

**District of Mackenzie  
Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, September 09, 2019**

MINUTES of a Regular Meeting of the Council of the District of Mackenzie held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office.

PRESENT: Mayor J. Atkinson  
Councillor A. Barnes  
Councillor V. Brumovsky  
Councillor P. Grogan  
Councillor A. Hancock  
Councillor R. McMeeken  
Councillor J. Wiens  
Chief Administrative Officer  
D. McKinley  
Chief Financial Officer K. Borne  
Director of Corporate Services  
D. Smith  
Director of Recreation Services  
S. Miranda  
Building Inspector/Project Manager  
K. Gawryluk  
Public Works General Manager T. Wall  
Fire Chief J. Guise  
Executive Assistant/Legislative Clerk  
D. Gillis

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:15 pm

31119.  
*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 Meeting held on August 26, 2019 were adopted as presented.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 26, 2019 were adopted as presented.

**2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

31120.            MOVED by Councillor Wiens  
*Introduction    THAT the following late item be added to the agenda:*  
*of Late Items*

**"6. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

*d) Accessible Playground Unit RFP*

*THAT the report from Recreation Services dated September 5, 2019 be received;*

*AND THAT Council approves the proposal from Habitat Systems Inc. to supply and install a Sway Fun Glider and seven interactive panels designed for accessible play for an amount not to exceed \$101,235;*

*AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the contract and any related documentation."*

CARRIED

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

31121. MOVED by Councillor Barnes  
*Adoption of THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.*  
*Agenda*

CARRIED

**4. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

Nil

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

31122. MOVED by Councillor Hancock  
*Receipt of THAT the correspondence listed on the agenda be received.*  
*Correspondence*

CARRIED

31123. MOVED by Councillor Barnes  
*CLI 2019 THAT Councillor Hancock be approved to attend the Climate Leadership Institute*  
*Workshop Workshop to be held in Richmond from November 7-8, 2019.*

DEFEATED  
ALL OPPOSED

Councillor Wiens spoke about reducing Council travel expenses given the economic situation. He suggested that perhaps we should be looking at travel expenses in the 2020 budget.

Councillor Hancock provided additional information about this year's workshop and her role as a member of the Climate Leadership Institute.

31124. MOVED by Councillor Grogan  
*CLI 2019 THAT Councillor Hancock be approved to attend the Climate Leadership Institute*  
*Workshop Workshop provided she also attends the Asset Management BC Conference to be*  
*and Asset Management held in Richmond from November 6-7, 2019.*

CARRIED

31125. MOVED by Councillor McMeeken  
*Northern BC THAT Council sponsors the Northern BC Tourism Summit 2019 to be held in*  
*Tourism Prince George from October 3 to 4, 2019, at the Glacial level (\$500).*

CARRIED

## 6. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

31126. MOVED by Councillor Brumovsky  
*Mutual Aid Agreement with MLIB* THAT the report from the Fire Department dated August 29, 2019 be received;  
AND THAT Council approves a Mutual Aid Agreement regarding emergency response between the McLeod Lake Indian Band and the District of Mackenzie.

CARRIED

31127. MOVED by Councillor Hancock  
*2020 Fire Station Truck* THAT the report from the Fire Department dated September 4, 2019 be received;  
AND THAT Council approves the bid for a 2020 Chevrolet 3500 Crew Cab 4x4 Pick-up truck from Wood Wheaton Chevrolet Cadillac Buick GMC Ltd. of Prince George, BC in the amount of \$80,332 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED

Councillor Grogan OPPOSED

(Councillor Grogan clarified that he is opposed to purchasing a new truck at this time and he thinks that one of the pick-up trucks that have been purchased recently could be re-purposed for the Fire Department).

31128. MOVED by Councillor Barnes  
*UBCM Housing Needs Assessment Grant* THAT the report from Administration dated September 5, 2019 be received;  
AND THAT the District of Mackenzie supports the District's application to the Union of BC Municipalities Housing Needs Reports Program for up to \$10,000;  
AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the grant application and, if the application is successful, any related documentation.

CARRIED

31129. MOVED by Councillor McMeeken  
*Accessible Playground Unit RFP* THAT the report from Recreation Services dated September 5, 2019 be received;  
AND THAT Council approves the proposal from Habitat Systems Inc. to supply and install a Sway Fun Glider and seven interactive panels designed for accessible play for an amount not to exceed \$101,235;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the contract and any related documentation.

CARRIED

## 7. COUNCIL REPORTS

### Mayor's Report

Mayor Atkinson provided a written report.

### Council Reports

Councillors Hancock and McMeeken provided verbal reports. Councillor Barnes provided a written report and added a verbal report. He advised that there is a shortfall of \$35,000 for fuel mitigation for the John Dahl Park and BC Hydro Substation areas.

31130. MOVED by Councillor Hancock  
Fuel THAT Administration report back to Council with options to help with the fuel  
Mitigation mitigation funding shortfall.

CARRIED

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Atkinson advised that she attended the Peace Water Advisory Committee meeting recently and BC Hydro was opposed to looking at the Peace Water Use Plan. She reminded them that Mackenzie was built to support the logging industry in this area and that the town and the mills cannot operate if the water in Williston Lake falls below certain levels.

31131. MOVED by Councillor Hancock  
PWAC/BC THAT a letter be sent requesting a review of the Peace Water Use Plan to the BC  
Hydro Hydro Water Comptroller with copies to Minister Donaldson and Premier  
Horgan:

AND THAT consideration be given to re-establish the committee to review Williston Reservoir water levels.

CARRIED

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

31132. MOVED by Councillor McMeeken  
Deputy THAT Administration provide a report to Council outlining various options and  
Mayor schedules that could be implemented for the Deputy Mayor appointment and to  
Appointment make suggestions on how the current policy could be amended to incorporate  
this change.

CARRIED

(Councillor Hancock would like the report to include provision that appointments would not be automatic for all Councillors - only those who agree to taking on the role of Deputy Mayor).

## 10. BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 1420

31133. MOVED by Councillor Wiens  
Bylaw 1420 THAT Bylaw No. 1420 cited as "Northern Capital and Planning Grant Reserve  
Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1420, 2019" be adopted.

CARRIED

## 11. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

## 12. COMING EVENTS

FireSmart Community Recognition Day and Community Forest Public BBQ - September 14, 2019.

Teddy Bear Picnic to be held in the Recreation Centre on September 14, 2019. Ages 3-5 from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Ages 6-9 from 12:00 to 2:00 pm.

Recreation Fair to be held in the Recreation Centre from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on September 14, 2019.

The Ombudsperson will be in Mackenzie on October 1, 2019.

Small Business Symposium hosted by College of New Caledonia on November 1 & 2, 2019 at the Recreation Centre.

Next Council meeting will be a Regular meeting held at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

### **13. INQUIRIES**

JD MacKenzie with CHMM Radio asked if a response has been received to Minister Donaldson's letter (to Minister Sohi regarding the need for further collaboration between federal and provincial governments to address impacts relating to the forestry industry). Mayor Atkinson advised that nothing has been received yet.

### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

31134.            MOVED by Councillor Hancock  
*Adjournment*    *THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:11 pm.*

CARRIED

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

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer