

**DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
BYLAW NO. 185**

A BYLAW TO POSTPONE THE 2020 TAX SALE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

WHEREAS a declaration of a state of emergency throughout the whole of the Province of British Columbia was made on March 18, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS it is in the public interest to ensure that certain financial measures be authorized so that local governments have the operating funds during the emergency, and that the impacts of the emergency are lessened by varying, extending, or deferring requirements;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General issued Ministerial Order No. M159 authorizing a council of a municipality, by bylaw adopted on or before August 31st, to defer the annual Tax Sale for 2020, provided for under Division 7 (Annual Municipal Tax Sale) of Part 16 (Municipal Provisions) of the Local Government Act, until September 21, 2021, with the effect that the annual Tax Sale would be on that date in respect of the upset price described in section 649 (Upset Price for Tax Sale) of that Act;

THEREFORE the Council of the District of Barriere, in open meeting assembled, hereby **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Title

This Bylaw may be cited as the "*2020 Tax Sale Postponement Bylaw No. 185*".

2. Provisions

2.1 The annual Tax Sale for 2020 is hereby postponed to September 27, 2021.

2.2 Written notice shall be sent within two (2) weeks of the adoption of this Bylaw to owners of all properties that are subject to the postponed annual Tax Sale advising that:

- a) the annual Tax Sale for 2020 has been postponed to September 27, 2021;
- b) any and all taxes that are delinquent, as described in section 246(1) (Delinquent Taxes) of the Community Charter, will remain delinquent for 2021, with applicable interest charges that are carried under the Charter;
- c) unless the delinquent taxes are paid before the start on the Tax Sale on September 27, 2021, the property will be subject to Tax Sale on September 27, 2021.

3. Severability

- 3.1 If a portion of this Bylaw is found invalid by a court, it will be severed and the remainder of the Bylaw will remain in effect.

READ FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS **31st** day of **August, 2020**

READ FOR A SECOND TIME THIS **31st** day of **August, 2020**

READ FOR A THIRD TIME THIS **31st** day of **August, 2020**

ADOPTED THIS 31st day of August, 2020

Original signed by, _____
Mayor Ward Stamer

Original signed by, _____
Bob Payette, CAO