

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on October 24, 2011 at 6pm
In the Council Chambers at Municipal Hall
4936 Barriere Town Road,
Barriere, BC

Present: Councillor Ward Stamer – Chair
Councillor Rhonda Kershaw
Councillor Glen Stanley
Councillor Pat Paula
Mayor Mike Fennell

Regrets: Councillor Ron Glanville

Also Present: Colleen Hannigan, Chief Administrative Officer
Nora Johnson, Financial Officer
Lynn Wright, Administrative Assistant

Chair Stamer called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Paula
Seconded by Mayor Fennell
That the Committee approve the October 24, 2011 Agenda.

CARRIED

2. FOR DISCUSSION:

i. District Road Assessment Update

Ms. Hannigan informed the Committee that the consultants at TRUE Engineering are in the process of conducting the Road Assessment approved by Council in the 2011 Budget. Trouble spots that will be looked at include:

- Barriere Lakes Road near the Fairgrounds where there is a steep drop to the Barriere River. This will be a very large undertaking as rip-rap and shoring up are needed. Fisheries would be involved in this undertaking as well.
Councillor Stamer inquired whether there will be a grandfathered responsibility to MOTI for the road when the District takes over responsibility for the roads in Barriere. Ms. Hannigan informed the Committee that the Province is only paying Argo for general

maintenance and, as current owner of the roads, the District would probably be responsible for the repairs unless something can be agreed upon with MOTI.

Mayor Fennell said he thinks MOTI has rip-rap stockpiled and a crew could possibly begin work in November.

Councillor Stanley said the owners of the property below the road need to be notified before any work begins.

- The drainage issue at the corner of Dixon Creek Road and Barriere Town Road needs to be addressed.
- The ditching along the highway between Yard road and Station Road needs to be augmented
- The misalignment of Lilley Road and Barriere Town Road (crossing over Highway 5) creates a safety issue.

Councillor Paula inquired about the time line involved for finishing the Road Assessment. The Committee was informed that it should be completed within one month.

Mayor Fennell queried the District's responsibility for Barriere Lakes Road. Ms. Hannigan explained to the Committee that the District is responsible and it is an issue of responsibility for Argo regarding maintenance verses construction. There was nothing in writing during the incorporation process regarding responsibility. Mayor Fennell pointed out that this is not a recent problem, but has been present for many years. He feels there is more investigation into responsibility needed. Councillor Kershaw inquired about the possible cost of maintenance and will bring in the paperwork received by the Incorporation Committee regarding the intentions of turn-over of responsibility for the roads in the District. The District will take over the roads in September, 2013, which is the end of the Argo contract with MOTI.

Chair Stamer asked whether MOTI might be "passing the buck" regarding the necessary repairs to the roads. Ms. Hannigan explained she has been informed that this would fall under the category of annual maintenance verses capital projects.

ii. MOTI Request for Project Ideas to Address Local Safety Issues

Bart Chenuz, MOTI, made a verbal request to the District for their priorities regarding a local road safety project up to \$100,000.

Mayor Fennell expressed the need for more clarification of time and the monetary value involved. Was \$100,000 for the District or for the entire North Thompson?

Councillor Kershaw expressed the opinion that \$100,000 in paving doesn't go very far.

Councillor Paula inquired whether there was any intention of painting the center and white lines this fall.

Mayor Fennell requested the District get something in writing regarding when the prioritization list is needed. Ms. Hannigan said the District is waiting for completion of the road assessment, which is not due until the end of the year in order to have established priorities.

Staff will contact Mr. Chenuz for clarification and ask for a written request.

iii. Water Meter Update

Ms. Hannigan informed the Committee that the District may be responsible for two of the larger pits needed and are working on separate quotes from TRUE for these items. Power Road has poor soil (sand) conditions for a retaining wall and vault.

Chair Stamer asked when the work might start. Ms. Hannigan said that when the contract is in place the work will begin, hopefully finishing in May or June and that the company could work through the winter.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Stamer inquired whether staff had contacted other communities regarding residential roadway load restrictions. Staff will report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

This spring recycle bin was purchased by the District and placed at the PetroCan to collect bottles and cans. The Committee inquired whether Mr. Harms has reported decreased commercial garbage at that site and whether the District collects the contents of the bin for reimbursement. PetroCan is collecting the money.

Moved by Mayor Fennell

Seconded by Councillor Stanley

THAT staff contact the PetroCan to request repayment of the purchase price of the recycle bin.

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Councillor Kershaw raised the issue of the Water Conservation Plan and where the District stands regarding the guidelines set out therein. After the meters are installed the Committee will receive an update.

Mayor Fennell advised the Committee that he had spoken with the Mayor of Lillooet and was told that approximately 50% of the water being pumped for the town was discovered to be due to leaks. He felt that Barriere may find the same to be true.

Ms. Hannigan reported to the Committee that Leonie Lake has been drawn to enable the required dam inspection. There are some rocks and plywood that need to be moved to enable camera access for inspection at the outlet. Staff will do so Wednesday, October 24th.

Mayor Fennell inquired whether TNRD would have money available through Regional Parks to help with the maintenance of the dam as it is too expensive for the District to be responsible for alone. Recreation agencies could also be contacted to help with expenses. If the TNRD does not help with expenses for the dam, dismantling may need to be considered.

4. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be set at the call of the Chair.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Kershaw moved that the meeting adjourn at 6:32 p.m.

CARRIED

Original signed by, _____
Chair Ward Stamer

Original signed by, _____
Colleen Hannigan, CAO