

October 15th, 2024

Service Recognition

Mayor Atkinson presented Chief Administrative Officer Diane Smith with her 15 – year service pin award.

MORATA Disc Golf

Miller Lewis, Project Lead of the MORATA Disc Golf project, gave a presentation to Mayor and Council showcasing a proposed Disc Golf Course in the community. Council approved the use of district-owned land for a Disc Golf Course, location to be determined, and will be providing a resolution of support towards their grant application.

Mental Health and Addictions Accord

Council voted to support and sign a Mental Health and Addictions Accord. This living document is being developed by the City of Prince George, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, Lheidli T'enneh, and NCLGA and will be signed by supporting organizations at the Mental Health and Addictions Symposium on November 13-14, 2024, in Prince George. The Accord is a high-level commitment document developed for local governments, mental health agencies, and service organizations across Central and Northern BC. It outlines shared principles and actions for stakeholders to endorse and commit to, emphasizing areas of agreement and joint responsibility.

Letter of Support – Kimta Transportation Society

Council agreed to send a letter of support to the KIMTA Transportation Society for their application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust to support continued shuttle service to Prince George.

Request for Support – St. Peter's Pantry

Council approved a donation of \$5,000 to St. Peter's Pantry. The District provided the same support in 2023 and 2024.

MCAC Haunted Maze

Council approved the request to waive the rental fee for the Community hall, for the Mackenzie Community Arts Council Haunted Maze taking place October 25, and 26 if needed.

MCAC Zombie Walk

Council approved a request for power access at the Cicada Ball Diamonds for the Mackenzie Community Arts Council Zombie Walk taking place October 19.

Community Hall Rental

Council requested staff provide a report with an overview of the total Community Hall rentals that have had fees waived by Council, research on how other communities offer this service and any fee waivers to non-profits, and recommendations for any updates to the grant-in-kind policy with respect to this matter.

Letters of Support – MCAC

Council agreed to provide a Letter of Support for Mackenzie Community Arts Council for their application to the following grants:

- REDIP-FIT Grant Application towards funding for hiring a project manager and completing the next phase of upgrades to their new location at 9 Laurier Dr.
- Building Communities through Arts and Heritage fund for their Rockin' the Ridgeline project.
- BC Arts Council's Art Infrastructure grant towards the installation of a new Chairlift in their new space at 9 Laurier Dr.

Placement of Bike Racks During Winter

Council passed a motion for staff to connect with MORATA President Ross Hobbs to discuss potential locations and costs of winter season bike racks.

October is Foster Family Month

Council passed a motion to declare October 2024 Foster Family Month.

2025 Community Grants First In – Take

Council approved the recommendations of the Grant Adjudication Committee for the first in – take of the 2025 Community Grants Programs. Approval letters will be sent out to organizations this month.

Permissive Tax Exemption Amendment – Mackenzie Autumn Lodge

Council received a report on the proposed Permissive Tax Exemption Amendment to the current Bylaw No. 1506.

Commercial Property and Cyber Insurance

Council passed a motion awarding AON Reed Stenhouse a three-year term as the District of Mackenzie's Insurance Broker for their Property, Crime, Boiler, Machinery, and Cyber Insurance. Council also approved the 2024 – 2025 premiums in the amount of \$202,988; and that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the contract and any related paperwork.

Municipal Lot Sales & Leasing Review

Council approved the revised sale prices of Bell Place subdivision lots legally described as Lots 1,2,3,4 and 6 through 19, District Lot 3673 Cariboo District, Plan EPP36375. Council also approved the revised sale prices and the lease or sale, or the municipal airport subdivision lots legally described as Lots, 1,2,3,4,5,6,8 and 9, District Lot 12479, Cariboo District, Plan Epp35189.

Yellowhead Helicopters Ltd – Airport Lease

Council passed a motion authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to execute a three – year lease agreement with Yellowhead Helicopters Ltd.

Coming Events

BC Provincial Election

October 19, 2024

8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Mackenzie Rec Centre