

District of Barriere
REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: February 14, 2022	File: 530.20/Rpts
To: Council	From: Bob Payette, CAO
Re: Administrative Updates	

CAO UPDATE:

Community Relations:

- Met with Fort Modular to discuss possible affordable housing locations in town.
- Met with Gary Forsyth to discuss next steps for his development build out phase 9.

Development Projects:

- Voyageur Country Wilderness Estates at Dixon Creek Rd Development DL 57 & DL 570, bulk water study is completed with copy sent to Mr. Delaney.

Utilities:

The new well can be connected to the system, commissioned and put into service with the PLC processor, now secured. DW 3 will undergo the commissioning process and once DW3 is commissioned and ready for service then the DW2 pump can be pulled and check valve / pump replaced. A new pump has been ordered for DW 2, the current replacement pump is undersized and will be shipped back to the supplier.

CORPORATE OFFICER:

- Today, (February 14, 2022) marks the first live-stream of the District of Barriere Council and Committee Meetings. Limitless AV completed the install and staff training last week. The system seems very user friendly and hopefully will enable all those wishing to watch/attend meetings virtually a convenient way to do so. The Zoom link will always be available on the District website under the meeting "Event" posting on the home page. If anyone has any questions regarding this new service, please contact the office.
- The new reception desk furniture is 80% installed with the remaining pieces expected to be completed by the end of the month. The space is much more user friendly, organized and COVID safety friendly.
- The District Office will be soon upgrading to a VoIP phone system. This now industry standard system not only allows for staff to be able to be responsive when working from home or out in the field without having to share personal cell phone information, but also will save the District over \$3,030 per year in phone bill charges. This change will not result in any down time or interruption of District services. All emergency analog and security lines will remain unchanged as a hardwired Telus lines.

**submitted for information*

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