

## April 27, 2026

### Petitions and Delegations

Chief Financial Officer, Kerri Borne presented a review of the municipal budget and tax rates for 2026. A copy of the presentation, and the bylaws can be found on our [Let's Chat Mackenzie page](#).

### Logging and Sawmilling Journal Subscription Renewal

Council voted to defer voting on the Logging and Sawmilling Journal subscription renewal until the next Regular Meeting of Council, when a quote for renewal fees can be brought forward.

### Forestry is a Solution

Council voted to endorse the "Forestry is a Solution" Campaign and motioned for staff to share the campaign information with residents on the District website and social media channels. More information can be found at [www.forestryisasolution.com](http://www.forestryisasolution.com)

### City of Langford – Permanent Daylight-Savings Time and Impacts of Safe Routes to School

Council voted to send a letter to Minister of Education, Honourable Lisa Beare, Minister of Transportation, Honourable Mike Farnworth, and BC Premier, Honourable David Eby, expressing shared concerns with the City of Langford, regarding safe transportation to school during dark mornings. A copy of the City of Langford's letter can be found [here](#).

### 2026 Final Operating and Capital Budget

Council received a report for information outlining the 2026 final operating and capital budget. A copy of the report can be found [here](#).

### 2026 Property Tax Revenues and Tax Rates

Council received a report for information outlining the 2026 property tax revenue and tax rates. A copy of the report can be found [here](#).

### Impacts of Provincial Sales Tax Expansion on Professional Services

Council voted to oppose the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) expansion on professional services. The District will submit a letter to the provincial government to raise concerns regarding the cost Budget 2026's PST will have on local government operating costs and public safety and publicly disclose any cost pressures downloaded onto Council by the PST expansion, and any related cuts or tax increases that may follow.

## Vehicle Replacement – 2026 GMC Sierra 1500

Council awarded the purchase of a 2026 GMC Sierra 1500 from Wood Wheaton Supercentre in the amount of \$58,791 plus GST.

## 2026 Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning Grant

Council voted to authorize the Regional District of Fraser – Fort George (RDFFG) to submit an application for the 2026 Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning Grant to the Union of BC Municipalities on behalf of the District of Mackenzie and that the RDFFG be authorized to receive and manage the grant funding on behalf of the District of Mackenzie.

## Business Façade Improvement Program 2026 – April Intake

Council approved the 2026 Business Façade Improvement Program applications from Mackenzie Community Arts Centre, Mackenzie Community Services, and D Doolittle Pet Care to a maximum amount of \$11,382.90. You can find more information on the Business Façade Improvement Program [here](#).

## 2026 Chief Elections Officer and Deputy Chief Elections Officer Appointments

Pursuant to Section 58(1) and (2) of the *Local Government Act*, Council voted to appoint Emily Kaehn Chief Elections Officer for conducting the 2026 General Local Election and assent voting with power to appoint other officials as required. Council also appointed Catherine Smith as Deputy Chief Elections Officer for the 2026 General Local Election. The General Local Election will take place on October 17, 2026. Voter and candidate information will be shared soon.

## Mackenzie Legion – Temporary Extension of License Area (LP)

Council authorized staff to proceed with the application review process for the Mackenzie Legion Branch 237's Liquor Cannabis Regulations Branch Temporary Extension of License Area application for the Mackenzie 60<sup>th</sup> Celebration on May 16, 2026.

## Referral 193339281 – Licence of Occupation – Mesilinka Logging Camp

Council received a referral from the Province of BC looking for comments with respect to Conifex Timber's application to renew their License of Occupation for their existing Mesilinka logging camp under the Log Handling policy for a 2-to-5-year term for camp operations. Council directed Administration to respond in support of the application with no objections.

## Golf Cart Use in Town

Council requested staff begin the policy review process presented to investigate potentially allowing golf cart use on District streets.

## Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee First Quarter Report 2026

The Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee provided a report to Council on their activities since January 1, 2026. A copy of the report can be found on the Access and Inclusion page on the District [website](#).

## Mackenzie 60<sup>th</sup> Celebration Events Schedule

Council approved the request to add the Mackenzie 60<sup>th</sup> Celebration events schedule to an upcoming public notice to be mailed to residents.

## Bylaws Adopted

Water Rates and Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 1531, 2026, Sewer Rates and Regulations Amendment No. 1532, 2026, and Garbage Rates and Regulations Amendment No. 1533, 2026 were adopted by Council.

## Coming Events

### Red Dress Day March

Where: Meet at Mackenzie Secondary School

When: Tuesday May 5, 2026

Time: 10:00 am arrival

10:30 am Welcome & Prayer

10:45 am Drum and March followed by Closing Ceremony and Lunch

### Community Clean-up Days

Tuesday May 5, 2026 Team Clean-up Day

### FireSmart Pick-up

Townsite: Tuesday May 26, 2026

Gantahaz: Wednesday May 27, 2026

### Mackenzie 60<sup>th</sup> Celebration

Friday May 16, and Saturday May 17, 2026