

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 7:00pm

Via audio-conference

*“We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples of Simpcw First Nation
within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.”*

Present: Mayor Ward Stamer
Councillor Judy Armstrong
Councillor Scott Kershaw
Councillor Rob Kerlake
Councillor Donna Kibble
Councillor Amanda Sabyan

Regrets: Councillor Al Fortin

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

Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Stamer
Seconded by Councillor Kerlake
That Council approve the May 17, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Moved by Mayor Stamer
Seconded by Councillor Kerlake
That Council adopt the minutes of a May 3, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a. Cathy Peters re: Strategies to Combat Human Trafficking

Ms. Peters provided an overview of human trafficking statistics in Canada and the Province of BC. She reiterated various strategies that communities can use to combat the human trafficking issue such as prohibiting common businesses used to facilitate the activity. She also requested a letter from Council be sent to the Premier and Solicitor General requesting funding be prioritized for Provincial law enforcement and a Provincial awareness campaign to help combat this important issue.

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Kershaw

That a letter be sent to Premier John Horgan and Mike Farnsworth, MLA requesting that the Province prioritize the problem of human trafficking in BC with an increase of funding, public awareness and enforcement.

CARRIED

4. BYLAWS

None scheduled.

5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Territorial Land Acknowledgement – B. Payette. CAO

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Kerlake

THAT, Council adopt a standard territorial land acknowledgement statement as presented as choice #2 and that that acknowledgement be added to Meeting agenda and minute documents from this day forward.

CARRIED

- b. Highway Welcome Signage – C. Matthews, Parks & Roads Manager

After hearing various ideas and comments during the last discussion regarding the planned highway welcome signage, Council was presented with a modified design for consideration. The sign's ideal height was questioned and it was suggested that the back of the sign include a "Thank you for visiting"-type message.

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Kerlake

THAT Council direct staff to confirm the proposed sign's size adequacy as well as include a design and cost for a message on the back of the sign and defer the matter to the next meeting.

CARRIED

- c. Outdoor Rink/Multi-Use Court Resurfacing – B. Payette, CAO

It was reported that the Barriere Outdoors Club has approached staff with a request to have the outdoor multi sports facility re-surfaced. The Club has conducted preliminary research into a new surface that would see the asphalt covered with a new layer and top-coated with an all-weather sports rubberized paint called Plexipave.

The quote received from Tomko Sports out of Vancouver estimates that the repairs would cost approximately \$50,000. Like the upcoming playground updates, the COVID

funds could be used to support outdoor sports and recreation, in a safe and socially distanced environment thereby giving families an outlet for activities and exercise.

**Moved by Mayor Stamer
Seconded by Councillor Sabyan
That Council direct staff to proceed with resurfacing the outdoor multipurpose facility utilizing available COVID funding up to \$50,000.**

CARRIED

- d. CAO Update – B. Payette, CAO
**Submitted for information*

The CAO provided an overview of the written departmental update report.

6. PROCLAMATIONS

None scheduled.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. For Information
- b. For Action
 - i. Jill Munro re: Request of assistance with fighting Province issued fine.

A letter was reviewed from Jill Munro describing her incident at the Vancouver Airport and subsequent Provincial fine of \$3,450 for not adhering to the mandatory hotel quarantine period upon re-entry to Canada. Ms. Munro felt she qualified for an exemption and that the fine is unwarranted. She requested a letter from Council to assist in her appeal to the Province and Federal Government.

**Moved by Councillor Armstrong
Seconded by Mayor Stamer
That a letter be sent to the appropriate governing representative respectfully requesting a review of Jill Munro's case.**

CARRIED

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

No reports presented.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported that he participated in various TNRD Board and Committee Meetings and that the TNRD has created a new Policy Committee to review the various policies of the organization.

10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

None presented

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

None presented

12. NEXT MEETING

- a. Council to Council Meeting with Simpcw First Nation – Tuesday, May 18th, 2021 @4pm
- b. Regular Council Meeting – Monday, June 7th, 2021 @ 7pm

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Kerlake that the meeting adjourn at 8:30pm

CARRIED

Mayor Ward Stamer

Bob Payette, CAO