

District of Barriere

# REPORT TO COUNCIL

<b>Date:</b> March 20, 2023	<b>File:</b> 530.20/Rpts
<b>To:</b> Council	<b>From:</b> Bob Payette, CAO
<b>Re: Administrative Updates</b>	

## **CAO UPDATE:**

### **Community Relations:**

Simpcw First Nation has postponed the Council to Council meeting originally scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup> until **March 28 @ 4:00pm in Chu Chua** to discuss the Crown Land Tenure Application and the 5-year Capital project plan.

### **Development Projects:**

The Leonie Creek Dam option review continues. We have completed the dam breach assessment at Leonie Lk Dam. The findings were included in the grant application that was recently submitted under the CEPF program. The findings suggest that there are roads that have been washed out during dam breach and several buildings within the Leonie Creek floodplain are inundated in a breach scenario. As such, we are not anticipating that the dam failure consequence rating can be reduced. The Disaster Risk Reduction grant application for the ongoing assessment work was submitted in February.

#### Next steps:

- 1) Await funding from CEPF Grant application.
- 2) Complete the dam decommissioning **study** which will include stakeholder consultation. Upon completion, either seek funding for decommissioning of the structure, or to complete the formal dam safety review.

LCIP Water Reservoir Project – Borrow Enterprises out of Clearwater was awarded the contract to install the new reservoir, with the best bid. The construction has started and the schedule has been established, permits in place with Work Safe BC.

Our grant application to the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) for Application # 2022110127 - HY-Louis Building Refurbishment was approved for 1M, congratulations to Council for keeping this dream alive.

#### Next steps:

- 1) Submit an executed agreement with Rural Development BC
- 2) Establish a working Committee
- 3) Confirm plans and designs for the building

## **Recreation & Community Services:**

- Next Recreation Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 3:00pm.
- A Participaction Grant has been obtained in the amount of \$5,000. The Rec Committee will begin planning for a community, healthy participation event to take place in June.

## **PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER:**

### Roads & Parks

- The New asphalt crack-fill equipment has arrived.
- Completed an updated seasonal road maintenance program, for 2023.
- Pothole repairs were completed this reporting period, at various locations.
- Wildfire monument gazebo construction has been completed. Carvings are getting refinished for installment by end May. Storyboard layout is ongoing in collaboration with Jill Hayward. The Rec Committee will be planning a formal ribbon cutting ceremony in the summer.
- Warming hut interior has been painted, the lighting/plugs/switches installed and pumping fixture installation is planned for install this week.

### Utilities

- In the process of updating our Water System Emergency Response Plan.

### Facilities

- Started planning and initial design ideas for renovating HYL building.

## **FINANCE OFFICER:**

- The District has received a one time Growing Communities Fund grant of 1.316M geared towards one-off costs needed to build required infrastructure.
- The Annual Audit is underway.

## **CORPORATE OFFICER:**

- The artistic rendering of the map of Barriere is coming along nicely. This draft (*attached*) is NOT final as there are certainly some adjustments that need to be made (such as the river that looks like it runs behind Dixon Mountain Rd.). Once the map gets to a point that Council is happy with the rendering, we can forward it to the Chamber of Commerce for their insight and promote some business features to help recoup some of the cost of the project. Council will have final approval of the map once completed.

*\*submitted for information*

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