

January 12, 2026

Petitions and Delegations

Dale Parker, Mackenzie Search and Rescue, presented to Mayor and Council on the need for an enclosure to protect both the Mackenzie Search and Rescue assets and the two structural protection unit trailers from the Mackenzie Fire Department. Council approved the request to build a 40-foot by 80-foot fabric enclosure located at the Fire Hall #2 Property.

2026 Mayor and Council Travel Policy Amendment

Council voted in favour of amending the current Council Travel Policy. The Local Government Leadership Academy Annual Conference will now be mandatory for all newly elected Council members and will be made available to all Council members the year following an election.

North Central Local Government Association AGM Resolutions

Council voted to direct staff to submit the following resolution to the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) AGM:

"Whereas British Columbia's existing property tax classifications under the *Assessment Act* do not specifically categorise large-scale artificial intelligence (AI) compute centres, high-performance computing (HPC) data centres, and Bitcoin or cryptocurrency mining operations;"

"And Whereas these facilities have unique demands on municipalities, including but not limited to electrical infrastructure, community planning, emergency response, lower levels of employment compared to other industries, and long-term land-use management;"

Therefore be it resolved that NCLGA and UBCM request the Province of British Columbia and BC Assessment to classify high-energy digital infrastructure, including but not limited to:

- Artificial intelligence (AI) compute centres;
- High-performance computing (HPC) data centres;
- Bitcoin and cryptocurrency mining facilities;

under Class 5 (Light Industry) within the provincial property tax classification system.

Joint Use Agreement with School District No.57

Council voted in favour of updates to the Joint Use Agreement with School District No. 57. Changes include updated titles, land acknowledgement, and adjustments for facilities like the multi-court and curling rink. Legal updates were added, including setting insurance requirements and clarifying shared-use protocols. A major change involves the Mackenzie Recreation-Education Trust funds, which can now be used on District sites for SD57 student benefit, and no additional District contributions will be made.

2026 – 2027 Electrical Services Contract

Council awarded the 2026 – 2027 Electrical Services Contract to Northern Electric.

Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Appointments

Council appointed Gina Johnson, Ivan Suski, and Karen Tinsley to the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee for a two-year term ending December 31, 2027. Council also reappointed Elizabeth Blackburn for a one-year term, ending December 31, 2026.

Resolution of Support – Northern Development Initiative Trust

Council voted in support of the District of Mackenzie's application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) under the Labour Market Research Plans (LMR) program for up to \$50,000 to undertake a Workforce Business Landscape & service Gap Assessment.

2025 Business Walk 2025 Results

Council moved to receive a report summarizing the results of the 2025 Business Walk. A copy of the report can be found on [Let's Chat Mackenzie](#).

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 & 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 2026 season.

Coming Events

District of Mackenzie 2026 Budget Open-House

When: Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Time: 5:30 pm (presentation will take place at 5:45 pm)

Location: Mackenzie Recreation Centre

Morfee PAC Meeting

When: Monday, January 19, 2026

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Morfee School Library