

**DISTRICT OF BARRIERE**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on Monday July 12, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers at Municipal Hall  
4936 Barriere Town Road, Barriere, B.C.

*“We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples of Simpcw First Nation  
within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.”*

Present: Mayor Ward Stamer  
Councillor Judy Armstrong  
Councillor Al Fortin  
Councillor Scott Kershaw  
Councillor Rob Kerlake  
Councillor Donna Kibble  
Councillor Amanda Sabyan – *via telephone*

Staff: Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer  
Chelsea Young, Finance Officer  
Chris Matthews, Parks & Roads Manager

*Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm*

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A topic was added to Agenda Item 5d CAO Update: Weed Control

**Moved by Councillor Kerlake**  
**Seconded by Councillor Armstrong**  
**That Council approve the July 12, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended.**

**CARRIED**

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. Moved by Councillor Fortin  
Seconded by Councillor Kerlake  
That Council adopt the minutes of a June 21, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

**CARRIED**

- b. Moved by Councillor Kerlake  
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw  
That Council adopt the minutes of a June 22, 2021 Special Council Meeting.

**CARRIED**

### 3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a. Ken Mahar – Development Update

Mr. Mahar was unable to attend the meeting and was not in attendance.

### 4. BYLAWS

*None scheduled.*

### 5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Quarterly Budget Review – C. Young, Finance Officer  
*\*Submitted for information*

The Finance Officer provided an overview of the quarterly budget status. Some things specifically noted were:

Siska:

- The facility is in good standing budget-wise so far with a current \$11,000 Surplus balance.
- The Clary development owner is reviewing a previous expansion plan in order to reduce the number of units in order to avoid having to expand the neighbouring wastewater system.

Solar Aquatics:

- Downtown R.I.Bs have been re-conditioned with success at a cost of \$5,000per R.I.B. The feasibility for installation of barriers to protect the infrastructure was discussed.

Operational:

- Building Permit Fee revenue figures are as anticipated so far.
- Garbage Salaries are up slightly due to heat wave & vehicle repair
- There's been interest received with a potential purchaser for the old fire truck. Staff are looking into the feasibility of that option. The overall desire to keep it was noted as it could be an asset in wildfire season. It is still necessary to find an appropriate storage option and develop a maintenance plan going forward should the truck be kept.
- Shrubbery alternatives in the cemetery were suggested going forward as well as potential re-design in the future.

- b. Emergency Preparedness – B. Payette, CAO  
*\*Submitted for information*

The CAO provided an overview of the written report and attached Emergency Preparedness Plan. The CAO reported that he, along with the District's Fire Department and Utilities staff are balancing the need to mitigate wildfire risks by watering in strategic areas of town including larger spaces to create green-safe-zones while also conserving water so that there is water available to fire crews should it be

needed. The District's Emergency Plan and relevant public information is posted on the front page of the District's website. Staff continue to re-familiarize themselves with the plan and have been in regular contact with other emergency service stakeholders within the community.

c. CAO Update – B. Payette, CAO

*\*Submitted for information*

The CAO and Department Heads provided an overview of the written report.

The CAO also reported that the property owner who has previously expressed to Council a desire to purchase the laneway behind his property at the corner of Kamloops Street and Conner Rd. is still very much interested in the purchase and has requested to pave the laneway. Council indicated that it would consider a Draft Road Closure Bylaw at the next meeting.

**Moved by Mayor Stamer**

**Seconded by Councillor Armstrong**

**That Council direct staff to fill the LCIP reservoir for the purposes of fire protection back-up with the understanding that there will be additional budgetary requirements for maintenance and staffing until it is drained in the late fall.**

**CARRIED**

Noxious Weed Program – The issue of the weed Hoary Alyssum is getting out of hand as its growth has been exacerbated with the dry weather. While the District has recently chosen to not sign onto the TNRD's new noxious weed program, it was questioned as to what options are available to combat the issue in-house and if the cost of that effort would be less than the \$10,000 cost of the TNRD subsidy program. Staff will look into this matter and report back to Council at a future meeting.

## 6. PROCLAMATIONS

*None scheduled.*

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

a. For Information

b. For Action

*None submitted.*

## 8. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Sabyan requested that staff schedule a group Council photo for the next Council Meeting.

- b. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal update on the following:
  - Barriere Blooms has had only a few entries. Program promotion is being focused on at the moment.
  - The summer students are doing a great job at the Barriere Museum
- c. Councillor Kerslake reported that he attended the Provincial Youth Ball Tournament over the weekend.
- d. Councillor Kershaw reported that he attended the Provincial Youth Ball Tournament over the weekend.

## 9. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal update on the following:

- Has been liaising with the TNRD and staff regarding Emergency Preparedness.
- Will be sending a card on behalf of Council to Lytton in condolences of the devastation their community has experienced with the recent tragic wildfire that destroyed 90% of their town.
- TNRD Meetings are going to increase from one meeting a month to two due to an increased workload.
- The Conservative Party is expected to announce their candidate soon and if he is the chosen candidate, he will need to step down from Council.

## 10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

*None presented.*

## 11. NOTICE OF MOTION

*None presented.*

## 12. NEXT MEETING

- a. Regular Council Meeting – Monday, August 16, 2021 @ 7pm

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Kerslake that the meeting adjourn at 8:50p.m.

CARRIED

Original signed by, \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Ward Stamer

Original signed by, \_\_\_\_\_  
Bob Payette, CAO