

**District of Barriere**  
**REPORT TO COUNCIL**

<b>Date:</b> May 9, 2022	<b>File:</b> 530.20/Rpts
<b>To:</b> Council	<b>From:</b> Bob Payette, CAO
<b>Re: Administrative Updates</b>	

**CAO UPDATE:**

**Community Relations:**

- COVID project proposals for the Ridge Trail project, the attached map provides an example of the location of the trail in and around the development.
- Attended the SILGA Conference with members of Council.
- Met with property owners along the Yard Road, to discuss paving the road and traffic flow options.
- Mayor and CAO met with Heidi Schelling from IHA to discuss concerns with staff and hours and operation for our local medical services, staffing and communications also are keen to IHA services in the community.

**Development Projects:**

- Voyageur Country Wilderness Estates at Dixon Creek Rd Development DL 57 & DL 570 - Mr. Delaney has submitted his updated application for a phased in strata development including information indicating his proof of water for approval, and the subdivision of park land. This has triggered a revised PLA for the developer to meet all of the required subdivision requirements, including covenants, on the land title. Staff are working with the developer to reconsider the location of Dixon Creek Rd boundary lines, we are also assisting in the options for providing power lines to the property, and discussing options with adjacent property owners.
- Charge North Level 2 EV Charging Station continues to move along through the project management stages, this past week we signed off on the Civil Works Contract with proposed construction this summer at the band shell location. One dual head station with (2) level 2 EVSE.
- Canada Community-Building Fund Strategic Priorities Capital Infrastructure and capacity Building Stream Grant for BC has opened up a 3<sup>rd</sup> intake for applications. We will continue to submit our sewer upgrade project proposal for this grant application, as well, to confirm our commitment to getting this infrastructure up to standard, as per the MOE regulatory requirements. Deadline is end of June, and staff will be working with TRUE on this submission process and a resolution will be coming to Council shortly.
- The Leonie Creek Dam review has started with TRUE.
- LCIP Water Reservoir Project - TRUE has initiated the procurement process and pending a concrete cost on the reservoir. We can review the funding available and at that point consider the

remaining buildout of the water system. I did meet with Mr. Delanie to discuss the business case for the bulk water station to occur in coordination with this project.

- TRUE is now reviewing the Development Services Bylaw and we are anticipated Council review in the coming weeks.

### **Protective Services:**

Chief Wohlgemuth and Deputy Ive are preparing the volunteer firefighting team for the upcoming fire season. Forest fire training is on the agenda for April & May. Because of the rain fall this week, the fire ban is able to be delayed for another week.

The TNRD has separate contracts for fire service delivery with multiple Municipalities and First Nations within the region. However, due to the nature of when each service was created, coupled with the evolution and ongoing complexities of fire service delivery, an overall evaluation is required. As such, the TNRD has engaged in the services of Dave Mitchell and Associates for the purposes of reviewing how the fire service delivery is currently contracted, examine costs drivers and develop base metrics to ensure fairness, equity and transparency when establishing ongoing fees for fire protection services. Part of this process will require Dave Mitchell and Associates to contact every service provider to better understand the dynamics of each area. The project timeline is 14 weeks based on documentation request turn around and access to the respective Fire Chiefs.

### **Utilities:**

- Work and clearing of trees has been completed on Dixon Creek Road in preparation for hydro seeding the banks along the road by the end May.
- The new backhoe has been delivered and safe work procedures development and training is underway.
- The new truck and vehicle shelter is under construction.
- Construction of the new dog park is also underway.
- Seasonal preparation has been done at the parks, and more in-house street cleaning has been completed.
- The contracted street cleaner is now scheduled for week of May 16th.
- Fire Hydrant Flushing completed, dust control was also completed.
- PW1 has been flushed, sampled, and is being blended into the distribution system slowly to see results.

### **FINANCE OFFICER:**

- 2022 Tax Notices are being prepared and will be distributed later in the month.

### **CORPORATE OFFICER:**

- Staff will be meeting to conduct its annual review of the District's Emergency Preparedness Plan this month and the District has subscribed to the Voyent Alert System with staff training occurring in early June. Public information and sign up for this valuable service will begin as soon as possible after training is complete.
- Conversations with the TNRD and SD73 are beginning in order to coordinate Election arrangements and pool shareable resources.
- Along with continual new and current bylaw development and research, the Annual Report and Annual Water Report compilations have begun. Annual Reports are presented to the public as per legislation, by the end of June.

*\*submitted for information*

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