

**DISTRICT OF BARRIERE**  
**MINUTES OF AN INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY**  
**EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Held on May 10, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.  
In the Council Chambers at Municipal Hall  
4936 Barriere Town Road,  
Barriere, BC

Present: Councillor Rhonda Kershaw – Chair  
Mayor Mike Fennell  
Councillor Virginia Smith  
Councillor Glen Stanley  
Councillor Ward Stamer  
Resident: Margaret Houben  
Resident: Bill Humphreys

Also Present: Wayne Vollrath, Chief Administrative Officer  
Nora Johnson, Financial Officer  
Pam Rudd, Administrative Assistant.

Chair Kershaw called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Stamer  
Seconded by Councillor Smith  
That the May 10, 2010 Integrated Community Sustainability Education  
Committee Agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. **SURVEY FINAL RESULTS**

- a. Mr. Vollrath presented a compilation of the survey results as previously provided in the agenda package indicating the Committee needs to decide how this information will be provided to the company who will be selected to prepared the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan and OCP.

Councillor Stamer noted that some answers seemed to be well informed while some were not. He also noted that 1/3 of those surveyed were from outside of the District.

Councillor Stamer disagreed with the results of question number 9 on the survey with regard to sufficient commercial space available in Barriere. 58 % agreed.

Councillor Kershaw questioned whether survey monkey could separate responses for specific answers with regard to how many were in and how many lived out of the District. Mrs. Rudd indicated she would research survey monkey and get back to the committee to see if this was possible.

Councillor Smith indicated that 67.1 per cent of those surveyed agreed that local products and services are available. She felt that the wording needed to be clarified in the question for optimal results.

Mr. Humphreys indicated he felt a majority of people don't know the difference between commercial and industrial zoning. He indicated it was his personal opinion that more commercial space is needed.

Councillor Stamer questioned how people answered the question regarding wealth generated within Barriere staying within the community. Councillor Stanley indicated that a perception exists that everything is going out of the community since the fire.

Councillor Smith expressed her belief that people also perceive that the taxes spent on Schools and TNRD are funds that are going out of the community.

Mayor Fennell indicated his belief that there is access to healthy affordable food choices in Barriere, but it is limited.

Councillor Kershaw questioned if the District was looking at doing an undeveloped land inventory. Mr. Vollrath indicated the District was looking at doing an inventory and suggested the information could be provided to real estate agents.

Councillor Stamer indicated there are significant challenges within the school system. Councillor Stamer also indicated that there are probably more opportunities for advanced education in Barriere than what is perceived. He indicated he thinks as a small community we have done fairly well.

Councillor Smith commented on the age of the people that replied to the survey as the respondents were mainly in the 55+ age range.

Councillor Stamer agreed with the respondents regarding housing opportunities and rental accommodations that there aren't a lot of rental properties available.

Mayor Fennell was interested to learn that 44 per cent agree that they participate in local government. Mr. Vollrath indicated that more and more residents feel they are participating because they read information in the newspaper, are talking to Council members and visiting the website; finding out whatever information they need however they can.

Councillor Kershaw indicated that she has received many comments from people reading the meeting minutes online.

Councillor Stamer indicated he was encouraged by the fact that a majority of respondents believe there is a safe water supply.

Councillor Stamer noted that he would like the opportunity to discuss the issue of air quality with Council, as air quality poses a significant challenge in the winter.

Mayor Fennell indicated that Merritt has a wood burner exchange program whereby homeowners are offered a significant discount to replace their wood burning stoves. Councillor Stamer requested that staff investigate this issue.

Councillor Smith indicated that there are more and more wood/water burners going into new homes and felt that Council will need to look that issue at some point in time.

Mr. Humphreys stated that there should be more education around burning green wood. He indicated Langley put a bylaw in for people selling wood requiring that the wood be inspected.

Councillor Kershaw indicated that the Regional District of North Okanagan also has a wood exchange program in addition to a very successful education program on how to burn efficiently.

Councillor Stamer noted the need to produce better signage and better maps. People are coming into the community for hiking and biking and the trails are not well marked and difficult to identify.

Councillor Smith questioned if Employment Services could get involved to produce the maps and signage.

Councillor Stamer indicated the need to identify the downtown core better with road line painting. Mayor Fennell indicated he had also talked with Argo about another sweep of the downtown core.

Councillor Stamer was surprised with the respondents answer to the question regarding adequate services for economically challenged. 80 percent either disagree/don't know.

Councillor Smith indicated concerns about the survey when giving it to the successful RFP bidder. She indicated Council needs to be clear the survey is really biased by age.

Councillor Kershaw indicated people are asking to see the results of the survey and questioned how we want to make the results available to the public and questioned if the results should be made available on the website.

b. Survey Draw Winners

Four survey entrants were drawn at random to receive \$75.00 gift certificates for local restaurants. The winners were Kevin Bryant, Wayne Broomfield, Meghan Brookes and Beverley Anderson

**3. ICS PLAN**

Mr. Vollrath gave an update on the outstanding RFP indicating that May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m. was the closing date. Mr. Vollrath asked if any committee members would like to be present at opening. He also questioned if any committee members would like to participate in the evaluation of the tenders to make a recommendation directly to Council or to the Committee.

Mayor Fennell indicated he would like to have an evaluation meeting within a week to make recommendations to Council. Mr. Vollrath indicated the recommendations could go directly to Council at the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Councillor Kershaw excused herself from the evaluation process due to a potential conflict of interest.

An evaluation sub-committee meeting was scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. with a light dinner to be provided. The sub-committee members are Councillor Stamer, Councillor Smith, Margaret Houben and Bill Humphreys.

**4. OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Kershaw indicated she would try to re-schedule a meeting with Barriere Secondary School for May 17<sup>th</sup> and would e-mail committee members if a date was solidified.

5. **NEXT MEETING**

June 14, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Stamer  
Seconded by Councillor Smith  
That the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Councillor Rhonda Kershaw, Chair

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Mr. Wayne Vollrath, CAO