

District of Barriere
REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: June 7, 2021	File: 530.20/Rpts
To: Council	From: Bob Payette, CAO
Re: Administrative Updates	

CAO UPDATE:

Community Relations:

- Discussion with resident regarding road right of way and surveying location.
- Ongoing discussions with businesses and residents regarding new water fees
- Conducted first Barriere Health Table meeting with members in the local community within health and wellness
- Council and CAO met with Simpcw Council to discuss and update current regional projects. A goal date for a completed MOU was set for September of this year.
- Met with a local business owner regarding the new tiered water rates and the resulting impact.

Development Projects:

- Work continues on with developers in LCIP, Fort Modular has completed their site preparations and we are now working on the DP application. Lot 2, Mr. Ken Maher has now submitted his DP, staff will review the application and set up a date for Council to receive the application, Mr. Maher will present his DP in person. The park lot is now a legal property and can legally be sold. SprayAll, Lot 7 may be hosting TransMountain as a lay down area, we continue to work on their DP.
- Final well development and testing, April 27-29 the lower part of the screen was filled with concrete all went as planned, now moving towards connecting well into the water system. .
- Building permit applications are at 25 for 2021, with 7 new housing starts.
- Survey completed at the new Chevron gas station. Staff are awaiting for a survey results from TRUE Consulting.
- Dickson Creek AIA was submitted to the Archeological Branch and a copy of the report will be received by Simpcw as well.

UTILITIES MANAGER:

- Researched options for replacement of F-350 work truck. The best option being to replace the motor at cost of \$7,000 with a used engine or rebuilt engine for \$11,000. The truck is in good shape therefore a replacement engine will extend the life of the truck for approx.10 years. This expense is within CAO spending approval as a non-budgeted expense to utilities department. Staff suggest that during the next budget process, an annual figure be allocated for future replacement(s).

PARKS & ROADS MANAGER:

- Playground maintenance and upgrades, fall protection and new swings, for the Ridge playground are installed, with treated wood fiber as the protective base. Bradford playground installed, Oriole Park next week (with pea gravel).
- Flowers have been planted throughout town which was a team effort.
- Spray patching has been completed on Dunn Lake Rd, teacher subdivision & Airfield Road.
- BC Hydro streetlight replacement to LEDs is now completed and very few complaints have been received.

FINANCE OFFICER:

- Property Tax notices have been out. Staff are fielding a number of inquires regarding the new Provincial Home Owner Grant application process.

CORPORATE OFFICER:

- As per legislation, Notice will be advertised that the Annual Report & Annual Water Report are now ready for public inspection on the District's website and will be presented formally to Council at the June 21, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.
- Staff continue with plans for this year's Canada Day Celebration. The event will once again be a vehicle parade with the community's emergency vehicle fleets but with a proposed variation: Staff are suggesting that residents be encouraged to enter with their family vehicle or float and compete for 'best decorated' vehicle with a monetary prize. Funding for this event is covered by the District's annual Heritage Canada Grant.

**submitted for information*

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