

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers at Municipal Hall
4936 Barriere Town Road, Barriere, B.C.

*"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 Scott Kershaw
Councillor Rob Kerslake
Councillor Donna Kibble
Councillor Louise Lodge
Councillor Colin McInnis

Staff: Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
Chelsea Young, Finance Officer – *via Zoom*
Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7pm.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Lodge
That Council approve the March 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Kibble
That Council adopt the minutes of a February 21, 2023 PUBLIC HEARING & Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a. Cpl. Kyle Camalush, Barriere RCMP Detachment – Community Policing Update

Cpl. Camalush formally introduced himself to Council as the new Corporal of the Barriere RCMP Detachment. He reported that one Detachment member is transferring out and a new member from Prince George will be taking that position. The Barriere Detachment is open 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday.

The Cpl. distributed a policing report to Council for their review and provided a verbal overview of the report. He noted that, from time to time, within some local Facebook groups, there are incidents that get reported on those social media pages but not to the detachment. He encouraged residents to give the detachment a call as it cannot act on incidents that are not reported directly to the RCMP.

The Mayor permitted members of the public to ask questions to Cpl. Camalush:

Jeff Gilly – Noted he believes there is an insurgence of Natural Resource Officers in the area that appear to be stopping vehicles fully armed and in one case, with an automatic weapon. He asked what are they doing policing the highways? Cpl. Camalush answered that if there are specific incidents believed to be mishandled by the NRO, to please report to the RCMP for follow-up.

Al Fortin – Asked what the average percentage of an officer's day is spent on policing traffic along the highway? Mr. Fortin reported that a Clearwater RCMP member informed him, "about 5% of the day in Clearwater." Cpl. Camalush answered that it is difficult to assign a number to that question due to a workload of a number of other factors.

It was also noted that the local detachment is working with the new Blockwatch Community program and that the Detachment is looking forward to reviving the children's bicycle safety event this year.

4. **BYLAWS and POLICIES**

- a. DRAFT Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 225 re: RZ-22-06 Fan - *a bylaw to rezone DL1570 from Small Holdings (SH) to Residential (R) – 2nd, 3rd readings & adoption.

All members of Council, including those not in attendance at the Public Hearing on February 21st, 2023, had been provided a full synopsis of what has been presented by staff, IHA, the developer and the public regarding the application prior to, and during, the Public Hearing.

Moved by Councillor Kibble

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

That Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 225 be given second reading.

After a brief debate, each member of Council noted their preference for DL1570 to remain zoned Small Holdings (SH) which requires a minimum of 5 acre lot size, rather than the smaller, 1 acre minimum proposed in the application.

Council inquired with staff if the Developer would consider other options that would produce larger than 1 acre lot sizes. Staff will discuss with the applicant, and should they wish to submit a new application, that information will come forward at a future meeting.

The motion was then put, and defeated unanimously.

- b. DRAFT Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 227 re: RZ-23-01 Smile **a bylaw to add "Cannabis Sales" as an additional permitted use to 3820 Enterprise Way – 3rd reading.*

All members of Council, including those not in attendance at the Public Hearing on February 21st, 2023, had been provided a full synopsis of what has been presented by staff and the public regarding the application prior to, and during, the Public Hearing.

Moved by Councillor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

That Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 227 be given 3rd reading.

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- c. DRAFT Professional/Courteous Conduct Policy No. 45

Moved by Councillor Kershaw

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

That Professional/Courteous Conduct Policy No. 45 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. UBCM Emergency Preparedness Fund Resolution – C. Matthews, Public Works

Moved by Councillor McInnis

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

THAT staff be directed to apply for funding in the amount of \$30,000 under the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for the purchase of Emergency Operations Centre equipment and staff training.

CARRIED

- b. CAO Update – B. Payette, CAO

**Submitted for information*

The CAO provided an overview of the written report.

6. PROCLAMATIONS – none submitted

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. For Information

The Mayor reported that CN Rail plans on presenting to Council at a future meeting.

- b. For Action – none presented

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal update on the following:
 - Recreation Committee Meetings are going well. Family Fun Night was very successful with a large amount of the community attending. Donations received go towards After School Program and Teen Scene and it appears nearly \$4,000 was raised.
- b. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal update on the following:
 - Attended the LGLA Seminar in Kelowna. It was a packed, three day conference and she took in a lot of great information.
 - Participated in a Barriere Outdoor Club Meeting. This year's *Amazing Race* has been rescheduled to take place in May.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor presented a written report to Council and provided a verbal overview of the detailed report. A brief summary is as follows:

- Attended Regular TNRD Board and Committee Meetings
- MOTI presented to a TNRD Board Meeting
- He and Mr. Payette met with MOTI's District Manager to discuss many of the concerns Council has discussed recently.
- He and Mr. Payette met with IHA where they were provided an update on the strides being made to address the health care staffing shortages in Barriere.
- Participated in a joint meeting with MOTI Minister Fleming, Clearwater Mayor Blackwell, and respective CAOs. A follow-up meeting is planned in a month's time.
- Has had the opportunity to hear from many of Barriere and surrounding area's residents regarding their concerns and resolution suggestions in regards to Highway 5 which have been conveyed to the Minister.

10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

- a. Jim Secord of Barriere – Stated that the Federal Government made an agreement with the BC Gov't to assist with BC's health system. He stated his belief that the BC Government has now been authorized by the Federal Government to grow and retail cocaine & heroin. He asked if it is merely a coincidence that the LCIP business owner with a Federal Cannabis licence, now has applied for a license to retail cannabis? If he can grow cannabis, then the Federal Government will override the District so he can then sell cocaine and heroin. He wants Barriere to be a drug free town and does not want the business to be able to rebuild.
- b. Bree Pollochuck of Area 'O' - distributed a handout and provided a presentation re: Order/Address of the House of Commons and Government of Canada "Big Data and the Social Credit System." And explained that these documents outline the government's plan to track and digitally control its population as part of the "Chinese Solution".
- c. James Sitarz of Barriere – He explained that he and his group believe there is tyranny at foot and a looming threat to their land and freedoms. They are only one group and there are more groups just like theirs and the need for more of them is dire. He outlined the group's four questions/requests/demands:

- **Q: Demand that you cease and desist the pursuit of the Smart Cities status for the District of Barriere.**
A: The District can't cease and desist something that it isn't pursuing at all.
- **Q: Will you pause the District of Barriere's application and demand it be stricken from the Federal Government of Canada's website?**
A: The map that is being referred to shows it is a historical synopsis from 2018 and there is no current application to pause.
- **Q: Do we have your assurance that you will not apply for Smart Cities challenge?**
A: It is not this Council's intention do so.
- **Q: If for any reason, at this point or in the future the District decides to change its mind and pursue the 15 Minute City program, will it first agree to a referendum that includes all those in the area outside of the jurisdiction?**
A: Should a future Council wish to pursue the program, it will certainly involve extensive public consultation and/or referendum. However, local governments have no legal ability to permit citizens outside of their jurisdictions to vote in their elections or referendums.

- d. Larry Tombs of Glengrove – Government overreach is increasing via technology and an example of such is vaccine passports. They will keep taking tiny bites of citizen freedom until there isn't any. Kids aren't seen on streets playing anymore because they're insulated and controlled in ways we couldn't have imagined 20-30 years ago.
- e. Al Fortin – A member of our community, Lara Chambers, has 20 years in health care service. She was laid off due to refusal to be vaccinated and has now accepted a job in the USA.
- f. Suzanne Turenne of Area 'O' – Read written statement objecting to the rezoning proposal that was defeated earlier in the meeting.
- g. Unidentified resident – has a business in Kamloops on Victoria Street. She has witnessed a change in the last 10 years due to drug issues including many overdose occurrences in Kamloops' downtown. The City of Kamloops will not pass a bylaw banning street people downtown. There weren't these drug issues before cannabis shops were made legal.

11. **NOTICE OF MOTION** – *none presented.*

12. **NEXT MEETING**

- a. Regular Council Meeting, Monday, March 20, 2023 @ 7pm

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor that the meeting adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Ward Stamer

Bob Payette, CAO