

**District of Mackenzie  
Special Meeting  
Monday, February 11, 2019**

MINUTES of a Special 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 (arrived at 6:18 pm)  
Chief Administrative Officer D. McKinley  
Chief Financial Officer K. Borne  
Director of Operations S. Drysdale  
Director of Recreation Services S. Miranda  
Fire Chief J. Guise  
Finance Manager E. Therrien  
Director of Corporate Services D. Smith  
Economic Development Coordinator  
E. Kaehn

**1. CALL TO ORDER at 6:15 PM**

**2. BUSINESS**

Chief Financial Officer, Kerri Borne, presented the Preliminary 2019 Provisional Operating and Capital Budgets for Council approval. Members of the public participated in a Question and Answer period following the presentation.

JD McKenzie with CHMM Radio asked if the 5% tax increase is for all classes or if it is just a residential increase. Ms. Borne advised that the rate increases will vary.

Janice Nelson, Publisher of the Macktown Buzzette asked if there is \$5.5 million in the general reserves. Ms. Borne advised that that is correct.

Jill Affleck, resident, suggested that to maintain fiscal sustainability the District should increase the percentage of revenues from non-taxpayer sources.

Chief Administrative Officer, Dean McKinley, advised that the District does apply for significant grant funding.

Leanne McKinnon, resident, asked how the District's 2017 to 2020 Strategic Priorities speak to the proposed 2019 budget. Mayor Atkinson advised that we are moving in the right direction. Ms. McKinnon also asked if the District has a plan to replace parks that are being decommissioned. Jill Affleck commented that as a tax payer she supports a tax increase but not if the current amenities are not being upkept. She suggested surveying the community to find out what the community wants.

Dean McKinley noted that the \$100,000 BC Automobile Association (BCAA) Playspace grant resulted in the District spending an additional \$60,000 on this space.

Mayor Atkinson advised that the District has had conversations with School District 57 to see if we can acquire the land behind the BCAA play space.

Janice Nelson inquired if the District would consider opening the Recreation Centre if wildfire smoke gets bad.

Leanne McKinnon recognized that there has been significant development of mountain bike trails, but parents with young children are not able to utilize these. She also added that we need to take the growing senior population into consideration when developing outdoor spaces.

Mayor Atkinson noted that written submissions were also received from Tara Preston, Andy Preston and Chris Taylor.

### **3. ADJOURNMENT**

30899. MOVED by Councillor Hancock  
*Adjournment THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:12 pm.*

CARRIED

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

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Mayor

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Corporate Officer