

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, May 1, 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 – *via Zoom*
Councillor Scott Kershaw
Councillor Rob Kerslake
Councillor Donna Kibble
Councillor Louise Lodge
Councillor Colin McInnis

Staff: Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
Chelsea Young, Finance Officer
Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager – *entered as indicated*

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Kibble
That Council approve the May 1, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. It was noted that Councillor Armstrong’s name is to be added under Attendee Regrets.

Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Kibble
That Council adopt the minutes of an April 17, 2023 Regular Council Meeting as amended.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS – none scheduled

4. BYLAWS and POLICIES

- a. Traffic & Road Safety Bylaw No. 226 – 3rd reading.

It was reported that the amendments made at the previous meeting have been included in this draft presented. The Corporate Officer reported that the RCMP were able to

review the draft bylaw and suggested that Council may want to consider adding regulations for horse riding on municipal roads. Staff will research any similar sized municipalities in what, if any, regulations they have in place regarding the topic and recommend any amendments in the future.

**Moved by Councillor McInnis
Seconded by Councillor Lodge
That Traffic & Road Safety Bylaw No. 226 be given 3rd reading.**

CARRIED

- b. DRAFT Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw 2023 – 2027 No. 231 – 1st , 2nd & 3rd readings

**Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw
That Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw 2023 – 2027 No. 231 be given 1st, 2nd & 3rd readings.**

CARRIED

- c. DRAFT 2023 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 232 – 1st, 2nd, & 3rd readings

It was suggested that for the 2024 budget process, that a stabilization fund be established in anticipation of the increased policing costs for BC Communities.

**Moved by Councillor Kershaw
Seconded by Councillor Kerlake
That 2023 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 232 be given 1st, 2nd & 3rd readings.**

CARRIED

5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Investments – C. Young, Finance Officer

**Moved by Councillor McInnis
Seconded by Councillor Kerlake
That Council direct staff to invest up to \$500,000 in a 1-year term and an additional \$500,000 in an 18-month term at 4.55%.**

CARRIED

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

The Finance Officer provided an overview of the presented 1st quarter of the 2023 Budget status.

Key items noted were as follows:

- LCIP salaries are a bit higher so far than anticipated as some staff time is being spent with contractors and engineers as the reservoir project begins.
- Riverwalk salaries are a bit higher here as well.
- Downtown Wastewater System - Eyewash station replacements were required. Security cameras have been purchased and installed.
- General Operational – Answer obtained that DoB does not pay for Hwy 5 streetlights. Animated map is almost complete. HY Louis grant expenses will be recorded as expenses incur. Payroll error on Page 5. ToolCat repair & maintenance expenses are shared between all public works departments. The Mayor requested a cost estimate on Columbarium presented at a future COW Meeting and suggested that reserve funds that could be used for this purpose.

c. Barriere Minor Ball Agreement – C. Matthews, Public Works Manager

Mr. Matthews provided an overview of the written report. It was clarified that ball tournament fees will still be applicable this year.

Moved by Councillor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

THAT Council agree to terminate the Barriere Ball Field Maintenance

Agreement signed March 2, 2022 and;

THAT Council agree to waive the Ball Diamond Rental Fees for Barriere Minor Ball during the 2023 ball season.

CARRIED

d. CAO Update – B. Payette, CAO
**Submitted for information*

6. **PROCLAMATIONS** – *none submitted*

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a. For Information

b. For Action

i. 2023 All Canada Sheep Classic Ram & Ewe Show & Sale Sponsorship Request

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Kerslake

That the District purchase a Silver Sponsorship package in the amount of \$500.00 with the funds coming from the Advertising budget line item.

CARRIED

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended this year's SILGA Convention
- b. Councillor Kerslake provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended this year's SILGA Convention – took part in the tour of the Distillery offered by the organizer and was impressed with the economic impact that this small business has on Vernon. Also took part in their dewatering sewer plant tour. Suggested sending DoB staff to these types of facilities as part of the District's professional development program.
 - Attended Simpcw Pow-Wow on the weekend.
- c. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended this year's SILGA Convention – attended the Climate Change information session.
 - Shared this year's Barriere Blooms Registration Form
- d. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended this year's SILGA Convention – took part in the Statistics Canada workshop. Participated in the Rail Trail tour offered.
 - Attended a Barriere Outdoor Club Meeting
 - Participated in a Recreation Committee Meeting. Met with Shelley Lampreau regarding the ParticipACTION program and community calendar.
- e. Councillor McInnis provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended this year's SILGA Convention – participated in a Housing Needs workshop where there was a lot of inspiring information that he would like to share with Council in future discussions.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Participated in a number of TNRD Board & Committee Meetings.
- Attended a Dawson Construction meeting re Dunn Lake Road upgrades where it was reported that 3500 gravel truck loads are expected from now until September.
- Looking forward to C2C Meeting tomorrow with Simpcw.
- Attended this year's SILGA Convention – DoB's Dash Cam resolution passed unanimously. Attended a 'Disruptive Constituent' seminar hosted by the organizer. Next year's SILGA Convention will be in Kamloops.

10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

- i. Susan Woodruff – **Q: *In the grant application that was ultimately approved for the renovation of the HY Louis Building, the position of an Economic Development Staff is included. Is this a permanent position?*** A: It would be for a one year contract.
Q: *What steps will be taken to obtain someone who is qualified for the one year contract?* A: The District will be partnering with the Chamber of Commerce on recruitment.

- ii. Wim Houben – Reported that he attended the RCMP open house and noted that seven other people were in attendance.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION – *none presented.*

12. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Kerslake

That pursuant to Section 90(1)(e) of the Community Charter, that the public interest requires that persons other than Council Members and required staff be excluded from the meeting and that Council continues the meeting in closed session to discuss confidential matters at 8:40 p.m.

CARRIED

13. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The meeting reconvened into open session at 9:10p.m.

14. NEXT MEETING

- a. Committee of the Whole Meeting – Monday, May 15, 2023 @ 6pm
- b. Regular Council Meeting - Monday, May 15, 2023 @ 7pm

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor that the meeting adjourn at 9:11p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Ward Stamer

Bob Payette, CAO