

# **Council Highlights**

### August 11, 2025

### Request for Support - MORATA Morfee Lake Scramble

Mackenzie Outdoor Route and Trail Association (MORATA) requested the use of the portable stage, and stage sound system, as well as a request to waive the fees for a sound technician and a generator for their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Morfee Lake Scramble. The Scramble will take place on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, at Morfee Lake Second Beach. Council voted to approve this request.

### RDFFG Accessibility Advisory Committee

The Regional District of Fraser- Fort George (RDFFG) has established an Advisory Committee on Accessibility in Accordance with the <u>Accessible British Columbia Act</u> and Regulation No. 105/22 and is seeking interested municipalities for participation. Council respectfully declined their offer to participate because, as the District has already appointed their own Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee, Council offered to collaborate on special projects or provide assistance to the RDFFG's committee as they get established.

#### Mackenzie Seniors Week 2025

Council voted to proclaim September 28 – October 4, 2025, Mackenzie Seniors Week. This coincides with National Seniors Day, October 1.

### Forest Service Road Procedures and Regulations

Council voted to bring forward a letter from Jason Olmsted, RPF, P. Engineer Northern Engineering Group Leader, Ministry of Forests, to a future meeting date for further discussion. The letter is in response to the District's inquiry into the procedures and regulations for road and bridge maintenance on Forest Service Roads (FSRs).

### MCAC Mural Unveiling and Groundbreaking Ceremony

Council voted in favour of attending and speaking at the Mackenzie Community Arts Council (MCAC) Mural Unveiling and Groundbreaking Ceremony. Councillor McMeeken will present a short speech at the event, taking place Saturday, August 23, 2025, at 9 Laurier Dr.

#### Sunrise Expansion Program - Temporary Workforce Accommodation

Following the June 23, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council, the Sunrise Expansion Program held an open house on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, to allow residents to provide feedback on the proposed temporary workforce accommodation. A "What We Heard" Report was submitted to Council following the open house. Council voted in favour of providing the resolution of support for the Sunrise Expansion Program's temporary workforce accommodation to be located in Mackenzie.



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### Zoning Amendment Application – 25 Gagnon Place – Kennel Operation

Council voted to receive a report outlining an application to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 1368, 2017, to allow a Kennel as a permitted accessory use at 25 Gagnon Place in order to construct and operate a pet boarding and daycare facility, cited as Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1526, 2025, was given its first two readings, with an amendment to add a 5-year sunset clause.

### Support for Non-Profits – Policies Review

Council voted to approve the proposed financial aid policies review and associated public engagement plan. Council also approved the 2026 budget and community grants program recommendations.

2025 Housing Needs Report and OCP Engagement "What We Heard"

Council received the 2025 Housing Needs and Official Community Plan (OCP) "What We Heard" Report. The "What We Heard" and 2025 Housing Needs Reports can be found on <a href="Let's Chat">Let's Chat</a> Mackenzie.

### 2025 Council Expenses to Date

Council received a report on the 2025 Council Expenses to date.

### Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society – Drain Tile Request

Council approved the Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society's request to dig into the District of Mackenzie road right-of-way along Little Cloudmaker Road to replace the building drain tile.

### Strategic Marketing Initiatives Plan Contract Award

Council awarded the Strategic Marketing Initiatives Plan contract to Kimbo Design in the amount of \$35,000 plus GST.

### Bylaw No. 1527, 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw

Council adopted Bylaw No. 1527,2025 – General Rates Bylaw.

### **Coming Events**

MORATA Morfee Lake Scramble

When: Saturday August 16, 2025

Time: 7:30 am – 1:30 pm

Awards Ceremony: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

After Party: 7:00 pm

Where: Morfee Lake Second Beach

Duz Cho 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Derby

When: Friday Aug. 15 – Sunday Aug. 17, 2025

Where: Cut Thumb Bay

Summer Sendoff Classic Community

Jamboree (Age 15+)

When: Saturday September 20, 2025

RSVP by September 12, 2025.

Register online