

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers at Municipal Hall
4936 Barriere Town Road, Barriere, B.C.

*"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 Al Fortin
Councillor Rob Kerslake
Councillor Scott Kershaw
Councillor Donna Kibble
Councillor Amanda Sabyan

Staff: Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer

Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 7pm.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Kibble

That Council approve the January 9th, 2023 Regular Council Meeting & Public Hearing Agenda.

CARRIED

2. PUBLIC HEARING – Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 224

Re: RZ-22-04 CLA, 4818-4824 Annelly Rd

Moved by Councillor Kershaw

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

That Council recess the Regular Council Meeting and convene into a Public Hearing at 7:02pm.

CARRIED

A Public Hearing opening statement was read by the Mayor and the Corporate Officer provided an overview of the rezoning application and all public comments received prior to the public hearing:

- Jeanne Lockhart (via email) – expressed support for the proposed housing project.
- Roy Tattersall (via email) – expressed support for the proposed housing project as there is a need for this type of housing in the community for seniors looking to downsize.
- Brad Thiele (via email) – Believes this project will enhance Barriere's overall quality of life and would be proud of Council if they show support for the non-profit based initiative that will help the community's elderly.
- Victor Moldovan (via email) – Welcomes the initiative as such a project provides a housing option for parents and grandparents. Expressed the opinion that should the

project be approved, it would be a sign that Council supports a healthy, vibrant community.

- Wade Allen (via hand delivered letter) – Believes it is a great idea as simple rentals are needed in the community.

Ms. Buchanan reported receiving a verbal concern regarding septic fields utilized by seniors' specifically due to medication concerns and, in the opinion of the resident, it could affect the town's water source.

Referral Comments Received:

- Simpco First Nation – Requested that a service agreement for a field assessment be signed with them before any disturbance of soil.
- Interior Health Authority (IHA) – Reported an overall support of the project for it provides much needed housing in the community and supports Barriere's Official Community Plan goals. IHA suggested that the applicant consider shade trees to help keep homes cooler in extreme heat events.

After the Mayor called for public comments, the following statements and questions were presented by those appearing in person or online:

- Janet Lanoville (in person) – Expressed her opinion that the proposal is a very good idea and needed in the community.
- Dennis Redford (in person) – Explained that as a retired wastewater professional, he has concerns regarding medication disposal into septic fields as it will make its way to the river and town water source. He stated his belief that the local government should invest in a traditional, town-wide, sewer system. He isn't opposed to seniors housing in principal, however, he believes it should be on a municipal sewer system.
- Al Fortin (online) – Will the wastewater system of the development be turned over to the municipality to operate and maintain once construction is completed? Answer from staff: No, just as with any private septic field, the system will remain a private system which is owned by, and is the responsibility of, the property owner.

The Mayor called an additional two times for any further public comments. No further comments were presented.

Moved by Councillor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor McInnis

That the January 9th, 2023 Public Hearing adjourn at 7:20pm

CARRIED

3. **RECONVENE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** - *The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 7:20pm*

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

a. **Moved by Councillor Kibble**

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

That Council adopt the minutes of a December 19, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

5. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS – *None scheduled*

6. BYLAWS and POLICIES

- a. Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 224 re: RZ-22-04 – 2nd, 3rd readings & adoption

The Corporate Officer provided an overview of the draft bylaw. It was also reiterated that the wood-boiler currently on site, will not ever be used to heat the proposed rental units and that individual heat pumps are planned.

Discussion ensued.

- It was asked to the property representative present as to what the long range plan is for a maximum number of occupants is anticipated to be. Mr. Lockhart answered that the projection is a maximum of 24 people at full build out.
- It was asked if the plan was to construct one or two level units. Mr. Lockhart answered that the Church is planning on all ground level units as that has been identified as the need.
- What is the average size of each unit? Current plans are: 1015sq ft for the 2 bedroom unit and approximately 682sq ft for single units.
- Are applications for Church Membership only? First come, first serve: yes. But vacancies will be made available to other community members.
- What is the construction timeline? Mr. Lockhart answered that the Church is hoping to see ground break this year and added that all funding for the project is coming from personal donations from their membership and the community.

Moved by Councillor McInnis

Seconded by Councillor Kerslake

That Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 224 be given 2nd reading.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor McInnis

Seconded by Councillor Kerslake

That Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 224 be given 3rd reading.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Kibble

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

That Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 224 be adopted.

CARRIED

7. STAFF REPORTS

- a. CAO Update – B. Payette, CAO

**Submitted for information*

The CAO provided an overview of the written report.

8. **PROCLAMATIONS** – *none submitted*

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a. For Information

b. For Action

i. Frank Caputo, MP – Meeting Request

It was agreed that Frank Caputo, MP, be invited to attend a January 11, 2023 meeting at 3 p.m.

ii. Christine Falk – Letter of Support request re: Skull Mountain Trail Maintenance Project

Moved by Councillor Kershaw

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

That a letter of support be provided to the NT Chapter of Backcountry Horsemen for their Skull Mountain Trail Maintenance Project.

CARRIED

10. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

a. Councillor McInnis provided a verbal report on the following:

- Participated in the first two Recreation Committee Meetings.

b. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal report on the following:

- Attended the NTFFRA Community Dinner.
- Participated in the first two Recreation Committee Meetings.
- Attended the SRG TimberMart Ribbon Cutting.
- Will be away until March but plans on participating in meetings virtually.

c. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:

- Just before Christmas, her 3rd foster child passed away due to overdose. He was in his early 30s. The issue is real and is local.
- Volunteered with the NTFFRA Christmas Light-up.

d. Councillor Kerslake provided a verbal report on the following:

- Kamloops RC Flying Club Vice-President has been invited to contact staff as he was approached regarding any opportunities in the area.
- Attended the NTFFRA Christmas Light-up.

e. Councillor Kershaw provided a verbal report on the following:

- OLDS, Alberta – their local government backed a 21 million investment to support internet which ended up with the loan being called back and is now in receivership.

- f. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal report on the following:
- Participated in the first two Recreation Committee Meetings.
 - Attended SRG TimberMart Ribbon Cutting.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Icy road conditions continue, including within the TNRD in and around the Eco Depot.
- Thanked Insight Tire for the tire provided to replace the flat one found on the stolen, now recovered, DoB utility truck.
- Thanks to all those in the community who volunteered with the Community Christmas Dinner.

12. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

- a. Ms. McCastle - What's happening with Physician Recruitment and IHA Health Centre issue? Staff provided the last meeting's minutes that include the review of the public meeting Council had with IHA on December 19th.
- b. Al Fortin – Theft is once again an issue in Barriere. A resident has started a Facebook page, Interior Community Watch, and who is starting to post the profiles of “known thieves” in the community. Mr. Fortin asked that Council bring this shocking information to the meeting with MP Caputo on Wednesday as these individuals are getting free reign by our broken criminal justice system.
- c. Ms. Rilcoe – Expressed winter road maintenance concerns on side streets and near Senior Centre.
- d. Ms. Rilcoe – Inquired as to the HY Louis Building plans. The CAO provided a summary of the grant application the District of Barriere has submitted for an Economic Development Centre utilizing that building in our downtown core.

13. NOTICE OF MOTION – *none presented*

14. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Kerslake

Pursuant to Section 90(1)(l) 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 8:20p.m.

CARRIED

15. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The meeting reconvened into open session at 9:15 p.m.

16. NEXT MEETING

- a. Regular Council Meeting – Monday, January 23, 2023 @ 7pm

17. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Kerslake that the meeting adjourn at 9:20 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Ward Stamer

Bob Payette, CAO