

May 27, 2024

License to Use Policy – Delegations

Residents and business owners, Rob and Christine Souka, spoke about the current License-to-Use policy and agreements. They spoke to Council about the potential opportunities for the community with changes to the program, such as allowing residents to buy their license-to-use property. Further, Andre Garon, resident, spoke to Council about the policy and made a request to build a fence on a strip of District-owned property that exists between his house and his neighbour's. Council requested staff to bring back an informational report on the License-to-Use Policy and recommendations for next steps on possible updates to the policy.

Minister Meeting Requests - UBCM

In September, members of Council will be attending the Union of BC Municipalities conference. They will be requesting meetings with the following Ministers and organizations to advocate for issues facing Mackenzie residents and business:

- Honourable Rachna Sigh, Minister of Education and Child Care
- Honourable Bruce Ralston, Minister of Forests
- Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing
- Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Health
- Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Mental Health & Addictions
- Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation
- Honourable Brenda Bailey, Minister of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation
- BC Hydro Executives

Mackenzie Community Arts Centre – Request for Support

Mackenzie Community Arts Centre requested Council's support for their application to the Canadian Council of Arts: Cultivate Grant to begin building a Tourism Loop/Online Network for local talent. Council approved the request and will provide a letter.

Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce - Letter of Support

The Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce requested a letter of support for their application to expand the Chamber's reach with promoting tourism through the South Peace Mackenzie Trust. Council approved the request and will provide a letter.

Building Inspection Services

The District will be entering into a seven month contract with Praxis Solutions, in the amount of \$6,750 per month, plus \$240 per occurrence to travel to Mackenzie to provide building inspection services for the community. To book an appointment with our new building inspectors, please contact Public Works at 250-997-3761 or pw@districtofmackenzie.ca.

District Grader Replacement

Council awarded the grader replacement contract to Brandt Tractor Limited in the amount of \$644,755 plus GST to supply a 2024 John Deere 772GP.

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1517 Housing Update

The Province has set lot regulations that they wish every local government to adopt to support secondary suites and accessory dwelling units. Staff provided Council with a report on the changes that must be made regarding setbacks, non-serviced lots, as well as parking. Council gave first two readings to this bylaw change.

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1518 Shipping Containers

Council received a report to amend Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1518. This amendment would allow for a permit to be obtained to allow the use of Shipping Containers in residential areas for the purpose of moving for up to a 30-day period. Council gave first two readings of this bylaw.

Residential Concerns – Roaming Cats

Council received correspondence from concerned residents regarding a roaming cat problem. A report from staff with further information will be forthcoming on the issue.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS
