

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

Held on Monday, May 15, 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 lands we are meeting today.”*

Present: Mayor Ward Stamer
Councillor Judy Armstrong
Councillor Scott Kershaw – *via Zoom*
Councillor Rob Kerslake
Councillor Donna Kibble
Councillor Louise Lodge
Councillor Colin McInnis

Staff: Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
Chelsea Young, Finance Officer
Jamie Mosdell, Rec Coordinator – *via Zoom*

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
That Council approve the May 15, 2023 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 1, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

CARRIED

3. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE

- a. May 3, 2023 Recreation Committee Meeting

**Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Kerslake
That Council sponsor up to \$850 for a bouncy castle rental for the August 25th,
2023 Interior Savings Moonlight Movie Night with the funds coming from the
Public Relations budget line item and waive the ball diamond & concession
rental fees for the event.**

CARRIED

4. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS** – *none scheduled*

5. **BYLAWS and POLICIES**

- a. Traffic & Road Safety Bylaw No. 226 – adoption

**Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Kerslake
That Traffic & Road Safety Bylaw No. 226 be adopted.**

CARRIED

- b. Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw 2023 -2027 No. 231 – adoption

**Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Kibble
That Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw 2023-2027 No. 231 be adopted.**

CARRIED

- c. 2023 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 232 – adoption

**Moved by Councillor Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Lodge
That 2023 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 232 be adopted.**

CARRIED

6. **STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Bulk Water Station – B. Payette, CAO

The CAO provided an overview of the written report. It was questioned as to what sort of revenue expectation was anticipated. The CAO answered that as of right now, the District is receiving near daily phone calls for bulk water. At present, staff can accommodate this request but can only fulfill requests for non-potable water and must be present to fulfill the order. The addition of an automated, self-serve system would have the benefits of reducing the drain on staff time, of providing potable water to not just local residents but to those in the area who may experience private well emergencies. In addition, the CAO explained, the exercise of the pump and flushing of the system will help extend the life span of the new LCIP reservoir, all while providing a value added service to the community. The expected revenue may at times prove profitable but this will likely fluctuate. The CAO noted that the driving force of this staff recommendation isn't profit driven but is a considered a valuable service that would benefit both residents and the District due to the anticipated reduction of maintenance requirements of the LCIP system.

Security concerns were discussed. It was also suggested that staff look into the feasibility of a partnership with the TNRD as the facility would also service those outside of the municipal jurisdiction.

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor McInnis

That Council direct staff to present a report outlining the potential revenue and cost sharing options for the proposed purchase and installation of a bulk water system to the LCIP water system.

CARRIED

b. CAO Update – B. Payette, CAO

**Submitted for information*

The CAO provided an overview of the written report. The following additions were verbally added:

- RCMP 150th Anniversary – The DoB has sponsored an ad in the Special Publication commemorating this milestone.
- Council was invited by the Seniors Society to their weekly walking program in Fadear Park that takes place Mondays and Fridays from 9:30am to 12pm
- The ParticipACTION kick-off party takes place on June 1st from 6pm-8pm in Fadear Park.
- Local MP, Frank Caputo, has requested to meet with any members of Council available on May 24th from 10am – noon.
- It was suggested that a Survey Monkey survey be created to ask the public their thoughts on the addition of a Columbarium to the District of Barriere Cemetery.

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Kerlake

That Council approve the Animated Map as presented.

CARRIED

7. **PROCLAMATIONS** – *none submitted*

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

a. For Information

b. For Action - *none submitted*

9. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

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

- The Amazing Race takes place this Sunday, May 28th

- Planning is underway for the Volunteer Fair – 15 Organizations have signed up so far to participate, including the Senior Secondary.
 - Participated in a meeting at Simpcw with Ms. Mosdell
 - ParticipACTION kick-off party - June 1st in Fadedear Park from 6pm-8pm
 - After participating in a 3-day course offered by the B.C. Wildlife Federation in Prince George called 'Becoming an Outdoors Woman' and seeing the success of the program in bringing many benefits to the community, she would like to discuss with BCWF the potential for Barriere & Chu Chua to host as a location for future events.
- b. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
- BlockWatch Group Meetings continue with the Birch Lane neighbourhood currently having 26 members.
 - The Museum is hosting a Demonstration Day in June
- c. Councillor Kerslake provided a verbal report on the following:
- Attended the meeting with Simpcw on May 2nd.
 - Met with CAO regarding the former HY Louie Building. Design drawings will be ready in 4-6 weeks for Council review. A negotiated RFP model is recommended when ready for that process.

10. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Participated in the meeting with Simpcw on May 2nd.
- Participated in a Rec Committee Meeting & HY Louie Building Working Group Meeting.
- The Fire Chief has initiated a Fire Ban within the District of Barriere
- Met with Minister Fleming held jointly with Mayor Blackwell of Clearwater:
 - Enforcement Stats – 1540 speeding infractions were recorded over just 3 months
 - Enhancements planned for rumble strips
 - Signage installation additions planned for the Fish Trap area
 - Highway 5 Overhead Signage for road conditions was discussed
 - An assessment will be done this summer regarding Variable Speed Corridor options

11. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

- a. Wim Houben – Feels the location of the Emergency Preparedness event was not a good choice and recommends having it in the AG Foods parking lot in the future.
- b. Al Fortin – Bulk Water Station: Valemount has one much like DoB staff have proposed and it works well.
Slash Pile behind the Cemetery: Believes it to be a fire hazard and suggested the District invest in a wood chipper, or pay to have it hauled away.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION – *none presented*

Councillor Kershaw left the meeting at 8:35pm

13. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Kerlake

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

That pursuant to Section 90(1)(e) 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 8:35p.m.

CARRIED

14. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The meeting reconvened into open session at 9:25p.m.

15. NEXT MEETING

- a. Regular Council Meeting, Monday, June 5, 2023 @ 7pm

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Kerlake that the meeting adjourn at 9:26p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Ward Stamer

Bob Payette, CAO