

**DISTRICT OF BARRIERE  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on Monday, October 3, 2022 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 – *via Zoom*  
Councillor Al Fortin  
Councillor Rob Kerslake  
Councillor Scott Kershaw  
Councillor Donna Kibble  
Councillor Amanda Sabyan

Staff: Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer  
Chelsea Young, Chief Financial Officer – *via Zoom as indicated*

*Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 7pm.*

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Sabyan  
Seconded by Councillor Fortin  
That Council approve the October 3, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

a. Moved by Councillor Sabyan  
Seconded by Councillor Kerslake  
That Council adopt the minutes of a September 20, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

CARRIED

**3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS - None Scheduled**

**4. BYLAWS and POLICIES**

a. Permissive Tax Exemption (Places of Worship) Bylaw No. 220 – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> readings.  
*\*w/attached staff report*

**Moved by Councillor Fortin  
Seconded by Councillor Sabyan  
That Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 221 be given 1<sup>st</sup> reading.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved by Councillor Fortin  
Seconded by Councillor Sabyan  
That Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 221 be given 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved by Councillor Fortin  
Seconded by Councillor Sabyan  
That Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 221 be given 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.**

**CARRIED**

- b. Permissive Tax Exemption (Societies) Bylaw No. 221 – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> readings.  
*\*w/attached staff report*

**Moved by Councillor Fortin  
Seconded by Councillor Sabyan  
That Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 222 be given 1<sup>st</sup> reading.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved by Councillor Fortin  
Seconded by Councillor Sabyan  
That Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 222 be given 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved by Councillor Fortin  
Seconded by Councillor Sabyan  
That Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 222 be given 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.**

**CARRIED**

- c. DRAFT Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 223 re: RZ-22-05 – 1<sup>st</sup> reading.  
*\*with attached staff report*

The Corporate Officer provided an overview of the application and draft bylaw amendment to permit a site specific reduced lot size of 649 Barriere Lakes Rd.

**Moved by Councillor Fortin  
Seconded by Councillor Kibble  
That Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 223 be given 1<sup>st</sup> reading and  
that a Public Hearing be scheduled for October 17, 2022.**

**CARRIED**

*Chelsea Young entered the meeting at 7:10pm*

## 5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Halloween Fireworks Event – T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan**

**Seconded by Councillor Fortin**

**That Council approve the expenditure of \$1,100 for the annual Halloween Fireworks display to be conducted by the Barriere Volunteer Fire Department on October 31, 2022 at the KP ball diamonds and that the funds come from the Admin Public Relations budget.**

**CARRIED**

- b. CAO Update – B. Payette, CAO

*\*Submitted for information*

The CAO provided an overview of the written report.

A typo correction was noted: water use is averaging less than 1000 cubes per day (*as per the typo stating 100 cubes on the written report*)

*Chelsea Young, left the meeting at 7:20pm*

## 6. PROCLAMATIONS - None submitted.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. For Information

- b. For Action

- i. Eric Sweder – re: Shared Fence Cost Sharing Request

Mr. Sweder was in attendance to elaborate on his email request for Council's authorization for the District to cost share in the replacement of the south portion of his fence that is shared with District parkland & trail.

**Moved by Mayor Stamer**

**Seconded by Councillor Fortin**

**That staff be directed to research a policy respecting fence cost sharing between private properties that adjoin municipal land.**

**CARRIED**

- ii. Barriere Elementary PAC re: COVID-19 Relief Fund Grant Request - \$5,000 (for purchase of school kiln.)

The Barriere Elementary PAC's application form & supplementary documentation were distributed for Council review.

**Moved by Councillor Fortin**

**Seconded by Councillor Kerslake**

**That Council provide a COVID-19 Relief Fund Grant in the amount of \$5,000 to the Barriere Elementary PAC.**

**CARRIED**

## **8. COUNCIL REPORTS**

- a. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal report on the following:
  - Due to unexpected flight delays on behalf of the airline, she will not be back in town for the All-Candidates forum tomorrow.
- b. Councillor Fortin provided a verbal report on the following:
  - Due to a family emergency, he also may not be available for the All-Candidates Forum tomorrow.
- c. Councillor Kershaw provided a verbal report on the following:
  - Attended an event with Simpcw First Nation regarding trail dedication.
- d. Councillor Kerslake provided a verbal report on the following:
  - Attended the meet & greet with Kevin Falcon and Peter Milobar last week.
- e. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
  - Volunteered with the Raise-a-Reader fundraising event again this year.
  - The current history book of the area stops at 1959 and the Museum is now in the beginning planning stages for the 1959 and on era of the community.
  - Attended the meet & greet with Kevin Falcon and Peter Milobar
  - Participated in a Fall Fair Meeting
  - Attended the Seniors' Pancake Breakfast
- f. Councillor Sabyan provided a verbal report on the following:
  - A resident has suggested to her that Council consider a bylaw that addresses accessibility issues with local businesses such as automatic doors.

## **9. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor provided a verbal update on the following:

- Provided an update on the latest TNRD development status updates
- Joined in a staff safety meeting with the District's outdoor workers.
- Attended the Kevin Falcon & Peter Milobar Meet & Greet event.
- Attended a contractor's BBQ at the Skateboard Park. Commended Dustin Doherty for his steadfast work on the project on behalf of the Skatepark Society.
- The Chamber of Commerce's All-Candidates Forum is scheduled for tomorrow at the Lions Hall. Doors open at 6pm.

## 10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

- a. Louise Lodge – As a candidate, held a meet & greet yesterday. One of the topics brought forward was regarding the Provincial Health Care and BC Ambulance issues. An idea presented was that the community host a ‘rally’ with media invited, where the Mayor could speak on behalf of the community. The Mayor answered that that is a good suggestion and provided an overview of the status updates he has received from both the Minister of Health and BC Ambulance spokespersons. He noted that he will bring it up at the TNRD Board Meeting with other member municipality representatives.
- b. Linda Ransome – Heard that our Health Centre may be closing indefinitely. If that’s true, how is this information being disseminated to the community and what is the staffing status of the Health Centre? Council answered that the District has not been notified of such a statement. At times, the Interior Health Authority (IHA) notifies the Mayor directly of an imminent closure due to staffing issue – e.g. an 8am notification that the clinic will be closed ‘that day’. The Mayor also noted that he will contact Interior Health for any available updates on the staffing issues. It was also noted that the Health Centre is an IHA facility and any IHA communications to the community should be disseminated by IHA. However, the District will stress to IHA the importance of a strong, public communication policy regarding any closures of Barriere healthcare & service facilities. Councillor Sabyan noted that the Barriere First Responders Society has voiced that they do not wish to seek the ability to transport patients.
- c. Linda Ransome – Has noticed the District of Barriere OCP hasn’t been updated as it shows that this town has three full-time doctors. When is the plan going to be updated? It was answered that this Council chose to hold off on the update that is due until after the election with the new Council. The process is a lengthy and expensive one that is very public input intensive and was felt that it would be more appropriate to wait for the new Council.

## 11. NEXT MEETING

- a. Regular Council Meeting & Public Hearing – October 17, 2022 @ 7pm

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by Councillor Kerslake that the meeting adjourn at 8:20p.m.**

**CARRIED**

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Mayor Ward Stamer

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Bob Payette, CAO