

District of Mackenzie
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 15, 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
Economic Development Coordinator
E. Kaehn

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:15 pm

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 9, 2019 were adopted as presented.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

31139. MOVED by Councillor Wiens
Adoption of Agenda THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

Shannon Bezo, Regional Principal, and Rachelle Dumoulin, Labour Market Project Coordinator, with the College of New Caledonia were present to request that Council consider providing the Community Hall, stage and equipment for a two-day Small Business Symposium.

AJ McBlain, Youth for Christ Area Director, requested that the District provide funding, volunteering insurance and access to District infrastructure for an outdoor rink at 'The 92' property. The focus would be on youth and \$1,050 is requested for construction cost along with help with insurance.

Mitch Mortenson with Snowshoe Mountain Resources was present to talk to Council about a proposal to diversify the economy of Mackenzie with respect to sand mining and to request a Letter of Support.

Council asked what they would be supporting. Mr. Mortenson wants changes to Provincial legislation to allow dredging in Williston Lake. Mayor Atkinson requested that he provides more information before Council provides a Letter of Support.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

31140. MOVED by Councillor Hancock
Receipt of Correspondence *THAT the correspondence listed on the agenda be received.*

CARRIED

31141. MOVED by Councillor Hancock
Minerals North 2020 *THAT Mining Liaisons be approved to attend the Minerals North Conference to be held in Quesnel from April 29 to May 1, 2020.*

CARRIED

31142. MOVED by Councillor Barnes
BC Natural Resources Forum *THAT Council representatives be approved to attend the 2020 BC Natural Resources Forum to be held in Prince George from January 28-30, 2020.*

CARRIED

6. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Councillor McMeeken left the meeting in order to avoid a potential conflict of interest.

31143. MOVED by Councillor Hancock
CNC Small Business Symposium *THAT the report from Recreation Services dated October 8, 2019 be received for information;*
AND THAT Council approves waiver of costs for the CNC Labour Market Partnership Program Small Business Symposium to be hosted at the Mackenzie Recreation Centre on November 1 & 2, 2019.

CARRIED

Councillor McMeeken returned to the meeting.

31144. MOVED by Councillor McMeeken
Outdoor Rink Request *THAT the report from Administration dated October 9, 2019 be received;*
AND THAT Council approves providing \$1,050 in funding to assist with the purchase of materials for the outdoor rink;
AND THAT Council approves an in-kind contribution by Fire Department members to voluntarily flood the ice rink using Fire Department equipment;
AND THAT Council approves that the boards for the outdoor rink be stored at the Airport, adjacent to Fire Hall 2.

CARRIED

31145. MOVED by Councillor Hancock
Outdoor Rink Request *THAT Administration reports back to Council with costs for insurance coverage for volunteers.*

CARRIED

31146. MOVED by Councillor McMeeken
Deputy Mayor Appointment *THAT the report from Administration dated October 8, 2019 be received;
AND THAT annually in October, Council must amongst its members, designate interested Councillors to serve on a quarterly rotating basis starting in November, as the member responsible for acting in the place of the Mayor when the Mayor is absent or otherwise unable to act or when the Office of the Mayor is vacant.*
- CARRIED
Councillors Barnes and Wiens OPPOSED
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31147. MOVED by Councillor Hancock
Little Mac Fees & Public Engagement *THAT the report from Recreation Services dated October 8, 2019 be received;
AND THAT Council approves the Recreation Department to increase the pricing for ski hill admissions to \$5.00 for Youth (5 to 16 years of age) and \$10.00 for Adults (17+ years of age);
AND THAT Recreation Services reviews and reports annually on attendance levels, programs, revenues/expenses and grant funding applied for and/or received.*
- CARRIED
Councillors Barnes and Brumovsky OPPOSED
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31148. MOVED by Councillor Wiens
Snow Removal Contract 2019/2020 *THAT the report from Public Works dated September 18, 2019 be received;
AND THAT Council approves the submission from Cordwood Industries for Snow Removal in the Industrial Area of Mackenzie.*
- CARRIED
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31149. MOVED by Councillor Barnes
UBCM Grant for Fuel Mitigation *THAT the report from the Fire Department dated October 7, 2019 be received;
AND THAT Council approves the application to the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program for FireSmart activities and Fuel Mitigation within the District of Mackenzie.*
- CARRIED
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31150. MOVED by Councillor Barnes
UBCM Grant for Fire Equipment & Training *THAT the report from the Fire Department dated September 27, 2019 be received;
AND THAT Council approves the application to the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for \$25,000 towards Fire Department equipment;
AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the grant application and, if the application is successful, any related documentation.*
- CARRIED
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31151. MOVED by Councillor Hancock
Delegation Bylaw 1332 Amendment *THAT the report from Recreation Services dated September 24, 2019 be received for information.*
- CARRIED
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31152. MOVED by Councillor McMeeken
2020 Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaws *THAT the report from Finance dated October 7, 2019 be received for information.*
- CARRIED

31153. MOVED by Councillor Barnes
2019-2023 *THAT the report from Finance dated October 8, 2019 be received for information.*
Financial
Plan
Amendment

CARRIED

7. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Atkinson provided a written report.

Council Reports

Councillors Barnes, Brumovsky, Hancock, McMeeken and Wiens provided written reports.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

9. NEW BUSINESS

31154. MOVED by Councillor Wiens
Mel Botrakoff *THAT the District of Mackenzie send a condolence card and flowers to the Botrakoff family.*

CARRIED

31155. MOVED by Mayor Atkinson
Truck Loggers Association *THAT the District of Mackenzie become a member of the Truck Loggers Association.*

CARRIED

31156. MOVED by Councillor Barnes
Forestry Coalition Meeting *THAT Council approves the Mayor to attend a Forestry Coalition meeting in Prince George.*

CARRIED

31157. MOVED by Councillor Hancock
Spruce Beetle Panel *THAT Council approves Mayor Atkinson to sit on a Spruce Bark Beetle Panel.*

CARRIED

10. BYLAWS

31158. MOVED by Councillor Wiens
Bylaw 1421 *THAT Bylaw No. 1421 cited as "Delegation Amendment Bylaw No. 1421, 2019" be given first three readings.*

CARRIED

31159. MOVED by Councillor Brumovsky
Bylaw 1422 *THAT Bylaw No. 1422 cited as "Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1422, 2019" be given first three readings.*

CARRIED

31160. MOVED by Councillor Hancock
Bylaw 1423 *THAT Bylaw No. 1423 cited as "Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1423, 2019" be given first three readings.*

CARRIED

Councillor Barnes left the meeting to avoid a potential conflict of interest.

31161. MOVED by Councillor Wiens
Bylaw 1424 *THAT Bylaw No. 1424 cited as "Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1424, 2019" be given first three readings.*

CARRIED

Councillor Barnes returned to the meeting.

31162. MOVED by Councillor McMeeken
Bylaw 1425 *THAT Bylaw No. 1425 cited as "Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1425, 2019" be given first three readings.*

CARRIED

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

12. COMING EVENTS

The Recreation Centre will be closed on Monday, October 14, 2019.

Argo Road Maintenance Mini-Job Fair - October 16, 2019 at the College of New Caledonia.

Family Movie Night at the Recreation Centre - October 19, 2019.

Mackenzie Curling Bonspiel - October 18 & 19, 2019.

Small Business Week - October 20 to 26, 2019.

Haunted Trail Ride and Halloween Carnival at the Recreation Centre - October 25, 2019.

Senseless Acts Haunted Maze 2019 - October 25 & 26, 2019 at the Mackenzie Community Arts Centre.

Tourism Forum - October 28, 2019 at the Recreation Centre.

Little Goblins Halloween Party - October 31, 2019.

Community Halloween Fireworks Show - October 31, 2019.

13. INQUIRIES

JD McKenzie with CHMM Radio asked if Little Mac will be opening this year.

Director of Recreation Services, Stacey Miranda, advised that the plan is to have Little Mac operational this year, some groundwork needs to be done and it is still snow dependent.

Janice Nelson, Publisher of The Macktown Buzzette, asked if a full public report of the survey results is available.

Ms. Miranda advised that she will send her a copy of the report.

14. ADJOURNMENT

31163. MOVED by Councillor Wiens
Adjournment THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:46 pm.

CARRIED

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

Mayor

Corporate Officer