

**DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on Monday, May 24, 2022 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 Rob Kerslake
Councillor Al Fortin
Councillor Scott Kershaw
Councillor Donna Kibble
Councillor Amanda Sabyan

Staff: Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
Chelsea Young, Chief Financial Officer – *via Zoom*
Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager

Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Fortin
Seconded by Councillor Sabyan
That Council approve the May 24, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
That Council adopt the minutes of a May 9, 2022 Regular Council Meeting

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None Scheduled

4. BYLAWS and POLICIES

- a. Water System Bylaw No. 189, Amendment Bylaw No. 219 - adoption

**Moved by Councillor Fortin
Seconded by Councillor Sabyan
That Water System Bylaw No. 189, Amendment Bylaw No. 219 be adopted.**

CARRIED

5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Investments – C. Young, Finance Officer

Moved by Councillor Fortin

Seconded by Councillor Kerlake

That Council direct staff to invest up to \$250,000 into an 18-month term deposit at the new interest rate; and that \$200,000 not be re-invested and instead be withdrawn in November 2022 when it comes to term.

CARRIED

Chelsea Young left the meeting at 7:18pm

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

The ongoing parking issue on Yard Rd was discussed.

6. PROCLAMATIONS

None submitted.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. For Information
- b. For Action
 - i. UBCM 2022 Resolutions & Provincial Ministry Meetings

Staff will request appointments with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI), Ministry of Health, Solicitor General and BC Housing at the 2022 UBCM Conference. Resolution drafts will be presented by staff to Council for consideration at a future Council Meeting.

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Participated in the Barriere Farmer's Market on behalf of the Museum – the Museum is still actively looking for a summer student.
 - Organizations that have been provided a planted at Fadear Park are: Barriere Blooms, Lions, Catholic Church, Youth Soccer and Food Bank – there is one more planter available for any interested organizations.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Participated in a TNRD Board Meeting and Policy Committee Meeting.

10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

- i. Letter to Minister Adrian Dix from Debbie Stamer and Heather Eustache re: Ambulance Response in Barriere

Debbie Stamer reported that due to the recent change of the BCEHS, it has resulted in last 9 shifts she's had, she's been directed to work from Kamloops, leaving Barriere with no ambulance coverage during those shifts. BCEHS also repeatedly denies requests from the Barriere Ambulance Station for a satellite phone which members feel is a safety issue. In March, also due to the changes outlined in the correspondence, the Barriere RCMP had to transfer a drug overdose patient to RIH which then results in less police coverage in the area.

Moved by Councillor Fortin

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

That Council send a letter to the Minister of Health outlining the severe impacts Barriere and other rural communities are facing due to BCEHS' decision to require to have their Primary Care Paramedic (PCP) when, in the past, the local EMR's qualified for full-time positions.

CARRIED

11. **NOTICE OF MOTION** - *None presented.*

12. NEXT MEETING

- a. Regular Council Meeting – Monday, June 6, 2022 @ 7pm

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Kerlake that the meeting adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Ward Stamer

Bob Payette, CAO