

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday January 11, 2021 at 7:00pm
Via Zoom Audio-Conference, Barriere, B.C.

Present: Mayor Ward Stamer
Councillor Judy Armstrong
Councillor Al Fortin
Councillor Scott Kershaw
Councillor Rob Kerslake
Councillor Donna Kibble
Councillor Amanda Sabyan

Staff: Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
Chelsea Young, Finance Officer
Ian Crosson, Utilities Manager
Chris Matthews, Parks & Roads Manager

Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Stamer
Seconded by Councillor Sabyan
That Council approve the January 11, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Moved by Mayor Stamer
Seconded by Councillor Fortin
That Council adopt the minutes of a December 21, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a. Cathy McLeod, MP – Federal Update

Cathy McLeod, MP provided a verbal Federal update, noting that due to the pandemic, Canada does not have a finalized budget. COVID-19 vaccine procurement continues to be a priority and an app has been developed to give citizens a projected estimate on when they can expect to be able to receive the vaccine. The pandemic has significantly contributed to a 400-billion-dollar deficit this year. Canada now stares down a trillion-dollar National debt.

- b. Peter Milobar, MLA – Provincial Update

Peter Milobar, MLA provided a verbal Provincial update and noted that he is looking forward to tackling the challenge as the BC Liberal Caucus Critic for Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation and also House Leader for the Official Opposition.

4. BYLAWS

- a. District of Barriere Water System Bylaw No. 189 – adoption.
A Bylaw to regulate, prohibit, and impose requirements in relation to connection to and use of the waterworks system within the District of Barriere Water System Local Service Area.

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Kerlake

That District of Barriere Water System Bylaw No. 189 be adopted.

CARRIED

- b. Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 73, Amendment Bylaw No. 191 – 1st, 2nd & 3rd readings
Amendment to extend late payment penalty waiver due to pandemic w/attached Staff Report

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Fortin

That Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 73, Amendment Bylaw No, 191 be given 1st reading.

CARRIED

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Fortin

That Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 73, Amendment Bylaw No. 191 be given 2nd reading.

CARRIED

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Fortin

That Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 73, Amendment Bylaw No. 191 be given 3rd reading.

CARRIED

- c. Parkland Acquisition Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 192 – adoption.
A Bylaw to establish a Capital Reserve Fund to be used for the sole purpose of acquiring park lands.

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Fortin

That Parkland Acquisition Reserve Fund Bylaw No. 192 be adopted.

CARRIED

- d. District of Barriere Disposition of Louis Creek Industrial Park Parkland Bylaw No. 193 – 1st, 2nd & 3rd readings - w/attached Staff Report
A Bylaw to authorize the District of Barriere to dispose of surplus land dedicated as park by subdivision and place the proceeds in a reserve fund for the purpose of acquiring parklands within the District of Barriere.

The subject parkland is located in the Louis Creek Industrial Park on the south end of Enterprise Way. A detailed timeline of the process was provided which includes an Alternate Approval Process (AAP) to gain approval of the electors as required by legislation. Public Notice will be published in two editions of the local newspaper and on the District's website.

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Fortin

That District of Barriere Disposition of Louis Creek Industrial Park Parkland Bylaw No. 193 be given 1st reading.

CARRIED

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Fortin

That District of Barriere Disposition of Louis Creek Industrial Park Parkland Bylaw No. 193 be given 2nd reading.

CARRIED

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Fortin

That District of Barriere Disposition of Louis Creek Industrial Park Parkland Bylaw No. 193 be given 3rd reading.

CARRIED

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Fortin

That the Council:

- a) direct staff to carry out an alternative approval process to obtain elector approval for the Bylaw pursuant to section 269 of the Local Government Act;**
- b) establish the deadline for receiving elector responses as February 22, 2021;**
- c) establish elector response forms in the form attached to the report dated January 11, 2021 titled “District of Barriere Disposition of Louis Creek Industrial Park Parkland Bylaw No. 193”;**
- d) determine that the total number of electors of the area to which the approval process applies is 135; and**

e) direct staff to report the results of the alternative elector approval process to Council and if approval has been obtained, bring the Bylaw forward for adoption.

CARRIED

- e. Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 73, Amendment Bylaw No. 194 – 1st reading
Amendment of Utility Fees – Commercial dumpster, water, wastewater and administration.

The proposed changes were presented to Council for review. Due to the significant changes proposed, a Committee of the Whole Meeting for Monday, January 25th, 2021 at 5:15pm via Zoom Audio Conference was scheduled in order to facilitate in-depth discussion and debate prior to additional readings.

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Fortin

That Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 73, Amendment Bylaw No. 194 be given 1st reading.

CARRIED

5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. CVRIS Grant Application Submission – HY Louis Building – C. Matthews, Parks & Roads Manager

A new grant opportunity has become available in which the proposed Town Hall/Business Centre building project would qualify.

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Sabyan

That Council direct staff to submit an application for grant funding for 100% of the cost for the Building Rehabilitation of Town Hall/Business Centre in the Downtown Core through the Covid-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream.

CARRIED

- b. Siska Wastewater Treatment Plant UV Replacement – I. Crosson, Utilities Manager

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Fortin

That two (2) UV replacement units for the Siska Wastewater Plant be purchased for \$8,134.42 plus applicable taxes and that the funds come from Gas Tax Reserves.

CARRIED

c. Trans Mountain Community Benefit Program – C. Matthews, Parks & Roads Manager

As previously reported, KinderMorgan has granted funds to the District's Parks Department for various park upgrades, trail linkages, skate park construction, as well as the provision of planting of trees around town. Staff presented plans to install playground equipment in Bradford and Oriole Parks, install solar LED lighting, benches & a bike rack in Community Park, additional solar LED lights in Fadear park and town entrances and to complete the construction of the skate park.

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Kerlake

That Council direct staff to proceed with the purchase and installation of the various items listed in the Phase 1 project summary outlined in the report titled 'Trans Mountain Community Benefit Program' dated January 11, 2021.

CARRIED

d. NTACS re: Insurance Coverage Request – B. Payette, CAO

Councillor Armstrong declared a conflict of interest as an employee of NTACS and left the meeting at 9:30pm.

The Society's Office Manager has reported that this year, NTACS' liability insurance premium has dramatically increased. This increased cost is not something the organization can afford and will potentially put the programming, including the After School Program, at risk. NTACS has requested that, in addition to the \$21,450 annual funding provided by the District, that the Society be brought under the District's insurance umbrella of the Municipal Insurance Association (MIA). The cost to do so is approximately \$2,000 annually. An agreement review with NTACS will be necessary should Council approve this funding.

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Fortin

That Council direct staff to proceed to add NTACS to the Districts MIA Liability Insurance and review the current agreement.

CARRIED

e. CAO Update – B. Payette, CAO
Submitted for information

The CAO provided an overview of the written departmental updates.

6. PROCLAMATIONS

None scheduled.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a. For Information

b. For Action

None submitted.

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

a. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal update on the following:

- The annual Community Christmas Dinner hosted by the Chamber, facilitated delivery of 200 meals to local residents.
- Attended the NTFFRA's Holiday light display

b. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal update on the following:

- The North Thompson Museum is undergoing archive and record cataloguing.
- Attended the NTFFRA's Holiday light display

It was noted that each member of Council and many staff attended and enjoyed the Fall Fair's Holiday light display and fundraiser.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal update on the following:

- As publicly announced by Interior Health and SD73, there has been confirmed exposures of COVID-19 in both Barriere's Senior and Elementary schools. Additional confirmed cases have been reported in neighbouring Chu Chua.
- Will be participating in a TNRD Board Meeting on Thursday
- A DoB facility tour has been scheduled for Council next Monday.

10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

None presented.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

None presented.

12. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Fortin

That Pursuant to Section 90(1)(c)(e)(k) of the Community Charter, that the public interest requires that persons other than Council Members and required staff be excluded from the meeting and that Council continues the meeting in closed session to discuss confidential matters at 10:00p.m.

CARRIED

13. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The meeting reconvened into open session at 10:30p.m.

14. NEXT MEETING

- a. Closed Session – Monday, January 18, 2021 @ 5:15pm
- b. Committee of the Whole Meeting – Monday, January 25, 2021 @ 5:15pm
- c. Regular Council Meeting – Monday, January 25, 2021 @ 7pm

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Kerslake that the meeting adjourn at 10:32p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Ward Stamer

Bob Payette, CAO