

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Held on Monday May 10, 2021 at 5:00pm

Via audio-conference

*“We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples of Simpcw First Nation
within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.”*

Present: Mayor Ward Stamer
Councillor Judy Armstrong
Councillor Al Fortin – *entered as indicated*
Councillor Rob Kerslake
Councillor Scott Kershaw
Councillor Donna Kibble
Councillor Amanda Sabyan

Staff: Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
Chelsea Young, Finance Officer
Ian Crosson, Utilities Manager – *entered as indicated*

Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

That the Committee approve the May 10, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. **Moved by Mayor Stamer**

Seconded by Councillor Kerslake

That the Committee adopt the minutes of an April 12, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

CARRIED

b. **Moved by Mayor Stamer**

Seconded by Councillor Kerslake

That the Committee adopt the minutes of an April 19, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

CARRIED

Ian Crosson entered the meeting at 5:02pm

3. WATER RESTRICTIONS – Discussion

The CAO provided Council with an overview of the written report. The Utilities Manager explained the graph included in the report in more detail and noted that the report does not consider emergency use by the Fire Department. Mr. Crosson also reported that both wells are now able to be put online.

Mr. Crosson reported that background data on the historical flow tests is needed from BC Groundwater regarding PW3 and advised obtaining getting a second opinion on the well from another Hydro-Geologist. Staff have met with the District's engineer regarding a new polyphosphate treatment that is available and may be the solution to the chlorine discoloration reaction to the mineralization in the water.

While DW2 continues to be the 'work-horse' of the town's main water source, its condition is still poor and the pump could fail at any moment. However, now that the District has some sort of backup capability, permitting hand watering of lawns on a trial basis was considered and discussed.

Councillor Fortin entered the meeting at 5:35pm.

Councillor Fortin noted his concern about permitting any form of lawn watering.

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Sabyan

THAT the District remain on Stage 2 Water Restrictions with the added exception to temporarily permit hand-watering of lawns during the prescribed Stage 1 watering days/hours with the understanding that should the water system show signs of stress, that this exception will be removed immediately under the direction of the CAO as per Bylaw No. 189.

CARRIED *w/ Councillor Fortin opposed*

4. STAFF REPORTS

a. Territorial Land Acknowledgement – B. Payette, CAO

It was reported that opening meetings with an acknowledgement of Indigenous ancestral territories is a very common practice within BC public sector organizations and local governments. It was noted that strengthening our partnership with our local First Nations is an ongoing priority to this Council and adopting such a practice is a small, but important step that could be taken in that goal. Various statement examples from other local governments were discussed.

**Moved by Councillor Kershaw
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
THAT, the Committee of the Whole direct staff to draft a proposed territorial land acknowledgement statement for consideration at the next Council Meeting.**

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

None presented.

6. NEXT MEETING

At the Call of the Chair

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Kerlake that the meeting adjourn at 6:15p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Ward Stamer

Bob Payette, CAO