

January 13, 2025

Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Membership Dues

Council moved to pay membership dues to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for 2025 - 2026 in the amount of \$1010.61.

Request for Support – Mackenzie Community Services

Council voted to provide a letter of support for Mackenzie Community Services grant application to the Mental Health Fund for Integrated Youth Services in Mackenzie. Council also voted to support, in principle, their rental and utilization of the upper floor, washroom, and back office space in the Mackenzie Recreation Centre.

Request for Support – Mackenzie Community Arts Council

Council passed a motion to provide letters of support for each of the Mackenzie Community Arts Council's upcoming grant applications to complete phase 2 of Project Caribou:

- NDIT: Cultural Infrastructure
- McLeod Lake Community Forests
- CO-OP Community Spaces

Council will also provide letters of support for each of the Mackenzie Community Arts Council's upcoming grant applications to enhance upcoming community events:

- Pacific Institute of Climate Solutions: Community Climate Action Events Program
- BC Art's Council's Community Arts Festival Program

Illumination of Mackenzie Recreation Centre for Epilepsy Awareness

Council received a request from the BC Epilepsy Society to light up the Recreation Centre in purple on March 26, 2025, for International Purple Day for Epilepsy awareness. The BC Epilepsy Society has also requested the District of Mackenzie pass a motion to proclaim March 26, 2025, as International Purple Day. Council approved both requests.

BC Honours and Awards

Council moved for staff to advertise that nominations are now being accepted for British Columbia's two highest honours – the Order of British Columbia and the Medal of Good Citizenship. Nominations will be accepted until April 4, 2025.

2025 Emergency Support Services Grant

Council voted to support the application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) of up to \$40,000 for the Emergency Support Services Equipment & Training grant.

Contract Disclosure – Garden House Bed & Breakfast

Mayor Atkinson provided disclosure to the District that she is the owner of Garden House Bed & Breakfast and that the municipality has, in the past, used the Garden House Bed and Breakfast for municipal related business as a source of local accommodations.

Contract Disclosure – Ski Instructor

Councillor Wright provided disclosure to the District that he is contracted through the Mackenzie Recreation Centre to teach ski lessons at Little Mac for the 2025 season.

Fork Attachment Replacement for Loader

Council approved the purchase of a fork attachment from Nors Construction Equipment Canada GW Ltd. in the amount of \$16,010 plus GST.

Nuclear Energy In British Columbia

Council voted to write a letter to the new Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions, Adrian Dix, CEO of BC Hydro, Chris O’Riley, and Premier David Eby to request a review of the current prohibition of nuclear energy in British Columbia. Council also voted to submit resolutions to NCLGA and UBCM advocating for a review of the Clean Energy Act, specifically the feasibility of a reversal on the current prohibition on nuclear energy in British Columbia.

Land Request – Williston Lake Elders’ Society

At the Regular Meeting of November 12, 2024, the Williston Lake Elders Society (WLES) presented their plans to pursue funding toward the design and development of a seniors housing and care complex. They requested support by way of donation of the land where the Ernie Bodin Community Centre is located. A report with a high-level review of the land donation process was brought forward. Council passed a motion to provide a letter of intent to WLES and work with staff to move forward with the process to subdivide, rezone, and donate the land, contingent on land/utility service suitability for the final project design and concept.

Dental Equipment – Storage and Disposal

Council passed a motion to authorize Administration to dispose or recycle District-owned dental equipment that is no longer in useable condition.

2025 Revised Budget Schedule

Council approved the revised Council meeting dates for the 2025 annual budget process. The meetings formerly scheduled for January 13, 2025, will be moved back one Council meeting date (and will now take place on January 27, 2025).