

December 8, 2025

Community Grants Presentations

Council adopted the Community Grants Policy 3.16 which requires all organizations approved for Fee-For Service Agreements to provide an in-person presentation to Council at the end of each year of the Agreement, highlighting accomplishments, goals and objectives, and benefits provided to the community. Council received presentations from:

- Mackenzie Community Arts Council
- Mackenzie & District Museum
- Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce
- Mackenzie Golf & Country Club
- Mackenzie Autumn Lodge Society

Request for Reconsideration – Mackenzie Rainbows Swim Club

The Mackenzie Rainbows Swim Club requested reconsideration and clarification of their 2026 Community Grants application approval at the Nov. 24th Council Meeting. The swim club had requested funding towards their 2026 swim meet in May, to help cover the costs of lane fees throughout the swim club season, and to waive AGM room rental fees. Council had approved support towards the swim meet only at the Nov. 24th meeting. Following discussion at the Dec. 8th meeting, Council voted to not approve further funding, but allow the funding approved to be able to be put towards any of the items listed in their original grant application (lane fees, AGM, or 2026 swim meet). Further, Council mentioned the club was still welcome to apply at future grant intakes for full funding, however that it is not guaranteed and will depend on available funds and all applications received.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2026 – 2027 Membership Dues

Council moved to pay membership dues to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for 2026 – 2027 in the amount of \$1,037.83.

Concerns Regarding Bill M216 – 2025 Professional Reliance Act

Council passed a motion to submit a letter to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia providing input on Bill M216, *Professional Reliance Act*.

Proposed 2026 Budget Schedule

Council approved the proposed Council meeting dates for the 2026 annual budget process.

Event	Date
Budget Open House	Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 5:30pm
Budget Discussion	Monday, January 26, 2026, 6:00pm
Budget Discussion	Monday, February 9, 2026, 6:15pm
Presentation of the 2026 Provisional Operating and Capital Budget	Monday, February 23, 2026, 5:30pm

Community Budget Consultation	Monday, February 23, 2026, 6:30pm
Budget Discussion	Monday, March 9, 2026, 6:15pm
Presentation of 2026 – 2030 Financial Plan Bylaw	Monday, April 27, 2026, 6:00pm
Community Budget Consultation	Monday, April 27, 2026, 6:45pm
First Three Readings of the 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan Bylaw	Monday, April 27, 2026, 7:15pm
Adoption of 2026 - 2030 Financial Plan Bylaw	Monday, May 11, 2026, 7:15pm

**The above schedule is subject to change based on operational needs*

**Additional meetings can be added if required*

2026 – 2027 Janitorial Services – Municipal Hall, Public Works/Bylaw, Fire Hall

Council awarded the two-year Janitorial Services contract to SkyBlue Services Corp. for the Municipal Hall, Public Works and Firehall #1 beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2027, for up to \$3,889 per month plus GST.

External Audit Services Award 2025 – 2027

Council awarded the 2025 – 2027 External Audit Services to MNP in the amount of \$143,820 plus GST.

Airport Services Agreement Contract Award

Council voted to award a two-year Airport Services Agreement starting January 1, 2026, ending December 31, 2027, to BlackJay Services in the amount of \$9,400 per month plus GST.

Unfinished Business – Community Grants Policy 3.16 Update

Council voted in favour of updating the Community Grants Policy 3.16. All successful 2026 Community Grants in-take applications and current Fee-For-Service agreements will receive an updated version of the policy in the new year.

New Business – Meeting with School District No. 57 Superintendent

Council voted in favour of requesting staff to coordinate a meeting between Mayor and Council and School District No. 57 Superintendent Jameel Aziz.

Bylaws

- Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1528, 2025 was given third reading and was adopted.
- 2026-2029 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1529, 2025 was adopted.

Notice of Motion

At the next regular council meeting, Council will decide on two motions:

Motion #1: Council Travel Policy Update

THAT Council adopts the Mayor and Council Travel Policy starting in 2026 as outlined in a report provided in the December 8, 2025, Regular Council meeting. A link to the report can be found here: <https://pub-mackenziebc.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=5948>

Motion #2: NCLGA Resolution

THAT Council submits the resolutions described in a report provided in the December 8, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, to the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA). A link to the report can be found here: <https://pub-mackenziebc.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=5949>

November 26, 2025 – Public Hearing Minutes Amendment

Council moved to amend the minutes of November 26, 2025 Official Community Plan Public Hearing.

Coming Events

Kiel Giddens Holiday Open House

When: Tuesday, December 16, 2025

Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm

Location: 124 – 403 Mackenzie Blvd

Light Up the Community Contest

Nominations close Friday December 19, 2025

Online voting open Monday December 22, 2025,
until Friday, December 26, 2025

Winners announced Monday December 29, 2025

Friends Helping Friends

When: Monday, December 15, 2025

Time: 7:30am – 11:30am

Where: The Purple Bicycle

*Volunteers needed

Murder at the Theatre

When: Friday December 19, 2025

Time: 10:30am

Where: Mackenzie Public Library

*Free adult event – please sign up at the Library
or call 250 – 997 – 6343

Book Club

When: Monday December 29, 2025

Time: 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Where: Mackenzie Public Library

December book: Band of Brothers by Stephen E. Ambrose