

District of Barriere
REPORT TO COUNCIL

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| Date: May 1, 2023 | File: 530.20/Rpts |
| To: Council | From: Bob Payette, CAO |
| Re: Administrative Updates | |

CAO UPDATE:

Community Relations:

- Mayor, CAO and PW Manager met with MOTI and Dawson Construction representatives to discuss the upcoming road upgrades to Dunn Lake and road restrictions.
- Mayor and CAO met with Simpcw Chief George Lampreau and CAO Ronda Kershaw to discuss the Barriere Downtown long-term development and planning concept plans and crown land tenure application. Next opportunity will be to discuss the planning and development concepts at our Community to Community Meeting, planned for May 2, 2023

Development Projects:

- CAO met with Renata King, Business and Economic Development Consultant with ETSI (Economic Development Trust Southern Interior), to discuss the ESTI grant application process and timelines. The application was submitted on time this past week and a meeting has been set up to review the application with ETSI in early May.

Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF)

- The CMHC has launched the HAF to accelerate the supply of affordable housing through an action plan process for municipalities. The primary objective is to create more supply of housing and to enhance certainty in the approval process. The CAO will start the review process and bring forward recommendations to Council at a future meeting.

Recreation & Community Services:

- Next Recreation Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2023 @ 3pm
- The Rec Committee has begun 'Participaction' event planning to take place in June.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER:

Roads & Parks

- Road repairs (patching & edges) listed in 2023 Road Maintenance Program completed.

- Dust control treatment completed on area gravel roads.
- Warming Hut concrete sidewalk and patio are slated to be installed this week.
- Ball field dugout replacement now 90% complete.
- Bradford Park solar lights have been installed.
- EV Charging Station installed and should be fully operational in the coming week.
- Mowing has commenced. Parks staff preparing areas for seeding. De-winterizing and re-instating irrigation systems in the parks.

Utilities

- A watermain break has repaired on Spruce Crescent.
- Fire hydrant flushing by staff continuing this week due to increased manganese from DW3.
- LCIP Reservoir construction slated to start this week. Piping and connections to customers 75% complete.
- Water restrictions remain at stage 1 for summer 2023 and a reminder and description of this stage is posted on the District website's homepage under "Local Notices". This will also be included in the tax mailing insert that is sent out in May.

Facilities

- Met with structural engineer at SAWRC to determine if re-purposing this building is feasible.

CORPORATE OFFICER:

- In anticipation of the taxation billing mail out that will be sent out in the second half of May, a general information insert is being included which reminds residents of the current water restrictions, billing info and payment options, as well as a quick note about the upcoming, June ParticipACTION challenge.
- Compilation of information for the Annual General Report has begun.

**submitted for information*

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