

MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, February 28, 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: Acting Mayor Rob Kerlake
Councillor Judy Armstrong
Councillor Al Fortin
Councillor Scott Kershaw
Councillor Donna Kibble
Councillor Amanda Sabyan

Regrets: Mayor Ward Stamer

Staff: Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
Chelsea Young, Finance Officer
Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager

Acting Mayor Kerlake called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Sabyan
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
That Council approve the February 28, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Moved by Councillor Sabyan
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
That Council adopt the minutes of a February 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None Scheduled

4. BYLAWS

- a. Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 73, Amendment Bylaw No. 214 – 1st, 2nd & 3rd readings.

The Finance Officer provided an overview of the proposed amendment for the following increases that will aid in the goal of getting the fees to cost recovery:

- 2% to the residential & commercial base rates
- \$1.00/month for streetlighting and garbage collection
- \$6.00/month for the Siska and Downtown Wastewater systems.

A new \$50 fee as added to the draft for water meter reads that are requested with less than 24 hour business day notice as well as a new business licence category for Cannabis Retail: \$300/yr.

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan
Seconded by Councillor Fortin
That Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 73, Amendment Bylaw No. 214 be given 1st
reading.**

CARRIED

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan
Seconded by Councillor Fortin
That Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 73, Amendment Bylaw No. 214 be given 2nd
reading.**

CARRIED

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan
Seconded by Councillor Fortin
That Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 73, Amendment Bylaw No. 214 be given 3rd
reading.**

CARRIED

5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. CAO Update – B. Payette, CAO
Submitted for information

The CAO provided an overview of the written report and further reported that the next step taking place at the end of the week is to pull DW2's pump for replacement. Hopefully this work can be completed without any issue. The CAO also reiterated that the with bringing DW3 online and having DW2 as backup, is not going to result in doubling the amount of water but instead is confirming the security of our water.

Leonie Lake Dam Decommissioning Process – Staff are looking at a possible 'breach' option rather than a full on decommissioning and are working with the Province on what options are the least expensive for the municipality. It was inquired as to if the goal is to offload the costs to the users rather than the municipality so that the TNRD farmers and user groups still maintain access and use and staff reiterated that that is an option that is being explored.

6. PROCLAMATIONS

None Scheduled

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. For Information

b. For Action – *None submitted*

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal report on the following:
 - NTACS has the Teen Scene program back up and running again and is being well attended. A new office manager has been hired as well.
- b. Councillor Fortin provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Provided an overview of his personal trip to Ottawa as part of the “Freedom Convoy”.
- c. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Is working on this year’s Barriere Blooms Program and suggested that non-profits take over the Fadear Park planters this year. Councillors Fortin, Kershaw and Kerslake indicated that they will donate \$100 each towards the program’s prize money.

9. MAYOR’S REPORT

Acting Mayor Kerslake provided a verbal report on the following:

- Barriere Senior Boys Basketball has made it to Provincials again this year.

10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

- a. Gail Bugera – requests an apology from the Mayor for his “misinformation, lies and recent comments about COVID19 and Councillor Fortin”.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

None presented.

12. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Sabyan

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

That pursuant to Section 90(1)(k) 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 8:07p.m.

CARRIED

13. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The meeting reconvened into open session at 8:40p.m.

14. NEXT MEETING

- a. Regular Council Meeting – Monday, March 14, 2022 @ 7pm

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor that the meeting adjourn at 8:40p.m.

CARRIED

Rob Kerslake, Acting Mayor

Bob Payette, CAO