District of Barriere REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: Dec 5, 2022	File: 530.20/Rpts
To: Council	From: Bob Payette, CAO
Re: Administrative Updates	

CAO UPDATE:

Community Relations:

- CAO & Mayor continue to Meet with both IHA and the Doctors separately in town to try work through the issues surrounding the closures of the medical center in an effort to keep the emergency center open for normal operations. The next meeting scheduled for Dec 12.
- Met with local realtors Ms. Fennell, Ms. Chester, Ms. Campbell and Ms. Brown. Provided a general update on DOB plans and projects.
- Met with Chamber of Commerce Office Manager, Leanne Hamblin, who assisted with information for the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP)
- Met with Simpcw Band Administrator to discuss the long-term plan for Barriere Town Road and parks area. In addition, discussed the MOU and Protocol Agreement. Next steps would include CAO presenting to Simpcw Council in the near future.
- Mayor and CAO attended the TOTA Steering Committee meeting on Nov 23rd to complete the Destination Strategy for North Thompson & Nicola Valley Region.

Development Projects:

- The Leonie Creek Dam review continues with TRUE Engineering and is expected for Council review by December.
- LCIP Water Reservoir Project The purchase is completed, awaiting the review the funding available from TRUE and at that point consider the remaining buildout of the water system. Met with electrical consultant to review power requirements on sites.

Recreation & Community Services:

Competed the application for the Destination Development Fund for a possible grant to construct a campground in District parkland in 2023.

Public Works Manager:

Roads & Parks

- > Construction of the new warming hut/washrooms is now 70% complete.
- > Christmas lights have put up in the Fadear Park.
- > Holiday wreaths have been installed on the Barriere Town Road bridge.

<u>Utilities</u>

- > Sewer line cleaning and inspections was not completed due to weather and issues on highway.
- Interior health has rescinded the water quality advisory (re: the aesthetic manganese level) for Barriere Town water supply.

FINANCE OFFICER:

> Preparing for year-end financial reporting and documentation review.

CORPORATE OFFICER:

- > Attended the LGMA Corporate Officers Forum in Victoria.
- Along with Ms. Young, met with the map artist to go over some details of the artistic map rendering currently in process.

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