

District of Barriere
REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: May 17, 2021	File: 530.20/Rpts
To: Council	From: Bob Payette, CAO
Re: Administrative Updates	

CAO UPDATE:

Community Relations:

- Met with Outdoor Club representatives to discuss surface at the outdoor sports facility.

Development Projects:

- Work continues on with developers in LCIP, Fort Modular has started to clear shrubs and topsoil on Lot 4, with fencing and gravel to start next week. Gravel has been sourced locally from the LCIP gravel pit. Development permits for the construction of Lot 14, Lot 1-4 and Lot 2, are all working on site plans and building plans. Lot 2, Mr. Ken Maher is now working towards his BC Clean Air permit and staff have received his site plan.
- Final well development and testing, April 27-29 working with the project team on the best option and success for the production of this well.
- Building permit applications are at 25 for 2021, with 5 new housing starts.
- Started the process to survey and potentially sell the surplus land behind the new Chevron gas station. Staff are awaiting for a survey from TRUE Consulting.
- Met with Owner of BMI to discuss next steps in his development of the BMI area and also additional purchase of land near the Esso station.

UTILITIES MANAGER:

- Watermain flushing started May 3 and will last a minimum of 2 weeks, ongoing. Notice continues to run in the newspaper and on the website.
- Western Water and Monashee have completed the third round of pumping tests and water quality samples have been collected for analysis.

PARKS & ROADS MANAGER:

- Submitted water license C032392 point of diversion amendment application to FLNRORD Water License Division, awaiting approval, environment Canada flow data compiled for discussion with SIMPCW. Staff have received a response from FLNRORD that they have prioritized our submission.
- Continuing with Park upgrades and equipment installation using Trans Mountain funding for lights, benches, bike racks and looking into resurfacing the Fadear Oval with social distancing markers on the grass.
- Playground maintenance and upgrades, fall protection and new swings, for the Ridge playground is underway.
- Park irrigation lines and meters have been installed for the parks. Irrigation for the newly seeded, fertilized and aerated parkland is occurring overnight.
- Street light replacement with BChydro now competed for subdivisions with highway lighting to follow shortly.

FINANCE OFFICER:

- Property Tax notices will be going in the mail this week.

CORPORATE OFFICER:

- Annual Report compilation is underway. As per legislation, the document will be ready for public inspection in early June in preparation for its presentation to Council at the June 21, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.
- Staff have begun plans for this year's Canada Day Celebration. Unless the current Ministerial Orders change, the event will once again be a vehicle parade. Details will be available as they develop.