

February 24, 2025

Special Meeting

Kerri Borne, Chief Financial Officer, provided a brief presentation of the 2025 potential rates for water, sewer and garbage.

Rocky Creek Metallurgical Coal Project – CTI Plus Resources

Judy Matkaluk, CTI Plus Resources, Manager of Regulatory Affairs and Engagement provided a presentation to Council about the Rocky Creek metallurgical coal project. They are in early stages of exploration and recently placed in early engagement with the BC Environmental Assessment Agency of Canada. Rocky Creek is located approximately halfway between Tumbler Ridge and Chetwynd.

Letter of Support – Mackenzie Community Services

Council voted to provide a letter of support to Mackenzie Community Services Spectrum Supports application to the McLeod Lake Community Forest to support Social Sunday Activities.

Letter of Support - Mackenzie & District Museum Society

Council passed a motion to provide a letter of support for each of the Mackenzie & District Museum Society's upcoming grant applications for future exhibits:

- McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest – Community Benefits Stream for the "Trapped: Living off the Land" exhibit.
- BC Hydro – Broad Impact Grant for the "Building Mackenzie" exhibit.
- Telus – Community Boards Grant for the "Technology Through Time" exhibit.

Letter of Support – Kimta Transportation

Council voted to provide a letter of support to Kimta Transportation for their application to the Housing Infrastructure and Communities Canada – Rural Transfer Solutions Fund, to provide local shuttle services within Mackenzie with additional services to and from McLeod Lake throughout the week.

CivicInfo BC 2025 Membership Dues

Council voted to pay the CivicInfo BC 2025 Membership Dues in the amount of \$268.80. CivicInfo BC has operated since April 2000, providing a wide variety of tools and information resources for those who work, or have an interest, in the province's local government sector

2025 Budget Survey – What We Heard

Council received a report from staff summarizing the feedback gathered on the presented 2025 budget shortfall scenarios. This report will be made available for public review on Let's Chat Mackenzie and in paper format at the Municipal Office. A copy may also be requested by email to info@districtofmackenzie.ca.

2025 Provisional Budget Scenarios

Council recommended to proceed with Shortfall Funding Scenario #2 presented at the February 5, 2025 Budget Open House, with an adjustment to have a 12% water rate increase rather than 12% as. The table below explains the impact on the average assessed single-family residential property tax notice, including the newly adopted water, sewer and garbage user rates:

Rate Increase	2025	2024	Revenue Increase
Property Tax (10.85%)	1,318.84	1,191.88	126.96
Water (12%)	511.96	457.11	54.85
Sewer (9%)	319.69	290.54	26.15
Garbage (6.5%)	212.73	199.75	12.98
Total	2,360.22	2,139.28	220.94

Additionally, Council chose to proceed with Recreation Centre Option #3 for an additional estimated savings of \$180,000, which would include closing the facility for ½ day on Mondays year-round, and on Sunday between April and October, as well as possible other overall changes to facility hours. Further information will be shared with the public in the coming weeks.

Public Alerting System (PAS)

Council approved a two-year contract with the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (RDFFG) for the use of their Public Alerting System (PAS) in the amount of \$750 per year plus GST.

Mental Health and Addictions Liaison

Council voted to add a "Mental Health and Addictions" Council Liaison position whose role, as a starting place, is to represent the District of Mackenzie in its role as a signatory of the "Mental Health and Addiction's Accord" signed in November of 2024.

NCLGA and UBCM Resolutions - Foundry

Council voted to direct staff to submit the following resolution to North Central Local Government Association, and Union of British Columbia Municipalities:

"Whereas youth in rural and remote British Columbia are facing mental health and wellness challenges just like their peers in urban centers,"

"Whereas Foundry BC in-person Centers are largely located in urban British Columbia and not accessible for youth in rural and remote British Columbia communities,"

"Therefore, be it resolved that the NCLGA and UBCM lobby the Provincial Government, commit to establishing in-person Foundry Centres that meet the needs of rural and remote youth in their home communities, that recognize the unique challenges of youth living in rural and remote communities."

2025 Council Travel Estimate

Council received a report summarizing the estimated travel costs for upcoming conferences and conventions in 2025.

New Business – Lakefront and Large Acreage Lots

Council passed a motion directing staff to bring back a report with information regarding the process and opportunities available for the District to develop lakefront and further large acreage lots in the area.

Notice of Motion: District of Mackenzie Procurement Practices

At the next Regular Meeting on March 10, 2025, Council will decide whether or not to direct staff to prepare a report highlighting opportunities to improve the District's procurement practices on how we can adapt to global/national issues and prioritize Mackenzie/Northern BC/BC/Canadian interests, in the event of American tariffs or other actions from foreign countries, so we can respond with practices that emphasize Local Mackenzie/Northern British Columbia/British Columbia/Canadian interests.

Coming Events

Mackenzie Figure Skating Club presents "Fire and Ice"

When: Saturday March 1, 2025

Where: Mackenzie Recreation Centre

Time: 6:00pm (doors at 5:00pm)

Mackenzie Figure Skating Club presents "Fire and Ice"

When: Sunday March 2, 2025

Where: Mackenzie Recreation Centre

Time: 2:00pm (doors at 1:00pm)