

District of Barriere

# REPORT TO COUNCIL

<b>Date:</b> May 15, 2023	<b>File:</b> 530.20/Rpts
<b>To:</b> Council	<b>From:</b> Bob Payette, CAO
<b>Re: Administrative Updates</b>	

## **CAO UPDATE:**

### **Community Relations:**

- Mayor, CAO met with Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Rob Fleming, to discuss the ongoing efforts to improve safety along the Highway 5 Corridor, a number of initiatives were discussed and some updated statistics, including over 1500 speeding ticket issued, this year so far.
- Council and CAO met with Simpcw Council on May 2 to discuss moving ahead with signing of a new MOU, also discussed various projects and initiatives that both communities are working on, in 2023. Next meeting is set for Sept 12, 2023.



### **Overseas Exchange Program - CAO**

LGMA, in partnership with New Zealand Local government association, is accepting applications for the 2023/24 Manager Exchange Program. This annual program is an excellent opportunity for CAOs to enhance their management skills and knowledge with some hands-on cultural experience. LGMA provides funding for expenses up to \$5,000.00, including fees for the annual

conference in New Zealand. The Timeframe for this opportunity is November 20 - December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Council approval by resolution is requested for this training opportunity.

### **Development Projects:**

CAO met with TRUE to discuss road conditions and the possible advanced deterioration of Barriere Town Road and Dunn Lake Road due to the heavy construction traffic planned for this summer. A letter will be sent to MOTI regarding our concerns. Staff are still waiting on results of our grant application for funding to support our review of the Leonie Lake Dam which expected in the next few months. River mapping and data collection research has begun with NTR. TRUE was able to get reading done just before the freshet started. Flood mapping will be added to our online map for residents to be able to see. Still no final word on our grant to upgrade downtown sewer treatment facilities. Bulk water station was discussed.

### **Recreation & Community Services:**

- Next Recreation Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2023 @ 3pm
- The Rec Committee has advanced ParticipACTION event planning taking place in June.

### **PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER:**

#### Roads & Parks

- Commercial sweepers to be here this week.
- Warming Hut concrete sidewalk and patio have been finished.
- Ball field dugout replacement now 100% complete.
- EV Charging Station fully operational. Free to use for a limited time. Fees & Charges Bylaw draft reflecting these fees will be presented to Council at the next Council Meeting for consideration.
- Planted flowers in planters at Fadear Park, Oriole Park, Cemetery, 4-way Intersection.
- Splash Pad is now open for the season.
- Parks irrigation to be energized this week.



#### Utilities

- Annual Fire hydrant flushing has been completed.
- Two water service leaks have been repaired: 388 Hall Road & 4811 Summers Road.
- A lightning strike on May 5<sup>th</sup> knocked out North Reservoir level sensor. Staff were able to make the necessary repairs and replacement sensors have been ordered.

- LCIP Reservoir construction is on-going. Piping and connections to customers 100% complete.
- Water restrictions remain at stage 1 for summer 2023 and a reminder and description of this stage is posted on the District website's homepage under "Local Notices". This will also be included in the tax mailing insert that is sent out in May.

### Facilities

- Met with structural engineer at SAWRC to determine if re-purposing this building is feasible.

### **FINANCE OFFICER:**

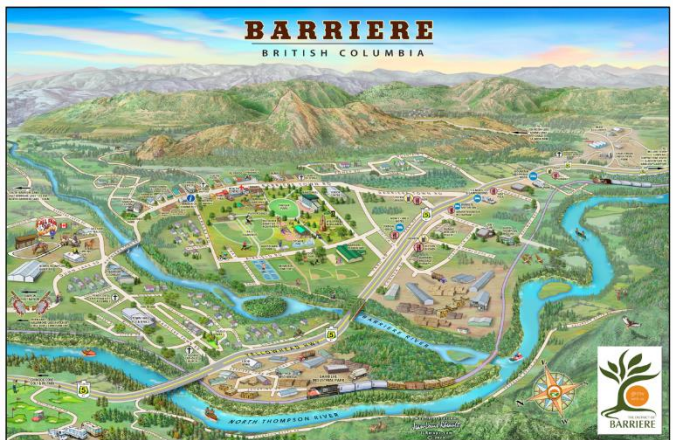
- Tax Notices will be begin to be mailed out later this week.
- At the last Council Meeting, the Mayor inquired as to the cost of a Columbarium installation in the Barriere Cemetery. In previous Council discussions regarding this issue, a cost was obtained in 2022: For a 5' wide x 4' high, double sided, 40 niche unit, the cost was approximately \$28,000. This equates to approximately \$700 per niche. This cost does not include column & row denotations, inscriptions, individual sealing & other accessories. The total cost estimate to a purchaser, is approximately \$1,200.00 per niche. As the empty niches would not be sold immediately, recouping the cost of the installation would likely take quite some time.

Currently, the cemetery is  $\frac{1}{4}$  full and the cost to purchase a cremation internment including all services, is approximately \$520.00 total.

At the request of Council by resolution, Council can direct staff to undertake an in-depth cost analysis and report should it wish to pursue this feature.

### **CORPORATE OFFICER:**

- The animated map is now ready for final approval. The Chamber of Commerce has been working with the artist and Chamber members will be listed on the back of the map. A 4' x 8' billboard sign is planned with business sponsorship placement around the sign. Once final dimensions are determined, staff will seek Council approval for its location before it is ordered and installed. Staff are researching the option for a QR Code sticker to be added to the map to take the user to an online version of the map (a version to be developed). In the meantime, upon final approval, tear off sheets of the map and possible placemats will be ordered.



*\*see attached for larger scale*

*\*submitted for information*

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