District of Barriere REPORT TO COUNCIL

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

CAO UPDATE:

Reminders to Council:

Community Relations:

- Met with President Bill Kershaw and Office Manager to discuss the TRU office rental situation and future communication between District Office and Chamber of Commerce
- Met with Jill Hayward to draft a news article regarding the relocation of the fire monument, to be published in next week's newspaper.
- Meetings with Thompson Flood Advisory and Mr. Mike Simpson Director with Fraser Basin Council regarding ongoing flood studies and mapping with associated UBCM grant applications. Eventually we have ask to have Council updated on the maps and available data, as well.

Development Projects:

- Louis Creek Lot 1, 2 & 4 proposals: Discussions are ongoing with potential developers for the remaining lots in the Louis Creek Industrial Park. Proposals will be brought forward to Council for consideration.
- Ongoing meetings with Mr. Jack Keough and his consulting team regarding the proposed location for the affordable living complex. Planning and drawings and field work were completed and reconfirmed with District on Dec 21st towards a full grant application in mid January. The site survey conducted by TRUE Engineering has generated a concern regarding the sewer and water services that need continue to be considered, Mayor and I met with the design committee to discuss the entrance off of Barriere Town Rd, and associated parking.
- Ongoing meetings are taking place with Mr. Chris Delaney, as we move forward with his Development Application for the DL Strata property development.

There was a last minute meeting organized on January 6th, by KCConstruction with Barriere Senior's Society to potentially submit an additional application for senior apartment complex, attended by the Mayor via Zoom.

UTILITIES MANAGER:

- TRUE working on a feasibility study proposal which will be evaluating SAWRC is being drafted by TRUE Engineering will help facilitate discussions in January.
- Staff continue to retrofit and make small improvement to the sewer treatment facilities in attempt to improve the treatment process as a temporary measure, until upgrades can be done in 2021. Tour with Council is planned for new Thursday at 1300.
- The Deep Wells GUDI/GARP study commenced on December 1st and will last approximately 1 year.
- Ongoing discussions are taking place with Aquavision (*specialists in reservoir inspection and cleaning*) regarding the North reservoir, per IHA request. Received preliminary quotes for inspection only.
- > The drilling of the new well at Spruce Crescent will commence in the January.

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES MANAGER:

- The legislative processes to declare parkland surplus and to establish a Local Area Service in the Louis Creek Industrial Park (LCIP) are underway. If approved during this meeting, the Notice regarding the LCIP parkland will join the Notice for the Local Area Service Establishment in next week's newspaper. Registered owners in the proposed LCIP Service Area will also be notified directly by mail. If anyone, Council or public, has any questions regarding either process, please contact me at the office.
- Website development is well underway and should be ready for review in BETA form later in the month.
- The Provincial Health Officer has extended the current Public Health Orders that restricts social gatherings with anyone outside of one's household and restricts public from attending Council Meetings until at least February 5th, 2021. Audio-Conference meetings are still strongly encouraged by the Province in order for the public to be able to participate. Unnecessary travel outside of IHA's jurisdiction and the Province is also strongly discouraged.

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