

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

Held on Monday April 27, 2020 at 7:00pm  
Via Zoom Audio-Conference, Barriere, B.C.

Present: Mayor Ward Stamer  
Councillor Judy Armstrong  
Councillor Al Fortin  
Councillor Scott Kershaw  
Councillor Rob Kerslake  
Councillor Donna Kibble  
Councillor Amanda Sabyan

Staff: Colleen Hannigan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Chelsea Young, Finance Officer  
Tasha Buchanan, Legislative Services Manager  
Ian Crosson, Utilities Manager

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

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A late item was added to the Agenda: Green Sky Extension to their offer for Lot 4 as item 6.

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Sabyan

That Council approve the April 27, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

a. Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Kerslake

That Council adopt the minutes of an April 20, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

**3. BYLAWS**

a. District of Barriere Water Restrictions Bylaw No. 39, Amendment Bylaw No. 178 – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings.

**Moved by Mayor Stamer**

**Seconded by Councillor Sabyan**

**That District of Barriere Water Restrictions Bylaw No. 39, Amendment Bylaw No. 178 be given 1<sup>st</sup> reading.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved by Mayor Stamer**  
**Seconded by Councillor Sabyan**  
**That District of Barriere Water Restrictions Bylaw No. 39, Amendment**  
**Bylaw No. 178 be given 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved by Mayor Stamer**  
**Seconded by Councillor Sabyan**  
**That District of Barriere Water Restrictions Bylaw No. 39, Amendment**  
**Bylaw No. 178 be given 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.**

**CARRIED**

- b. District of Barriere Water Restrictions Bylaw No. 39, Amendment Bylaw No. 178 – adoption.

**Moved by Mayor Stamer**  
**Seconded by Councillor Armstrong**  
**The District of Barriere Water Restrictions Bylaw No. 39, Amendment Bylaw**  
**No. 178 be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

#### **4. 2020 FINANCIAL PLAN & TAX RATE BYLAW REVIEW**

- a. Proposed 2020 Budget Implications of a 0% Tax Increase – C. Young, Finance Officer

At the April 20th regular meeting it was suggested that Council revisit the 2020 Tax Rate and Financial Plan Bylaws that had been adopted prior to provincial submission in an effort to support residents in the community who are experiencing financial hardship due to COVID- 19.

Staff presented a draft revision of the 2020 Operational budget that showed changes that could be instituted to bring the previously approved 6.5% increase down to 0% increase for 2020. It means that the 5% increase is abolished for this year and the amount taken from roads surplus for operations stays the same as 2019. The further decrease to 0% is accomplished by:

- 1) Reducing the transfer to General Surplus at the end of the year;
- 2) Reducing the transfers to NTACS from the Recreation Healthy Living budget line item for Gym Rentals at the Ridge for at least 4 months since there will be no rental costs at this time; and,
- 3) Reducing the line items for Council travel and workshops as many of these will most likely happen virtually this year.

**Moved by Mayor Stamer**  
**Seconded by Councillor Kershaw**

**That Council direct staff to prepare the necessary bylaws to rescind previously adopted 2020 Tax Rate and Financial Plan Bylaws that will reflect the newly presented 2020 Budget in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic's economic impact and that they be brought back to Council for consideration at the May 4, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**5. WELLS UPDATE – I. Crosson, Utilities Manager**  
*(scope, timing and pricing handout available for meeting time)*

Bradford Park Wells: PW1 is now at the point that it is nearly ready to go online and alarm schedule updates are planned.

PW3: A quote and schedule was received by staff from Mountain View this afternoon and was distributed by email to Council for review prior to the start of the meeting. The quote is for the Bradford Park PW3 Well work and Flow Meter Chamber install. The total project quote indicates: \$42,875.00 with an expected start up date of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

It was noted that some of the proposed line items could be taken on by the District. It was questioned if there is a chance that there will be a need for a different pump if the pump is still the correct volume for the re-screened well. Mr. Crosson will inquire with BC Groundwater.

**Moved by Mayor Stamer**

**Seconded by Councillor Fortin**

**That Council accept the quote of \$42,875.00 from Mountain View to conduct the work of Bradford Park PW3 and the Flow Meter Chamber install.**

**CARRIED**

**6. GREEN SKY LABORATORIES – Offer Extension Request re: Lot 4**

The CAO reported that she has received a request from Green Sky Laboratories for an extension on their offer for Lot 4 due to delays resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. If the extension is permitted, it is understood by Green Sky that their offer would be at the newly appraised rate as previously resolved by Council. It was noted that Green Sky currently has paid a \$25,000 non-refundable deposit on the property.

**Moved by Mayor Stamer**

**Seconded by Councillor Armstrong**

**That Council grant another six month extension after another \$25,000 non-refundable deposit is given to the District.**

**CARRIED**

## **7. PUBLIC INQUIRIES**

- a. Jill Hayward – Said that she thinks that the District is doing wonderful job and in her opinion, Barriere is fairing very well in light of the issues this pandemic has caused.

## **8. NEXT MEETING**

- b. Regular Council Meeting via audioconference – Monday, May 4, 2020

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councillor Kerslake that the meeting adjourn at 8p.m.**

**CARRIED**

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Mayor Ward Stamer

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Tasha Buchanan, DCO