

**DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on Monday, June 6, 2022 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 Rob Kerlake
Councillor Al Fortin
Councillor Scott Kershaw
Councillor Donna Kibble
Councillor Amanda Sabyan – *via Zoom*

Staff: Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
Chelsea Young, Chief Financial Officer – *via Zoom*
Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager
Dave Underwood, TRUE Engineering – *via Zoom*

Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Kerlake
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
That Council approve the June 6, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Moved by Councillor Fortin
Seconded by Councillor Kibble
That Council adopt the minutes of a May 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a. NTFFRA re: COVID-19 Relief Fund Application – J. Hayward

Councillor Kibble declared a conflict of interest as a member of the NTFFRA Board and left the meeting at 7:02pm

**Moved by Councillor Fortin
Seconded by Councillor Kerlake
That a COVID-19 Relief Grant in the amount of \$5,000 be approved for the
North Thompson Fall Fair & Rodeo Association.**

CARRIED

Councillor Kibble returned to the meeting at 7:04pm

4. **BYLAWS and POLICIES** - *None scheduled*

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Sanitary Sewer Upgrade Options – D. Underwood, TRUE Engineering

Dave Underwood provided an overview of the written report.

The recommendation was that the District proceed with advancing the next step in the design process associated with Option A (maintain the existing discharge quality limits) as outlined in the report; and since next step in the design process comprises preliminary design of treatment process improvements, that a preliminary design budget of \$30,000 be allocated.

Some more clarity will be brought back to Council on the 20th.

Moved by Councillor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor Kershaw

THAT staff be directed to obtain additional information and bring the matter back to the June 20th, 2022 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

- b. Strategic Priorities Fund Grant Application re: Sanitary Sewer Upgrades – D. Underwood

Moved by Councillor Fortin

Seconded by Councillor Kerslake

THAT staff be directed submit an application for grant funding for Sanitary Sewer Upgrades through the Strategic Priorities Fund; and

THAT Council supports the project and commits to its share of the project in the amount of \$1,900,000.00 as well as cost overruns.

CARRIED

Dave Underwood left the meeting at 7:45pm.

- c. Voyageur Country Subdivision Land Donation – B. Payette, CAO

Moved by Councillor Kibble

Seconded by Councillor Kerslake

THAT a donation receipt be issued to 1167672 BC Ltd. for the appraised value of the ALR (approx.. 170ac.) lands within the Voyageur Country subdivision development, minus the 5% required for park land dedication, once the lands have been transferred.

And further, THAT the certified appraisal will be paid for by the developers and based on the value of the entire lands prior to subdivision.

CARRIED

- d. Proposed Backyard Composter Subsidy Program – C. Matthews, Public Works Manager

It was reported that at the end of May, a 2-question survey was put out to the community looking for resident appetite to participate in a backyard composter subsidy program. Over 100 residents responded to the survey with approximately 67% of respondents indicating that they would be interested in participating should it be offered.

Moved by Councillor Armstrong

Seconded by Councillor Kershaw

That \$1,500 from the Recycle BC revenue line item be allocated to provide 50% subsidies of TNRD composters to promote the use of backyard composting to curbside collection customers in the District of Barriere.

CARRIED

- e. UBCM Resolution(s) – B. Payette, CAO

Councillor Fortin expressed his belief that Council should be communicating the BC Ambulance crisis, especially as it relates to Barriere and other rural communities, to the public by way of the media. The Mayor reported that he will be discussing the issue this week on the radio. Councillor Armstrong reported that she would like BC Ambulance to answer as to why local PCP attendants were not afforded the opportunity to upgrade their credentials to meet the new CMR requirement before it came into effect, adding to this situation.

The following resolutions were approved to submit to UBCM.

Moved by Councillor Fortin

Seconded by Councillor Kershaw

WHEREAS Municipal Fire Departments in communities that have a major highway(s) passing through them respond to highway incidents; and,

WHEREAS the cost of attending these highway incidents is borne solely by the taxpayers within the taxing jurisdiction;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial government be requested to develop a program with ICBC to reimburse Fire Departments that respond to highway incidents which involve non-residents/non-property owners from within the Fire Department's taxing jurisdiction

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Fortin

Seconded by Councillor Kershaw

WHEREAS it is generally recognized that ambulance service in BC is heavily urban focused; however increasing the number of other first responder service calls to make up for the BCES staffing shortfall, should not come at the expense of a reasonable level of BC Ambulance service in rural communities;

AND WHEREAS there has been little or no increase in provincial funds to independent First Responder Societies, municipal fire/rescue departments and rural RCMP staffing increases over the past several years, compromising these rural emergency response service levels in many rural communities throughout BC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of BC review its rural BC Ambulance resourcing models to ensure that adequate resources are available to properly service rural communities.

CARRIED

- f. District of Barriere Emergency Planning – B. Payette, CAO
**Submitted for information*

Councillor Kibble requested that guidelines surrounding special events/gatherings during an 'alert' be included in the Emergency Plan.

- g. CAO Update – B. Payette, CAO
**Submitted for information*

The CAO provided an overview of the written report.

It was agreed that the Mayor and Councillors Kershaw and Fortin would attend this year's UBCM Convention in Whistler.

6. PROCLAMATIONS

None submitted.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. For Information
- b. For Action – *None submitted*

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Sabyan provided a verbal report on the following:
- Attended tonight's Dog Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

- b. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Interior Savings Movie Night is being hosted in September this year. Interior Savings is looking for a community organization to be the facilitator of the event and in return, the recipient of the fundraising revenue.
 - Is being awarded the Queen's 70 year Jubilee Award along with Jill Hayward. The event taking place this Sunday in Kamloops.
 - Attended the Dog Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony earlier this evening
- c. Councillor Kershaw provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended the Dog Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony earlier this evening.
- d. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended the Dog Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony earlier this evening.
 - A resident has reported that they tried to book the ballfield from the 3rd party organizer of the ball field, who is under contract with the District of Barriere, has not responded to phone calls or emails. Staff will look into the issue.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Attended the Dog Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony earlier this evening.
- Will be speaking to the editor of the Star Journal as well as speaking on the radio regarding the BC Ambulance staffing issue.

10. **PUBLIC INQUIRIES** – *none presented*

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

12. NEXT MEETING

- a. Community to Community Forum – June 8, 2022 @ 9am in Chu Chua
- b. Regular Council Meeting – Monday, June 20, 2022 @ 7pm

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Kerslake that the meeting adjourn at 9:00p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Ward Stamer

Bob Payette, CAO