

February 23, 2026

Special Budget Meeting

Kerri Borne, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation of the 2026 Provisional Operating and Capital Budget. A copy of the presentation, and a recording of the presentation as well as the 2026 Provisional Budget book are available on our [Let's Chat Mackenzie](#) page.

School Zones and Bus Stop Reminders

Council asked staff to issue a public notice reminding residents about safety requirements in school zones and near school bus stops. The RCMP have increased enforcement in these areas and are stationing officers at school zones and bus stops in response to ongoing concerns about motorists failing to stop for school buses and exceeding speed limits in **school zones**. Officers are monitoring compliance with:

- **Stopping for school buses** when red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended
- **Adhering to posted school-zone speed limits**

Petition and Delegations – Mackenzie Public Library

Alice Pritchett, Director, Mackenzie Public Library, and Camille McPhedran, Chair of the Mackenzie Public Library Board of Directors, provided a presentation on the proposed 2026 Library budget.

Request for Support – Chamber of Commerce

Council received a request from Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce to allow RV parking at the Mackenzie Recreation Centre during the Mackenzie Chamber of Commerce Spring Expo and voted not to support the request.

Request for Support – Youth Wellness Society of Mackenzie

Council voted in favour of providing a letter of support for the Youth Wellness Society of Mackenzie's application to the McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest Community Benefits Program towards funding the upcoming Mental Health Summit we are planning for November 2026. We would be using the funding to help pay for external speakers and workshops to come to Mackenzie and support the community during the event.

2026 Provisional Capital and Operating Budgets

Council approved the 2026 Provisional Operating and Capital Budgets. As part of budget deliberations, Council reviewed three property tax scenarios for the operating budget and voted to proceed with a proposed 8% property tax revenue increase for 2026. A link to the report can be found [here](#).

Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee Alternate Liaison

Council voted in favour of appointing Councillor Wright as the alternate Council Liaison to the Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

Evan Bichon – Olympic Tribute

Council motioned for staff to bring back a report outlining the possible ways to honour former Mackenzie Resident and 2026 Winter Olympic Athlete Evan Bichon.

Emergency Program Bylaw No. 1530, 2026

Council voted to adopt Emergency Program Bylaw No.1530, 2026, cited as “Emergency Program Bylaw No.1530, 2026”. A copy of the Bylaw can be found on the [District website](#).

Coming Events

Kids Glow Party

When: Saturday February 28, 2026
Time: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Location: The 92 – 92 Centennial Drive

Willison Lake Elders’ Society AGM

When: Tuesday March 17, 2026
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 273

Monique Brown on Diversity Equity and Inclusion

When: Friday February 27, 2026
Time: 4:30 pm
Where: Mackenzie Public Library

Mackenzie Figure Skating Club Presents MFSC 50th Anniversary

Date/Time: Saturday March 7 at 6:00 pm
Sunday March 8 at 2:00 pm
Location: Mackenzie Recreation Centre

Youth Wellness Society of Mackenzie AGM

When: Saturday, March 21, 2026
Time: 5:00 pm
Where: Callahan Room at Mackenzie Recreation Centre