

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

Held on Monday, April 22, 2024 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 Kerslake  
Councillor Donna Kibble  
Councillor Louise Lodge  
Councillor Colin McInnis

Staff: Tasha Buchanan, Acting CAO  
Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager  
Jamie Mosdell, Recreation Coordinator

*Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 7pm.*

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Kerslake  
Seconded by Councillor Lodge  
That Council approve the April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Kerslake  
Seconded by Councillor Lodge  
That Council adopt the minutes of an April 8th, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

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

**4. BYLAWS and POLICIES**

- a. District of Barriere Water System Bylaw No. 189, Amendment Bylaw No. 240 \*a bylaw to add prescribed watering restrictions during a Provincial Drought Level Response that applies to the District of Barriere – adoption.

Ms. Buchanan noted the amendment to the draft bylaw that was requested by Council to remove “Level 4” and replace with “Level Response” and noted that regardless of the drought level set by the Province, water conservation stages are made at Council’s discretion which is reiterated within the bylaw.

**Moved by Councillor McInnes  
Seconded by Councillor Lodge  
THAT the District of Barriere Water System Bylaw No. 189, Amendment Bylaw No. 240 be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

- b. DRAFT Growing Communities Fund Reserve Bylaw No. 241 – *\*a bylaw to establish a Reserve Fund for capital and planning purposes of the Community Growth Fund – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> readings.*

Ms. Buchanan reported that in March of 2023, funding in the amount of \$1.316 million dollars for water and other related projects was received from the Province. A Reserve Fund must be established by bylaw as per the terms of the funding stream.

Options for how the funding could be used will be presented at a future meeting for Council consideration.

**Moved by Councillor Lodge  
Seconded by Councillor Kerlake  
That the Growing Communities Fun Reserve Bylaw No. 241 be given 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> readings.**

**CARRIED**

- c. DRAFT Financial Plan Bylaw 2024 – 2029 No. 242 – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> readings.

**Moved by Councillor Kerlake  
Seconded by Councillor Lodge  
That the Financial Plan Bylaw 2024 – 2029 No. 242 be given 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> readings.**

**CARRIED**

- d. DRAFT 2024 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 243 – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> readings.

Ms. Buchanan reviewed the tax rates that have already been approved by Council and noted that the bylaw must be adopted by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Moved by Councillor Kibble  
Seconded by Councillor Lodge  
That the 2024 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 243 be given 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings.**

**CARRIED**

## 5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. CAO Update – T. Buchanan, Acting CAO

The Acting CAO provided an overview of the written report.

## 6. PROCLAMATIONS – *none submitted*

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. For Information – *none submitted*
- b. For Action – *none submitted*

## 8. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Kershaw provided a verbal report on the following:
  - Noted that Skull Mountain trails are well used in the South area, and that it would be nice to see more traction on the North side.
- b. Councillor Kerslake provided a verbal report on the following for the BBC project:
  - Interior painting completed.
  - The drop ceiling has been completed.
  - Flooring completed.
  - Parking lot paving completed. Parking space lines to be done this week.
  - All lights, switches, and receptacles have been installed.
- c. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
  - Preparing museum for opening
- d. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal report on the following:
  - Keeping busy with Recreation Committee planning.
  - Met with North Thompson Communities Foundation..
  - Noted that horse trails on Skull Mountain were re-mapped and will be included in the Destination Barriere magazine.

## 9. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Participated in a number of TNRD Meetings including a Solid Waste Committee Meeting.

## 10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES – *none submitted*

- a. Wim Houben – Reported that a Community Policing Group will be taking place at the Police Station on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

11. **NOTICE OF MOTION** – *none presented*

12. **NEXT MEETING**

- a. CLOSED Council Meeting, Wednesday, April 24, 2024 @ 5pm
- b. CLOSED Council Meeting, Monday, April 29, 2024 @ 5pm
- c. Regular Council Meeting, Monday, May 13, 2024 @ 7pm

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councillor Armstrong that the meeting adjourn at 7:50pm**

**CARRIED**

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Mayor Ward Stamer

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Tasha Buchanan, Acting CAO