

Council Highlights

May 27, 2024

British Columbia Rual Health Network

Pheobe Lazier with the BC Rual Health Network gave a presentation and provided further information about the BC Rual Health Network which the District recently became a part of.

Letter of Support Request - Regional District of Nanaimo

Council received a letter of support from Vanessa Craig, Chair, Regional District of Nanaimo, outlining the focus on reform of the *Local Government Act* discussion panel at the UBCM Annual Convention and requesting support across the province for the request that the UBCM form a working group on this topic. Council moved to receive this letter.

Letter to Trustees and Superintendent of School District 57

Council finalized a letter intended to be submitted by the District of Mackenzie, outlining the concerns rural schools currently face and how they will be affected by the proposed budget cuts at SD57.

Active Transportation Master Plan - DRAFT

Council received a draft report on the Active Transportation Master Plan for review. Residents are welcome to review and submit their feedback on LetsChatMackenzie.ca until June 16, 2024.

Housing Legislation Changes

Council received a report on the recent Provincial Housing Legislation Changes and the bylaw changes and policy updates the District is required to make in 2024 and 2025.

Food Cycler Phase 2

Council received report on the continued interest in the Food Cycler Program and directed staff to move forward with Phase 2. More information will be available in early to mid-June of this year. Residents are encouraged to email <u>info@districtofmackenzie.ca</u> with any questions.

Petition For Recycling Services

Staff received a petition from residents, following a presentation from the Regional District of Fraser Fort George regarding recycling program changes in Mackenzie. Mayor and Council moved to continue to communicate and discuss these concerns with the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.

License to Use - Ace Victory Building Centre

Council entered into a License to Use Agreement with Ace Victory Building Centre for the use of the additional storefront parking.



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NDIT Community Spaces Update

Council supports the District's application to the NDIT Recreation Infrastructure grant program to cover 50% of the estimated \$503,590 project cost for the pool upgrade project. The project includes replacing pool tiles, updating main bathrooms, and replacing the slide in the pool.

Flag Raising

Council motioned to have staff bring back a report with recommendations for how to equitably manage flag raising requests, including the potential of installing a new flagpole for this purpose.

Coming Events

<u>Special Olympics Regional Qualifier for Power Lifting Meet and Greet</u> Date: May 31, 2024 Time: 5:00pm – 8:00pm Location: The Callahan Room Mackenzie Recreation Centre

Special Olympics Regional Qualifier for Power Lifting Event Date: June 1, 2024 Time: 9:00am Location: Morfee Elementary School

<u>Pride Flag Raising Ceremony</u> Date: Friday May 31, 2024 Time: 5:30pm Location: Mackenzie Municipal Office

New Horizons Bridging the Gap - Senior's Gathering

Date: June 1, 2024 Time: 8:30am – 12:00pm & 4:00pm – 7:00pm Location: CNC Event Space Unit A (Morning) Location: Senior Centre (Evening)

<u>Go By Bike Week</u> Date: June 3, 2024 – June 9, 2024

Bike Rodeo BBQ Hosted by Mackenzie Men's Shed, MORATA, PAC and RCMP Date: June 8, 2024 Time:10:30am – 2:30pm Location: Mackenzie Recreation Centre