

District of Barriere
REPORT TO COUNCIL

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

CAO UPDATE:

Community Relations:

- Ongoing meetings with Gary Forsythe to discuss COVID project proposals and the build out Phase 9, zoning and the Ridge Trail project.
- Ridge Trail Project, met with adjacent land owners to discuss the project.
- Met with Mr. Frank Quinn Principal with A&T Developments and Simpcw Resources Group (SRG) CEO to discuss the cancellation of the YCS affordable housing project, and potential for options to develop the area. There has been no further communications with YCS this past few weeks.
- The new owners of DeeJay Park continue to discuss project options for housing, and they are reviewing options for servicing the property.
- CAO attended the open house with MLA Milobar, with Mayor Stamer and Counselor Armstrong, April 19th.

Development Projects:

Voyageur Country Wilderness Estates at Dixon Creek Rd Development DL 57 & DL 570, Mr. Delaney has submitted his updated application for a phased in strata development including information indicating his proof of water for approval, and the subdivision of park land, this has triggered a revised PLA for the developer to meet all of the required subdivision requirements including covenants on the land title. Staff are working with the Developer to reconsider the location of Dixon Creek Rd boundary lines.

Protective Services:

Fire Chief's Report

- During the 1st quarter the department has responded to:
 - 10 recue calls
 - 8 fire calls
 - 4 medical & public assist calls
- The department held 2 open houses to look for new recruits for spring and have had 3 new members come on board and should have 1 more starting this week. The firefighters that have been working on their 1001 Firefighter training have now completed all the written tests and are just

preparing for the hands-on practical portion of the testing to be done later this spring. This testing is done by an outside source.

- The team has been working hard and continue to check in on each other as they have attended to 4 fatality calls this year. There are resources in place to be brought in when needed during these times.
- Deputy Ive & Chief Wohlgemuth are already preparing the team for the upcoming fire season. Forest fire training is on the agenda for April & May.
- The TNRD has separate contracts for fire service delivery with multiple Municipalities and First Nations within the region. However, due to the nature of when each service was created, coupled with the evolution and ongoing complexities of fire service delivery, an overall evaluation is required. As such, the TNRD has engaged in the services of Dave Mitchell and Associates for the purposes of reviewing how the fire service delivery is currently contracted, examine costs drivers and develop base metrics to ensure fairness, equity and transparency when establishing ongoing fees for fire protection services. Part of this process will require Dave Mitchell and Associates to contact every service provider to better understand the dynamics of each area. The project timeline is 14 weeks based on documentation request turn around and access to the respective Fire Chiefs.

Utilities:

- Work and clearing of trees was conducted on Dixon Creek Rd, in preparation for hydro seeding the banks along the road.
- Seasonal preparation was done at the parks, and more in-house street cleaning has been completed.
- The contracted street cleaner is scheduled for mid May.
- Fire Hydrant Flushing will be taking place April 25-29th.

FINANCE OFFICER:

- The 2022 Budget was approved at the March 14, 2022 Council Meeting.
- The Tax Rate and Financial Plan Bylaw 1st, 2nd, and 3rd readings are scheduled for this meeting.
- End year financial statements and report from KPMG are also scheduled for May 9th.

CORPORATE OFFICER:

- Bandshell Fridays – As things slowly start to open up during this pandemic, the ability to host music in the park events is once again feasible. The District's contracted sound engineer, Bill Fowler, is recovering from an accident but has indicated that he will be able to facilitate 3 bandshell Friday events (on top of Canada Day). As Council allocated funds for this prospect in the 2022 Budget, staff have begun the process of organizing these events so stay tuned for dates and further details in the coming weeks.
- Canada Day – Staff will once again be planning on the District's first in-person Canada Day event held at the Bandshell since 2019 prior to the pandemic. Bill Fowler has agreed to provide sound engineering services and staff will be coordinating the details which will hopefully include music, cupcakes, hot dogs and good weather.

**submitted for information*

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