

District of Barriere
REPORT TO COUNCIL

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

CAO UPDATE:

Community Relations:

- Ongoing, road right of way and surveying location behind Chevron property, negotiations are going ahead with each adjacent property owner and now working on terms and conditions between the property owners.
- Met with one resident to discuss water and meter connection questions.
- Discussion with MOTI and ARGO to discuss Hwy bridge repairs planned for Nov16-18 during the daytime with detour through Barriere Town Road.
- Received a call regarding purchasing an outdoor arena 55 feet by 120', that we could install potentially behind the sewage plant as a new outdoor arena for the community.
- Met with new owners of the DeeJay RV & Trailer Park regarding options going forward to resolve the water issue. One of the options is to hook the property into the community water system and the feasibility of that option is being explored. The owner is looking at a number of development ideas to enhance the property and to provide safe, cost-efficient housing for the community.
- After WorkSafe BC direction to a number of interior region local governments to develop a COVID-19 vaccination requirement policy for staff as well as a growing list of BC municipalities taking on the initiative to take steps to do make protecting the health and safety of employees and community members a priority, an administration policy is being considered for development.

Development Projects:

- Work continues with developers in LCIP. Mr. Ken Maher working on the provincial air quality certification and his water requirements. The Mayor and CAO have requested that MOTI

review the allocation of Lot 10 for the DOB ongoing discussions. Fort Modular has offered to the fire truck inside one of their tents for the winter.

- Dixon Creek project: Province has formally approved the boundary extension and amended Letters Patent provided. The bulk water feasibility study has started with a cost share of 50/50 for total of 9K. TRUE should have the final report ready in the early new year.
- Ongoing dialog and discussions regarding options for the HY Louis building (sell, lease, partnerships, options etc.). 3k expense for an appraisal of the building, 4-5 week delivery on the appraisal report.

UTILITIES MANAGER

- DW 3 construction – Spooner Industrial waiting for the delivery of the control panel, shipping delays.
- Cross connection control program is continuing with inspections, compliance and education.

PARKS & ROADS MANAGER

Roads

- Pavement repairs completed on Dunn Lake Road at the S-bend
- Dixon Creek Road ditching completed on the lower portion. 400 yd³ of material removed. Public works department looking into the possibility of hydro-seeding the loose banks to prevent further erosion and continued need for ditching.
- Culvert on Dixon Creek Road is scheduled to be replaced November 1st. Additional ditching will be completed on a small section along the upper portion of the road at the same time.
- Barriere River Bridge was inspected and was found to be in good condition with no further appreciable deterioration or defects of concern observed. A follow-up inspection will be conducted on our bridge once the Barriere River Truss Bridge has been repaired and there is no further highway traffic detouring through town. A formal report will then be issued.
- Road lines were painted on Barriere Lakes Road & Dunn Lake Road by MOTI's contractor at no charge to the District as this was an error on their end.
- Missing street signs along BTR have now been replaced

Parks

- Interior Savings Credit Union employees volunteered their time to help clean-up at Community Garden.
- Two new pickleball nets have been installed at the Multi-Purpose court as have all six court post sleeves - ready to go for next spring

- Lights at multi-purpose court are on timers. However, there is an electrical issue that is affecting the north bank and keeps tripping the breaker. Still waiting on a cost for an LED retrofit.
- Parks staff continue to winterize facilities and prepare equipment and supplies for snow clearing.

Highway Signage

- On schedule to install Welcome to Barriere signage along Hwy 5 this fall

Leonie Lake Dam

- Staff cleared and removed wood debris from the dam spillway.
- Anti-tamper device was installed on outlet valve handle and walkway has been reinforced

CORPORATE OFFICER:

- Various Bylaw & Policy updates and revisions are in development.
- Staff have been provided one formal quote from Lee's Music and are still awaiting two other Audio/Visual system quotes that have been promised by other companies, including the company that recently worked with the NTFFRA.

**submitted for information*

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