

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, March 20, 2023 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 Scott Kershaw Councillor Rob Kerslake Councillor Donna Kibble Councillor Colin McInnis
Regrets:	Councillor Louise Lodge
Staff:	Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer Chelsea Young, Finance Officer Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7pm.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw
That Council approve the March 20, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Moved by Councillor Kibble
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
That Council adopt the minutes of a March 6, 2023 SPECIAL Council Meeting – Budget

CARRIED

- b. Moved by Councillor Kibble
Seconded by Councillor Kerslake
That Council adopt the minutes of a March 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a. Barriere & District Block Watch re: Request for Program Fee Coverage – Dan Winiski
Mr. Winiski introduced himself as the “Civilian Coordinator” of the Barriere & District Blockwatch and noted that the RCMP liaison is Cst. Hunt. He provided an overview of

the program and encouraged the receipt of input for neighbourhood ideas from Council and staff.

Moved by Councillor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor Kershaw

That Barriere & District Blockwatch Society be provided up to \$500 to cover the annual registration fee, signs and other expenses for the program.

CARRIED

4. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE

March 8, 2023 Recreation Committee Meeting Recommendations:

Moved by Councillor McInnis

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

THAT the Recreation Committee recommend that the District of Barriere provide letter of support to the Seniors Society's request for funding through the North Thompson Communities Foundation for the purpose of purchasing and implementing Nordic Walking Poles for community use.

CARRIED

5. BYLAWS and POLICIES

- a. Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 227 re: RZ-23-01 Smile **a bylaw to add "Cannabis Sales" as an additional permitted use to 3820 Enterprise Way – adoption.*

The Corporate Officer reported that the Ministry of Transportation has signed off on the Bylaw as per Section 53 of the Transportation Act.

Moved by Councillor Kibble

Seconded by Councillor Kerslake

That Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 227 be adopted.

CARRIED

- b. DRAFT Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 73, Amendment Bylaw No. 230 – 1st, 2nd & 3rd readings.

The Finance Officer provided an overview of the amendment that will incorporate the 2% increase to the water, wastewater and solid waste utility base rates as well as incorporates a formal fee structure for Ridge Gym rentals.

Moved by Councillor Armstrong

Seconded by Councillor McInnis

That Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 73, Amendment Bylaw No. 230 be given 1st reading.

CARRIED

**Moved by Councillor Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor McInnis
That Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 73, Amendment Bylaw No. 230 be given 2nd reading.**

CARRIED

**Moved by Councillor Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor McInnis
That Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 73, Amendment Bylaw No. 230 be given 3rd reading.**

CARRIED

6. STAFF REPORTS

a. 2023 BUDGET DISCUSSION (*3rd review) – C. Young, Finance Officer

The Finance Officer provided an overview of the 2023 draft budgets that have been presented for the 3rd review.

i. LCIP Budget

**Moved by Councillor McInnis
Seconded by Councillor Kerslake
That Council approve the 2023 LCIP Budget as presented.**

CARRIED

ii. Riverwalk Budget

**Moved by Councillor Kibble
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
That Council approve the 2023 Riverwalk Budget as presented.**

CARRIED

iii. Downtown Wastewater System Budget

**Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw
That Council approve the 2023 Downtown Wastewater System Budget as presented.**

CARRIED

iv. Siska Budget

**Moved by Councillor Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Kibble
That Council approve the 2023 Siska Budget as presented.**

CARRIED

v. Water Budget

**Moved by Councillor Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw
That Council approve the 2023 Water Budget as presented.**

CARRIED

vi. General Operational Budget

Added for Emergency Management Planning
Magnetic Ink for cheque Printer
Reduced transfer to surplus by \$1,500 to balance

**Moved by Councillor Kershaw
Seconded by Councillor Kerslake
That Council approve the 2023 General Operating Budget as presented.**

CARRIED

b. Investments – C. Young, Finance Officer

**Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor McInnis
That Council direct staff to invest up to \$500,000 into an 18-month term deposit at the new interest rate of 4.33%.**

CARRIED

c. CAO Update – B. Payette, CAO

**Submitted for information*

The CAO provided an overview of the written report.

The Corporate Officer added that the Planning Institute of BC (PIBC) is hosting their annual convention in Sun Peaks this year. They would like to offer their registrants, a tour of Barriere with the focus being the economic recovery after the 2003 Wildfire. The planned date for the tour is on June 1st.

7. **PROCLAMATIONS** – *none submitted*

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a. For Information

b. For Action

i. Barriere Search & Rescue COVID Relief Fund Application (\$5,000)

Moved by Councillor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor Kershaw

That Barriere Search and Rescue's COVID-19 Relief Fund Application for \$5,000 be approved.

CARRIED

ii. NTFFRA COVID Relief Fund Application (\$5,000)

Councillor Kibble declared a conflict of interest as a NTFFRA Director and left the meeting at 7:45pm

Moved by Councillor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor Kibble

That the NTFFRA's COVID-19 Relief Fund Application for \$5,000 be approved.

CARRIED

Councillor Kibble returned to the meeting at 7:47pm

iii. Farmer's Markets of BC re: Update and request for letter of thanks to Minister Dix.

Moved by Councillor Armstrong

Seconded by Councillor Kershaw

That a letter of thanks be sent to Minister Adriene Dix for his support of the Farmer's Markets of BC.

CARRIED

9. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

a. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal report on the following:

- Participated in a Recreation Committee Meeting. The Committee is arranging some prizes for a basket decorating contest. The Mayor reminded everyone that the Egg Hunt is changing location to the NTRFFR Grounds at 10:30am.

b. Councillor Kershaw provided a verbal report on the following:

- Thanked staff for the work on the wildfire memorial
- Minor Ball is assembling a new Board and will hopefully be up and running soon.

- c. Councillor Kerslake provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended the Legion Fundraiser
- d. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended a Senior's Meeting hosted by the Barriere Para-medicine personnel.
 - Councillor McInnis is joining her on this year's planning for Barriere Blooms
 - Attended a North Thompson Community Forests Meeting
- e. Councillor McInnis provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended Legion Fundraiser
 - Participated in a Rec Committee Meeting

10. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Attended a North Thompson Community Forests Meeting
- Been very active in the media and with the Ministry of Transportation regarding Hwy 5 corridor issues.
- Attended various TNRD Board and Committee Meetings
- Attended staff's on-site review of the District's ball park stands and dugouts

11. PUBLIC INQUIRIES – *none presented.*

- a. Jeff Dilly – 5259 North Road – reiterated as in previous meetings, that along with other property owners in the TNRD, he participated in a presentation regarding the dam four years ago and that minutes were taken and adopted. He reported that in those minutes, it reiterated that all affected property owners of the Leonie Lake dam would be consulted prior to any decisions being made about the dam's operation. The CAO answered that that is still the case, but at this time, the District has only authorized an engineering impact study on possible options for the Leonie Lake dam and that prior to any decision, all stakeholders will be consulted.

Mr. Dilly also inquired about the Louis Creek Watershed. He noted that the trail head for Louis Creek Trail was going to be put where the reservoir is going now and if there's a new plan for that? The CAO answered that the District is considering the trail head starting where the wildfire monument was via a 3 meter trail from that culti-sac.

- b. Rodger Wood 451 McLean – Passed out a link regarding Spy Agencies & Smart Cities.
- c. Pearl Heart on Oriole – New to Barriere. Heard stories about a possible new development on the land beside the old Trading Post. It was explained that that land is zoned Yellowhead Corridor Commercial and any development that conforms to that zoning, will require a development permit through Council.
- d. Susan Woodruff on Oriole – Does a development permit mean there will be a public hearing? The Corporate Officer explained the difference between rezoning and a development permit. She and the Corporate Officer will meet at a later time to answer any additional planning questions.

- e. Al Fortin on Bartlett – The house east of him is vacant and has been for a very long time. Due to a rash of trespassing and other disturbances, requested that staff contact the property owner regarding the issues.

12. **NOTICE OF MOTION** – *none presented.*

13. **NEXT MEETING**

- a. Regular Council Meeting, Monday, April 3, 2023 @ 7pm

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Kerslake that the meeting adjourn at 8:30p.m.

CARRIED

Original signed by,
Mayor Ward Stamer

Original signed by,
Bob Payette, CAO