

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

Held on Monday, September 20, 2021 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 Scott Kershaw
Councillor Rob Kerlake
Councillor Donna Kibble
Councillor Amanda Sabyan

Regrets: Councillor Al Fortin

Staff: Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer

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

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A late entry item titled “Barriere & Area Literacy Awareness Week – J. Hayward” was added to the agenda as item 3.

**Moved by Councillor Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Sabyan**

That Council approve the September 20, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. **Moved by Councillor Sabyan
Seconded by Councillor Kerlake
That Council adopt the minutes of a September 7, 2021 Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting.**

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a. Barriere & Area Literacy Outreach – Jill Hayward

**Moved by Councillor Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw**

That Council approve a grant in the amount of \$500.00 to Yellowhead Community Services for the Barriere & Area Literacy Outreach 2021 Campaign and that the funds come from the Council Grants line item.

CARRIED

Mayor Stamer and Councilor Kershaw indicated a personal donation of \$100.00 each. Councillor Kibble noted that she is volunteering to man a fundraising table at the AG Foods.

4. BYLAWS

None scheduled.

5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Mobile Home Property Tax Write-Off – C. Young, Finance Officer

Ms. Buchanan provided an overview of the written report on behalf of the Finance Officer.

Moved Councillor Sabyan

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

THAT Council direct staff to request for Provincial approval to write-off the past due balance on MHP Folio #1390.270 and further, THAT Council direct staff to prepare a Mobile Home Property Tax Write-Off Policy for consideration at a future Council Meeting.

CARRIED

- b. YCS Affordable Housing – B. Payette, CAO

The CAO provided an overview of the written report and indicated that it is the recommendation of TRUE Engineering that 'option 2' be pursued by Council. Mr. Payette also indicated that the projected expense of \$40,000 - \$50,000 indicated in the report, could be offset through the sale of the land

Moved by Councillor Sabyan

Seconded by Councillor Kerlake

That Council direct staff to commit to Option 2 outlined in the report for the provision of sewer services and that the offset funding required be taken from the resulting sales of the land.

CARRIED

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

The CAO provided an overview of the written report. Additional comments noted were presented as follows:

- The meter pit for Carmen Smith's property will be going in approximately during the first week of October. The cost range for this service is estimated between \$5,000 to \$10,000.
- The Fire Chief and department personnel have suggested a modified version of the annual, Halloween fireworks display in light of the ongoing pandemic. Chief Wohlgemuth is suggesting a drive-in function to adhere to COVID safety protocols. Past budgets for this event have historical budgets of approximately \$1000 to cover firework expenses.
- HY Louis building – It was suggested that a Committee of the Whole Meeting be scheduled for discussion of possible options for a future Town Hall building, including alternatives.

Moved by Councillor Sabyan

Seconded by Councillor Kershaw

That a Halloween, Drive-in Fireworks display hosted by the Fire Department be scheduled for October 31, 2021 and THAT Council approve the expenditure of up to \$1,100.00 for Fireworks from Council Grants.

CARRIED

6. PROCLAMATIONS

- a. Rail Safety Week September 20 – 26, 2021

Moved by Councillor Sabyan

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

Whereas Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 20 to 26, 2021;

Whereas it is in the public's interest to raise citizens' awareness of the dangers of ignoring safety warnings at level crossings and trespassing on rail property to reduce avoidable deaths, injuries and damage caused by incidents involving trains and citizens;

Whereas Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

Whereas CN has requested City Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries I communities, including our municipality;

THAT Council resolve to support National Rail Safety Week to be held from September 20th to 26th, 2021 in the District of Barriere.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a. For Information

**Moved by Councillor Kerlake
Seconded by Councillor Sabyan
That a letter of support be provided to the Ministry of Forests, Lands,
Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development regarding the
requested transfer of Tenure Agreements from Interfor to Simpcw.**

CARRIED

b. For Action

None submitted.

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

a. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal update on the following:

- NTACS has received notification that the block booking of the gym has been approved by SD73.

b. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal update on the following:

- Attended the Ted Smith memorial dedication in Fadear Park as Acting Mayor on Sunday.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal update on the following:

- Along with the CAO, the Mayor participated in the meetings scheduled with MOTI, BC Hydro and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing as part of this year's UBCM Virtual Convention. Highway access, intersection and road condition concerns were voiced at length.

10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

None presented.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

None presented.

12. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Kerlake

Seconded by Councillor Kibble

That pursuant to Section 90(1)(c) 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 8:15p.m.

CARRIED

13. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The meeting reconvened into open session at 9:45p.m.

14. NEXT MEETING

- a. Committee of the Whole Meeting – Monday, October 4, 2021 @ 5pm
- b. Regular Council Meeting and Public Hearing – Monday, October 4, 2021 @ 7pm

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Kerlake that the meeting adjourn at 9:45p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Ward Stamer

Bob Payette, CAO