

District of Barriere

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: January 9, 2023	File: 530.20/Rpts
To: Council	From: Bob Payette, CAO
Re: Administrative Updates	

CAO UPDATE:

Community Relations:

- CAO met with both Chamber of Commerce and Community Forest to advance the application for the Rural Economic Development Grant for the HYL building renovation. The CAO also worked with Councilor Kerslake to confirm construction costs and we also received quotes for electrical work to add to the strength of the application. CAO discussed the grant application with Regional Economic Manager, Myron Burns.

Development Projects:

- The Leonie Creek Dam review continues, new information from TRUE indicates that the preliminary findings of our assessment are such that the dam may be able to be changed to a *Significant Consequence* rather than a *High Consequence*. Staff will meet with TRUE this week to determine the next steps, including bringing information to Council.
- LCIP Water Reservoir Project – TRUE has completed the design for the Louis Creek water system project. The design drawings include all of the civil works needed to support the reservoir. In addition, TRUE has designed extension to the distribution system. Staff will meet with TRUE to review the information and bring information back to Council to build as much as possible for the budget available.
- Dixon Creek Notice of rezoning application signage is up as required. Staff met with WSP Engineering, Doug Randell regarding subdivision requirements.

Recreation & Community Services:

- Staff are looking into website design change options to separate *Meetings* from *Rec/Events* on the front page.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER:

Roads & Parks

- Construction of the new warming hut/washrooms is now 85% complete, with functioning door locks.
- Outdoor rink ice flooded and maintained.
- Winter trail seasonal maintenance continues.

Utilities

- MOE was onsite Nov 14th for an inspection of the Downtown sewer plant, there where a few follow-up questions report expected within a few weeks.
- Repair of air release valve on Barriere lakes Road completed.

FINANCE OFFICER:

- Preparing for 2023 Budget Development Process with all municipal department heads.

CORPORATE OFFICER:

- Various Policies and Bylaws continue to be reviewed in preparation for recommended updating.
- Participating as support for the new Recreation Committee & its Coordinator during the first few meetings. Ms. Modell has been very quick to learn and has proven to be exceptionally proficient in the role.

**submitted for information*

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