

District of Barriere
REPORT TO COUNCIL

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To: Council	From: Bob Payette, CAO
Re: Administrative Updates	

CAO UPDATE:

Community Relations:

- Staff and Council hosted a site visit with BC Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Development, Mr. Roly Russell. We met at the Center of Excellence Building to receive our official announcement for the grant funding to renovate the building. Our grant application to the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) for Application # 2022110127 - HY-Louis Building Refurbishment was approved for 1M. Congratulations to Council for keeping this dream alive. Our project committee meets on Wednesday afternoon to discuss the project and next steps. Temporary electrical services will be installed shortly, long term electrical supply needs to be reviewed with BCHydro.

Next steps:

- 1) Executed Agreement with Rural Development BC (done)
- 2) Weekly working Committee meetings (done)
- 3) Confirm plans and designs for the building (for discussion with Council)
- 4) Confirm power supply

Development Projects:

- CAO met with Renata King Business and Economic Development Consultant with ETSI Economic Development Trust Southern Interior, to discuss the ESTI grant application process and timelines, application was submitted on time this past week.
- LCIP Water Reservoir Project – Borrow Enterprises out of Clearwater was awarded the contract to install the new reservoir, with the best bid. The construction has started and the schedule has been established, permits in place with Work Safe BC. This past week included installing connection pipes and back filling, the actual reservoir is schedule for install in the next few weeks.

Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF)

The CMHC has launched the HAF to accelerate the supply of affordable housing, through an action plan process for municipalities. The primary objective is to create more supply of housing and to enhance certainty in the approval process. The CAO will start the review process and bring forward recommendations to Council at a future meeting.

Recreation & Community Services:

- Next Recreation Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2023 @ 3pm
- The Rec Committee has begun 'Participaction' event planning to take place in June.
- The Community Calendar is a success and is being well used. Anyone wishing to remain up-to-date on various recreation programming and community events is encouraged to subscribe to the District's E-News feature on the District's website for weekly schedule emails.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER:

Roads & Parks

- Road repairs (patching & edges) are scheduled to start this week of April 17th
- Warming Hut is now fully operational. A concrete sidewalk and patio are slated to be installed this spring.
- Existing baseball dugouts dismantling and replaced started this past week.
- Dust control for gravel roads to take place week of April 24th.
- Staff met with Barriere minor Ball regarding their field maintenance agreement, the following point where discussed;
 - Termination of the existing agreement
 - Field maintenance
 - Fee structure for 2024
 - User agreement for 2024
 - Waiving fees for 2023, for field rental during the week.

Utilities

- Water production well DW1 conversion to a monitoring well has commenced.
- Fire hydrant flushing by staff is scheduled for the week of April 24th.
- 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".

Facilities

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

FINANCE OFFICER:

- The Annual Audit is now wrapping up and a quarterly budget review for Council will be included in an upcoming agenda.

CORPORATE OFFICER:

- A Development Permit application has been submitted by Simpcw Resources Group for their planned development of the old Trading Post property which now includes a portion of the adjacent, undeveloped lot along Highway 5. After the legislative notice process is complete, the application will come to Council for consideration.
- Proctored an exam for a number of our Fire Department members during the evening of April 6th.

**submitted for information*

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