS

Nil

## 5. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Nil

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

31857. MOVED by Councillor Brumovsky  
*Receipt of THAT the correspondence listed on the agenda be received.*  
*Correspondence*

CARRIED

### **For Action:**

Council asked Mr. Joubert to provide further information on the project. He was present and available to answer questions.

31858. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss  
*Letter of THAT Council receives the letter from Kevin Joubert for information;*  
*Support for AND THAT Administration send a letter to Kevin Joubert supporting his initiative*  
*Gold and outlining the jurisdiction/authority of the District towards his request for a*  
*Panning area built at Mugaha Creek.*  
*Area at*  
*Mugaha*  
*Creek*

CARRIED

31859. MOVED by Councillor McMeeken  
*MSS request for banners and decorations* THAT Council approves and assists in displaying grad banners and decorating windows during May and June in support of the 2021 Mackenzie Secondary School (MSS) Grad Class.

CARRIED

31860. MOVED by Councillor Barnes  
*MSS Bursary for 2021* THAT Council approves a District Bursary in the amount of \$500 to be awarded to a student graduating from MSS in 2021.

CARRIED

31861. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss  
*Indigenous Sustainable Investment Conference* THAT Council members who wish to attend, be approved to attend the Indigenous Sustainable Investment Conference to be held virtually from March 18-19, 2021.

CARRIED

31862. MOVED by Mayor Atkinson  
*Letter from Cathy Peters* THAT Council receives a letter from Cathy Peters, a private citizen from Vancouver, raising awareness regarding Human Sex Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation and Child Sex Trafficking;

AND THAT Administration invites her to present as a delegation to Mayor and Council.

CARRIED

## **7. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

31863. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss  
*Amending January 25th Council Minutes* THAT Council amends the Inquiry section recorded in the January 25, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes to state the following:

*“Janice Nelson, Publisher of the Macktown Buzzette, asked why there were variations in the expectations of each of the service agreements presented. Ms. Smith replied that we have been working with the groups individually but, in the end, the services listed are what the District is expecting and would like to see. Ms. Nelson further asked if there was consultation with the groups? Ms. Smith replied that yes there was.”*

CARRIED

31864.            MOVED by Councillor Barnes  
Mackenzie        *THAT Council approve the 2021 fee-for-service agreement with the Mackenzie  
Golf and            Golf and Country Club in the amount of \$15,000;  
Country            AND THAT the annual in-person report to Council regarding their funding be  
Club 2021        presented in November rather than December.  
Service  
Agreement*

CARRIED

31865.            MOVED by Councillor McMeeken  
KIMTA            *THAT Council approve the 2021-2023 service agreement with KIMTA  
Transportation    Transportation Society for the storage and booking services of the community  
Service            bus.  
Agreement*

CARRIED

31866.            MOVED by Councillor Barnes  
Demolition        *THAT Council approve and authorize Administration to demolish the buildings  
of Buildings      located at 80 and 88 Centennial Drive.  
Located at  
80 & 88  
Centennial  
Drive*

CARRIED

OPPOSED by Councillor Grogan

31867.            MOVED by Councillor Brumovsky  
RFP#DOM-        *THAT Council awards the contract for a new Wheel Loader, RFP#DOM-22-01, to  
21-01 Wheel      Brandt Tractor Ltd. in the amount of \$269,000 plus applicable taxes;  
Loader            AND THAT Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to award and  
execute the contract and any related documentation.*

CARRIED

31868.            MOVED by Councillor McMeeken  
Civil Works        *THAT Council awards Canadian Western Mechanical the contract for the Civil  
Contract           Works portion of the Fire Well Project in the amount of \$102,058;  
Award - Fire      AND THAT Council approves an additional \$22,645 towards the cost to complete  
Well Project      all the Scope of Work;*

*AND THAT Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the  
contract.*

CARRIED

31869. MOVED by Councillor McMeeken  
Community Economic Development Plan Contract Award  
*THAT Council authorizes Administration to enter into a contract with EcoPlan International to develop the District of Mackenzie Community Economic Development (CED) Plan for the amount of \$34,990 plus applicable taxes;*  
*AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the contract.*

CARRIED

31870. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss  
Community Economic Development Plan Project Team  
*THAT Council appoint Councillor McMeeken to participate on the Community Economic Development plan project team.*

CARRIED

31871. MOVED by Councillor Barnes  
Ski Hill and Signature Trail Master Plan Contract Award  
*THAT Council authorizes Recreation Services to enter into a contract with VDZ+A to develop the District of Mackenzie Ski Hill and Signature Trail Master Plan in the amount of \$15,600 plus applicable taxes;*  
*AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the contract.*

CARRIED

31872. MOVED by Councillor Hipkiss  
NDIT - Community Places - Pickleball Court  
*THAT Council supports the District's application to the NDIT Community Places grant program to cover 70% of the estimated \$35,000 project cost for the resurfacing of the outdoor tennis/pickleball court project;*  
*AND THAT Council commits to finance 30% of the project at an estimated cost of \$10,500 and any unanticipated cost overruns, ineligible expenses, and any ongoing maintenance and operating costs associated with the operations of the completed project;*

*AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the grant application and, if the application is successful, any related documentation.*

CARRIED

31873.            MOVED by Councillor Barnes  
UBCM Grant      *THAT Council approves the application to the UBCM Community Resiliency  
Application:      Investment Program 2021 FireSmart Recovery Fund for up to \$150,000 in  
Mackenzie        funding for FireSmart activities and Fuel Mitigation within the District of  
FireSmart         Mackenzie;*  
Economic         *AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the grant  
Recovery         application and, if the application is successful, any related documentation.*  
Fund

CARRIED

## **8. COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor's Report

Council Reports

Councillor Hipkiss provided a verbal report.

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Nil

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

Nil

## **11. BYLAWS**

Nil

## **12. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

## **13. COMING EVENTS**

Nil

## **14. INQUIRIES**

JD Mackenzie, from CHMM radio, asked if the funding being applied for with the UBCM Grant Application for the FireSmart Economic Recovery Fund would be for specifically protecting the District's property? Diane Smith, Chief Administrative Officer, replied that the FireSmart projects would be in the Community and the Fire Mitigation is planned for the John Dahl trails and other areas in the community.

Janice Nelson, from the Macktown Buzette, asked Mayor and Council the following questions:

1. Was the outdoor ice rink supposed to be slated to be a pickleball court at one time? Terry Gilmer, Director of Recreation Services, replied that yes that was the plan and funding had been applied for to do that. Unfortunately, the grant was not successful, and the Recreation Centre was looking for ways to restructure the proposal. Ms. Nelson further asked if the court will also be a tennis court? Mr. Gilmer replied yes, there will be two pickleball courts on one side, and then the one tennis court remains on the other side.
2. Regarding the Ski Hill and Signature Trail Master Plan, can we assume that it is going to be dovetailing off the Recreation Trails Master Plan from 2018? Mr. Gilmer replied absolutely, the Plan from 2018 is a good document and provides an overview of the state of where the trails are at. The plan will be used to populate some of the information. Now with government funding the plan will include conceptual, spatial drawings, and include community feedback. Ms. Nelson further added that the budget of nearly \$1 million for the Ski Hill and Signature Trail Master Plan was very high and asked if the Community Connector trail was included? Mr. Gilmer replied that yes, the perimeter trail will be in the design and we are trying to create a plan that will help to set the vision for the next ten to twenty years.
3. Regarding the Community Economic Development Contract, don't we already have an Economic Development Officer? Mayor Atkinson replied that yes, we do, and these contractors will set the foundation of how that role moves forward.
4. Regarding the Ice Plant upgrades, there have been a number of upgrades and renewal projects as well as a significant amount of money invested in the ice plant, is this another new ice plant and how long does an ice plant last? Mr. Gilmer replied that there are four main components to the ice plant. Compressors last between fifteen to twenty years and both are in need of replacement at this time. We are also looking at a new electronic system to monitor the system remotely. Ms. Nelson asked if the compressor purchased in 2018 was used? Mr. Gilmer replied yes. Ms. Nelson mentioned that \$350,000 was invested into the arena ice plant in 2017 and \$300,000 in 2008, and asked whether this was all the same and is this the arena ice plant and not the curling ice plant? Mr. Gilmer replied that the chiller and evaporator were replaced, and a lot of other mechanical upgrades were done. Councillor Grogan added that during one of the upgrades there was a lot of safety improvements and a vestibule was built. There was a substantial investment made so if there were major gas leaks, it would

not go into the arena. A lot of components had not been replaced and have slowly been replaced over the last few years. Mr. Gilmer added that 100% funding had been applied for as well.

5. Regarding rural connectivity, I looked back at the meeting agendas and Rigstar did present and sent a letter to Council in May 2020 similar to TELUS. Is the District giving equal weight to these applications? Ms. Smith asked Ms. Nelson to have Rigstar connect with the District directly.

## **15. ADJOURNMENT**

31874. MOVED by Councillor Brumovsky  
*Adjournment THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 pm.*

CARRIED

I certify the foregoing to be the original true copy of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting.

Signed:

Certified Correct:

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer