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Site Name: Mackenzie, British Columbia

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Field Log: Thursday, March 19, 1998

MORNING

- drove from Prince George to Mackenzie
- checked into the Timberman Inn
- organized research materials
- phoned to set up appointments for afternoon

LUNCH

Afternoon

- Visit to Town Hall
 - spoke to Judi VanderMaaten, Confidential Secretary
 - she gave me maps, a short history of Mackenzie, a community profile
 - directed me to Alan Madrigga, the town's Economic Development Officer
 - I will return to the Town Hall tomorrow for a copy of Mackenzie Turns Twenty (a history of the town) and to speak to the mayor, who was away in Prince George today
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- went next door to the RCMP station and spoke to the officer at the desk, who gave me the

workbook information for 5.2.21 to 5.2.25

- went to the Mackenzie and Area Economic Development Commission
- interviewed Alan Madrigga, the Economic Development Officer
- he gave me the set of updated census information that he had
- he gave me a business directory that he had put together
- We spoke for some time about economics and business in Mackenzie
- he suggested that I speak to Margaret Grant at the Chamber of Commerce and Carol Larue at CNC's HRDC programme
- came back to hotel room and called people to set up appointments for tomorrow:
 - Margaret Grant, Chamber of Commerce -- 9 am
 - Janet, Hospital Administrator -- time ?
 - Donna Cunningham, Mackenzie Counselling Services, Executive Director -- 3 pm
 - Pat, Head Librarian at the Public Library -- time ?
- entered information from materials into workbook
- visited some friends

-DINNER

- Organized materials. wrote up field log

Friday, March 20, 1998

MORNING

- visited Margaret Grant at the Chamber of Commerce
- got an interview plus the business directory that the C. of C. puts out
- interviewed Gord Peterson, the Programme Director at the Recreation Centre
- got a recent listing of Leisure Programmes, as well as a list of organizations
- the receptionist at the Recreation Centre said she had spoken to Judi at Town Hall and she had

a copy of Mackenzie Turns Twenty for me

- went to the Town Hall and interviewed Tom Briggs, the mayor
- spoke to him for an hour
- very interesting

LUNCH**AFTERNOON**

- went to the museum and talked to the curator, Edith Hennig
- also talked to Christopher Johnson, the president of the Mackenzie Historical Society
- looked through the exhibits, which included a lot of town and area history, as well as a historical wedding paraphernalia display
- looked through the Mountain Gift Shop, also located in the Ernie Bodin Centre

- local artists display and sell their works here
 - went to the library and spoke to the clerk, Sean Killam, about Internet Service provided by the library
 - phoned the hospital for some basic information on questions asked in the workbook
 - due to the doctors' strike going on right now, this is not a good time to interview any of the hospital staff, so I did not make an appointment to talk to the hospital administrator
 - went to Mackenzie Counselling Services and interviewed Donna Cunningham, the executive director
 - went to the Town Hall to see if they had any maps that showed where the railway lines are
 - they didn't, but they gave me a contact and phone number at BC Rail: Rod Salmon
 - drove around town plotting churches on the map
 - checked to see whether buildings were wheelchair accessible
 - drove back to Prince George
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Position of Centroid:

What boundaries are meaningful for residents?

Distribution of population within CSD boundary: Concentrated - Most of the population seems to be concentrated in the main area of town although there is a subdivision about 10 km outside of town (Gantahaz), where the plots of land are significantly larger (about 2 acres) than those in town.

Meaning of CSD boundaries to local contacts:

Relevance of CSD boundary - for the community:

Relevance of CSD boundary - for daily activities:

Relevance of CSD boundary - where people live:

Relevance of CSD boundary - where people work:

Relevance of CSD boundary - other:

4.1 - SITE HISTORY

- Major events & stories: 1793 – Alexander Mackenzie travels up the Parsnip River on his way from the Peace River to the Fraser River and then on to the Pacific Ocean

1957 – W.A.C. Bennett and Dr. Axel Wenner-Gren agree to exploration of the Rocky Mountain Trench. Plans are made to build a dam and flood the trench.

1967 – The dam is flooded and the flooded area becomes Williston Lake, named after Ray Williston, the then-minister of Lands and Forests and MLA for Prince George. The Tse Kay Dene First Nations population are flooded out of their homes and forced to relocate to Fort Ware.

Mackenzie is born. It is a single-industry, "instant" company town.

Chronology of Mill Ownership

When the town opened, "The Company," BC Forest Products (BCFP), ran nearly every aspect of the town. In 1970, the Finlay Forest Industries (FFI) ground wood pulp mill was completed. By 1974, BCFP had 3 mills – A, B, and C, which were pulp, stud and sawmills respectively. In the late 1980s, BCFP was taken over by Fletcher Challenge Canada, and in 1995, the sawmill became Timberwest. In 1997, the Timberwest sawmill was taken over by the Slocan Group.

5.2.1 - SERVICES

WATER

- municipal water to everyone: yes
 - municipal water to some:
 - sewage collection and disposal: yes
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GARBAGE COLLECTION yes

- open garbage dump: no
 - sanitary landfill: yes
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SIDEWALKS

- sidewalks throughout village/town: no
 - sidewalks in center of community only: yes
 - cable TV: yes
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INTERNET ACCESS

- to everyone willing to pay: yes
 - free through community centre: yes
 - specific institutions/individuals: yes - The library, has two terminals that have free Internet access. CNC students can get an e-mail account for a small yearly fee through the college.
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LOCAL NEWSPAPER

- daily: no
 - weekly: yes
 - monthly: no
 - newsletter (no regional or area news):
 - national newspaper: The 7-11 store gets the Globe and Mail once a week on Sundays.
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

- paid, full time professionals: yes - There is a paid, full-time fire chief and a paid, full-time assistant
 - volunteers: yes - The firefighters are volunteer and on-call. When they are called out to a fire, they are not paid themselves; rather, the money goes to the Firefighters' Association.
 - approximate response time to centroid:
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POLICE

- RCMP: yes

- **provincial: no**
 - **municipal: no**
 - **number of personnel: 30**
 - **approximate response time to centroid:**
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EMERGENCY SERVICES

- **911:yes**
 - **road ambulance service:yes**
 - **approximate response time to centroid:**
 - **air ambulance service: BC MEDAVAC is available according to the situation, but usually this service runs out of Prince George, rather than Mackenzie.**
 - **approximate response time to centroid:**
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ROADS

(type and condition): 4. paved, few potholes, shoulders; snow clearance; salting/sanding

6.1 - SOCIAL SERVICES / EDUCATION

Elementary school

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments: There are 3 elementary schools in Mackenzie, and all three are wheelchair accessible (A1).**
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High school

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: yes (A1)
 - comments:
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Technical school

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments: There is no technical school
-

University

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments: The closest university is the University of Northern British Columbia, which is 2 hours' drive away in Prince George. Students can take web courses from UNBC over the Internet from UNBC, but there is no satellite campus in Mackenzie.
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Extension courses

- distance from centroid (km):
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments: Correspondence courses are available from Open Learning and Athabasca University.

Other institutions

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes (A1)

- comments: There is a satellite campus of the College of New Caledonia in Mackenzie; the main campus is in Prince George.

6.2 - SOCIAL SERVICES / HEALTH

Hospital

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:yes (A1)

- comments:

Blood/urine testing facility

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes (A1)

- comments: in hospital

X-ray facility

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes (A1)

- comments: in hospital

Baby delivery facility

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes (A1)

- comments: Babies can be delivered here, but preferably women will go to the Prince George Regional Hospital if there is time. Also, at the first sign of complications, the woman is sent to Prince George. At present, all deliveries except emergencies are sent to Prince George because the doctors are on strike in Northern BC's small towns.

CT scan facility

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: n/a

- comments: no CT scan

Nursing home

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:** n/a
 - **comments:** no nursing home in Mackenzie
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Doctor(s)

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:** yes - all (A1)
 - **comments:** There are 5 doctors in town, working out of 2 offices. However, at present there is a doctors' strike in the small towns of Northern BC, and doctors are available only for emergency care. Residents wishing to go to the doctor must go to Prince George, a 2 hour drive away, until the strike is over.
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Nurse(s)

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:** n/a
 - **comments:** There are 24 nurses who work in the hospital, 2 RNs who work in the doctors' offices, and one Practical Nurse. There are also 2 home care nurses and one full-time public health nurse at the Northern Interior Health Unit, as well as one part-time.
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Dentist(s)

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: no (A0)

- comments: There is one dentist in Mackenzie, who is also a dental surgeon. There is also an orthodontist.

Dental Surgeon(s)

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: no (A0)

- comments: 2 dental surgeons

Optometrist(s)

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes (A1)

- comments: There is an optometrist's office which is open Monday to Friday, but the optometrist travels in for two days a week (Wednesday and Thursday) from Prince George, where he has another practice. When the optometrist is not there, the optometrist's assistant is available to dispense contact lenses and glasses and to help people pick frames.

Home care / visits

- distance from centroid (km):

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access: n/a**
 - **comments: There are 2 home care nurses in Mackenzie.**
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VON

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access: n/a**
 - **comments: no VON here**
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Social worker(s)

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access: n/a**
 - **comments: There are 5 full-time social workers, and one who is presently on loan to Burns Lake.**
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Other (specify)

- **distance from centroid (km):**
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
- **special transportation needs:**
- **wheelchair access: n/a**
- **comments: There is a part-time Youth Probation Officer who works out of the Ministry of Children**

and Families.

6.3 - SOCIAL SERVICES / LEGAL

Lawyer

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes (A1)

- **comments:** There is a lawyer's office here, but he only comes in once a week. The rest of the time he is in Prince George. The office is open from Monday to Friday, and there is a legal secretary there to assist people.

Notary

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: n/a

- **comments:** There was a notary public here until November 1997, when he retired.

Citizenship court

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: n/a

- **comments:** The closest one is in Prince George

6.4 - SOCIAL SERVICES / FINANCIAL

Bank

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: yes (A1)
 - comments: There are two banks in town, the Royal Bank and the Bank of Nova Scotia.
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Credit Union

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:
 - comments: There are no credit unions here.
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ATM

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: yes (A1)
 - comments: There are 5 ATMs here; the Royal Bank has one in the Mall, one in the Chevron gas station, the Bank of Nova Scotia has 2 in the Mall, and CIBC, although it doesn't have a branch here, has an ATM in the 7-11 store.
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Micro-financing group

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: n/a

- **comments:** There is a Co-op grocery store in which customers own shares by having a free membership there. They share in the profits once a year. Other than this, there do not appear to be any micro-financing groups here.

Insurance office

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes (A1)

- **comments:** There are 3 insurance agencies here: The Insurance Store, Gateway Insurance, and Barton Insurance.

6.5 - SOCIAL SERVICES / CARE

Daycare

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- **comments:** There are 9 daycares, one afterschool care, and 3 preschools, one of which is integrated for children with special needs.

Seniors / retirement home

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: n/a

- **comments:** There is no seniors' home at present in Mackenzie, but there are plans for one and a group called the Autumn Lodge Society which is does planning and fundraising.

6.6 - SOCIAL SERVICES / GOVERNMENT

E.I. office

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes (A1)

- **comments:** There was an Employment Insurance office in Mackenzie which was in the Post Office Building, but this was shut down in early 1996. Now there is a computerized EI machine in a corner of the CNC library here, and an HRDC employee who sees clients out of CNC.

Revenue Canada office

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: n/a

- **comments:** no Revenue Canada office

Auto insurance office

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: This is done out of Barton Insurance office
 - comments: yes (A1)
-

Welfare office

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: yes (A1)
 - comments:
-

Town hall

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: yes (A1)
 - comments:
-

Band council

- distance from centroid (km):
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
- special transportation needs:

- **wheelchair access:** n/a

- **comments:** no Band Council

6.7 - SOCIAL SERVICES / LOCAL

Food bank

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** yes (A1)

- **comments:** The Food Bank here is the Care and Share and is run out of Mackenzie Counseling Services.

Clothing exchange / depot

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** no (A0)

- **comments:** Operated out of the hospital auxiliary thrift store

Secondhand stores

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** no (A0)

- **comments:** The hospital auxiliary thrift store

Drop-in centre

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- **comments:** There are many drop-in programmes run by the public health nurse (such as the new moms group) and Mackenzie Counseling Services. Wheelchair accessibility would depend on the location of the groups, which is varied.

Halfway house

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes (A1)

- **comments:** There is a Group Home in Mackenzie which takes teenagers.

Counseling services

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: no (A0)

- **comments:** Mackenzie Counseling Services is an umbrella group which runs a number of programmes and works in conjunction with the Ministry of Children and Families. See attached information on Mackenzie Counselling Services.

Family distress

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- **comments:** There are a number of programmes run out of Mackenzie Counseling which address this topic, including battered women's support groups, programmes for parents of troubled teens, counseling for abused children. See attached information on Mackenzie Support Groups.

Women's shelter

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- **comments:** There is a safehouse system here for women, but it is run out of private homes, the locations of which are kept secret for obvious reasons. Therefore I do not know if they are wheelchair accessible or not.

Alcohol / drug abuse

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- **comments:** There is a Drug and Alcohol Counselor at Mackenzie Counseling Services, an Alcoholics Anonymous group, and there will be a Narcotics Anonymous group soon.

6.8 - SOCIAL SERVICES / PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Bus

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- **comments:** There is a Greyhound Bus station here, with buses that run daily, south at 2:30 pm and 8:15 pm, and north 11:35 am and 2:10 am. The buses are not wheelchair accessible (A0). There is also a charter bus service, which is also not wheelchair accessible (A0).

Freight train

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: n/a

- **comments:** BC Rail runs freight trains in and out of Mackenzie.

Passenger train

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: n/a

- **comments:** no passenger train

Scheduled air service

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes (A1)

- comments: Northern Thunderbird Airlines runs daily flights from Mackenzie to Prince George, departing at 9 am and 2 pm. It also runs flights from Prince George to Mackenzie daily, arriving at 8:45 am and 3:50 pm.

Small plane

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes (A1)

- comments: Williston Lake Air charters flights to and from Mackenzie

Connecting flights

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes (A1)

- comments: Connecting flights to major cities can be made from Prince George, which is a 2 hour drive away from Mackenzie.

Helicopter

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes (A1)

- comments: There are chartered helicopter flights by Pacific Western Helicopter Ltd.

Boat

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- **comments:** Finlay Navigation has an icebreaker with which it transports logs on Williston Lake, but it is not a passenger boat.

Regular ferry / taxi

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- **comments:** no ferry/taxi

On demand

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- **comments:** no on-demand

Car taxi

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: no (A0)

- comments: There is a car taxi service in Mackenzie with 6 cars. They had a van which was more capable of taking a wheelchair but sold it last year because it was never used. Occasionally they will transport the sick and elderly for free, as a service to the community.

Other (specify)

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

6.9 - SOCIAL SERVICES / FACILITIES

Curling

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes (A1)

- comments:

Municipal indoor pool

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes (A1)

- comments:

Municipal outdoor pool

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments: no outdoor pool

Municipal indoor skating rink

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes (A1)

- comments:

Municipal outdoor skating rink

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments: no outdoor rink

Community playing field

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access: yes (A1)**

- **comments:** All the school fields are used, one each at the 3 elementary schools, and 3 at the high school. There are also 4 baseball diamonds at Morfee Lake, and there is a 5-diamond slo-pitch complex.

Community gym

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access: no (A0)**

- **comments:** There is a weight room in the Rec. Centre

Community centre

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access: yes (A1)**

- **comments:** There is a fairly good recreation centre here which houses the ice rinks, the swimming pool the weight room and the public library.

YM/YWCA

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:** n/a
 - **comments:** no YMCA in Mackenzie
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Municipal athletic club

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** There is not really a municipal athletic club; all activities run out of the Recreation Centre.
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Private athletic club

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** There is a bowling alley, racquetball courts, and a fitness club in the mall called Bodywork.
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Commercial athletic club

- **distance from centroid (km):**
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
- **special transportation needs:**
- **wheelchair access:**
- **comments:** I am not sure how this would be different from 6.9.11.

Theatre

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: n/a
 - comments: no theatre in Mackenzie
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Cinema

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access: yes (A1)
 - comments:
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Museum

- distance from centroid (km):
 - distance from centroid in 1981 (km):
 - special transportation needs:
 - wheelchair access:yes (A1)
 - comments:
-

Library

- distance from centroid (km):
- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:** yes (A1)
 - **comments:**
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Parks

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**yes (A1)
 - **comments:** There is the John Dahl park, with picnic tables, a playground and trails; the Treecrusher Entrance Park, and a small green space between the health unit and the Lutheran Church called Rotary Park. The closest provincial park is about 45 km away, called Tudyah Lake.
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Other (specify)

- **distance from centroid (km):**
 - **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
 - **special transportation needs:**
 - **wheelchair access:**
 - **comments:** There is a lake called Morfee Lake with swimming, boating and a beach; there is the Little Mace ski hill which is owned by the municipality, cross-country ski trails, and two tennis courts. Powder King ski hill, which is quite a large ski facility, is 45 minutes away.
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Community organized teams (juniors / children)

- **distance from centroid (km):**
- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**
- **special transportation needs:**
- **wheelchair access:**n/a

- **comments:** There are 11 boys' hockey teams and one girls', which is in its first year. There are 25 baseball teams for kids. There are 12 soccer teams. There are also competitive swim teams.

Community organized teams (adults)

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**n/a

- **comments:** There are 7 gentlemen's hockey teams (rec league) and there is one ladies' team, which hopes to play in tournaments next year. There are 3 old-timers' teams.

Municipal art programmes

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**yes (A1)

- **comments:** Art lessons are offered periodically at the Ernie Bodied Art Centre, where the Museum, gift gallery and Chamber of Commerce are located.

Private art programmes

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:** n/a

- **comments:** no private art lessons

6.10 - SOCIAL SERVICES / VOLUNTEER & SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Religious groups

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- **comments:** There are several different churches in Mackenzie. Below are the name, denomination and wheelchair accessibility rating of each.

Living Joy Christian Centre -- Gospel -- A0

St. Peter's -- Catholic -- A1

Hope - Lutheran and Anglican (they share the facility and have services at different times) -- A1

Jehovah's Witnesses -- A0

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints -- A1

Baptist -- services are held in the home of the pastor -- A0

Mackenzie Sikh Temple -- A1

Rotary club

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes (A1)

- **comments:** There is a Rotary Club here and it is regionally and nationally networked.

Historical society

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access: yes (A1)

- **comments:** There is a Historical Society here, the Museum Society, and it is headed by Christopher Johnson. the only president the society has ever had. It has been in existence since the museum opened on May 1S, 1981. It is locally based, but there is contact with some groups in Prince George for artifacts. etc. Christopher said that the Canadian Museum Association doesn't have much contact with he Mackenzie Museum except when they want money.

Other 1

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:** For 6.10.4 to 6.10.8, also see attached Mackenzie Club Contacts List.

6.10.4 The Elks -- regionally and nationally networked

6.10.5 Mackenzie Festival Concert Society -- local group

6.10.6 Royal Canadian Legion Branch 273 -- regionally and nationally networked

6.10.7 Club 55 -- for people 55 and older -- local group

6.10.8 Kinsmen Club of Mackenzie -- regionally and nationally networked

Other 2

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- **wheelchair access:**

- **comments:**

Other 3

- **distance from centroid (km):**

- **distance from centroid in 1981 (km):**

- **special transportation needs:**

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

Other 4

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

Other 5

- distance from centroid (km):

- distance from centroid in 1981 (km):

- special transportation needs:

- wheelchair access:

- comments:

Services named by citizens as unavailable:

Publicly funded programmes specific to community: The library received some money to have free Internet training and access, which is part of CAP. There have been provincial funds given to build bike trails to the mills. There has also been provincial funding which went into upgrades to the arts centre, and into the recreation centre, but much of the rec. centre funding came from the mills.

Accessibility Codes: For assessing wheelchair accessibility, I relied on my own judgment when surveying the entrances to the buildings. If it was possible to get a wheelchair in the building without too much difficulty, I rated it as accessible (e.g., double doors that are wide enough for a wheelchair, automatic doors, ramps, single-level buildings, elevators). If entrances were not wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair, or there was a high step and no ramp, I rated it as inaccessible. Sometimes, due to a lack of elevators, things on one floor of a building (e.g., the rec centre) were accessible while others were not.

For assessing electronic or Internet access, I would say that all the services are Internet accessible in that they all have the ability to be hooked up to e-mail. However, I am not sure if this was what the question was asking. Not all services are currently hooked up to e-mail. Mackenzie does have a website that gives certain information about the town and some services that are in it.

My conclusions about issues of accessibility in Mackenzie are as follows. I lived in Mackenzie for almost a year and never saw anyone in a wheelchair when I was there. Most buildings are wheelchair accessible in a very basic way (ramps, double doors), but few have full accessibility equipment like automatic or pushbutton-operated doors. There may be several reasons for this, including the age of many of the buildings (over 20 years) and the fact that there are not many people in wheelchairs, if any, in Mackenzie. I think that life in Mackenzie if one were in a wheelchair would be difficult in one sense, because it would be hard to get into some buildings, but in another sense, I have the feeling that there would not be any hesitation on the part of others to help make the building as accessible as possible in the current situation. I think part of the reason for lack of wheelchair accessibility upgrading is economic -- there is not the demand for it, and it would be a high cost.

7.0 - ECONOMIC FORTUNES

List of businesses w/ number of employees: There are hundreds of businesses in Mackenzie, so I have attached a Chamber of Commerce Business Directory for reference. It is the most complete listing available and does not only include businesses that are registered with the Chamber of Commerce.

List of home-based businesses w/ activity: I have highlighted in yellow marker those businesses in the Business Directory which are home-based for easy reference.

List of businesses that ship goods out of area:

Major suppliers and locations for each business:

Information from Chamber of Commerce: See the attached Community Profile compiled by the Mackenzie and Area Economic Development Commission, and also the interview with Alan Madrigga, the Economic Development officer for Mackenzie.

Degree of Optimism Perceived: See interviews.

8.0 - RESOURCE BASE & AMENITIES

Special environmental and/or resource features: There are trees here that produce excellent

quality pulp, and an abundance of them. There are also some mineral resources available nearby that have only started to be explored.

Negative features: Williston Lake is polluted with dead wood and is hazardous to boat on. The town is 30 km off the main highway, which means that there is not much through (non-local) traffic, which makes it difficult for retail stores to attract business. There is also odour and particulate pollution from the several mills in town.

Local strategies or projects engaged or planned: There has been exploration into the possibilities of mining around here, and this is an area in which Mackenzie seriously hopes to diversify. The union at the Fletcher Challenge Pulp Mill has been on strike since July 1997, and if the strike continues, the company may lay off non-union staff as well. Some of the other mills (FFI, Slocan) are also talking of layoffs. Regarding the off-highway location -- local businesses and the Alexander Mackenzie Hotel are trying to attract more tourism here by looking into offering package deals with the nearby ski hill, Powder King.

9.0 - DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL CHANGE

Current population: The only 1996 census information available to me from anyone was the current population, which is 5997. See attached sheet. Everyone is still waiting for the rest of these census statistics.

Net migration (in/out/net):

Current Number of Households:

Average family Size:

Age Structure:

Language:

Religion:

Literacy levels:

Social changes (population, characteristics, problems): In my talks with local people, I got the impression that although the population has increased since the last census, many people are trying to leave Mackenzie, probably because of the fact that the Fletcher Challenge Mill has been on strike for 8 months, and the future of that mill and the others is uncertain, because the forest industry in BC is not doing so when I was told by Donna Cunningham, the executive director of Mackenzie Counseling Services, that when she arrived in Mackenzie 3 years ago, there were 6 houses on the market and houses were in demand.

Now there are 95 houses for sale and they are not selling well. As I walked around known, I did

notice if there are a lot of houses for sale. People seem to be quite concerned about the mill strike and, the future of the other mills, but the mood is still fairly optimistic, at least among the people I interviewed. Most spoke of Mackenzie's resource industry diversifying from just forestry into mining, and there has been some exploration into mineral resources around Mackenzie. In May, the town is hosting a mining conference in an attempt to attract some mining prospects.

It seems that one of the main concerns of those who work in the social service sector is the high incidence of alcohol and drug abuse. There are many groups set up to help combat this and support those trying to kick the habit, however.

Another concern is with the health care services in Mackenzie. The doctors have been on strike in most small northern BC towns for over a month now, and they will only handle emergencies.

Otherwise, for other medical problems, people have to go to Prince George, which is a 2-hour drive away. There seems to be the feeling that the doctors' strike would not have gone unresolved for as long as it has up here if this were happening in southern BC.

Most of the population is middle-aged, with children, although as the town ages, the population is aging with it and there are more over 55-year-olds than when the town first opened. Most of the population is employed in the forest industry, and therefore the town is particularly hard-hit by the mill strike and the problems in the forest economy.

EXTRA INFORMATION (when available)

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