

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

Held on Monday August 16, 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 Al Fortin  
Councillor Scott Kershaw  
Councillor Donna Kibble  
Councillor Amanda Sabyan

Regrets: Councillor Rob Kerlake

Staff: Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer  
Chelsea Young, Finance Officer

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

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Sabyan  
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong  
That Council approve the August 16, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

a. Moved by Councillor Sabyan  
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong  
That Council adopt the minutes of a July 12, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

**3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

*None presented.*

**4. BYLAWS**

a. Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 206 – 1<sup>st</sup> reading  
*A bylaw to rezone six-acre parcel, 5044 Barriere Town Road, from Residential Multi-Family (RM) to Residential (R).*

It was noted that the applicant's overall plan should the rezoning be successful, is to develop five, one acre lots that will each accommodate their own, private septic system. Access and infrastructure planning occurs within the separate subdivision process.

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan**

**Seconded by Councillor Fortin**

**That District of Barriere Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 206 be given 1<sup>st</sup> reading and that a Public Hearing be scheduled for September 7, 2021.**

**CARRIED**

## **5. STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Section 57 Notice on Title – 713 Barriere Lakes Road – G. Allgaier, Building Inspector

Staff outlined an ongoing, non-compliant property use and building bylaw issue that dates back to 2017. The property is being occupied without a valid building or occupancy permit and contains unpermitted structures. Registration of a Section 57 Notice on title was recommended.

The property owner of 713 Barriere Lakes Road was in attendance to speak on the matter and cited an intention to comply with the Zoning and Building Bylaws, however, due to the pandemic and personal matters, a building permit has not yet been able to be obtained. The owner requested a deadline extension.

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan**

**Seconded by Councillor Kibble**

**That Council consider a notice to be filed on the Title of 713 Barriere Lakes Road, Lot 11, District Lot 1482 KDYD, PLAN 20740 EXCEPT Parcel A, shown on PLAN E14280, PID 007-741-065 in accordance with Section 57 of the Community Charter on September 7, 2021 should the property remain in non-compliance at that time.**

**CARRIED**

- b. 2021 Louis Creek Budget Adjustment – C. Young, Finance Officer

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan**

**Seconded by Councillor Armstrong**

**That \$1,000 be transferred from the Louis Creek Reserve Account to the Louis Creek Advertising line item in order to balance the 2021 budget.**

**CARRIED**

- c. 2020 Budget re: Asset Adjustments – C. Young, Finance Officer

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan**

**Seconded by Councillor Kibble**

**THAT**

1. That \$3,809.00 be transferred from the 2020 Riverwalk Wastewater budget back to General Surplus.
2. That \$3,911.35 be transferred from General Surplus to balance the 2020 SAWRC Budget.
3. That \$30,302.83 be transferred from Water Reserve to balance the 2020 Water Budget.
4. That \$67,121.23 be transferred from Roads Reserve, \$11,226.00 from Environmental Reserve and \$4,363.09 from General Surplus to balance the 2020 General Operational Budget.

**CARRIED**

- d. Development Permit Application DP-21-02 Mahar – T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan**

**Seconded by Councillor Fortin**

**That Development Permit Application DP-21-02 Mahar be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

- e. Development Permit Application DP-21-03 JB – T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan**

**Seconded by Councillor Fortin**

**That Development Permit Application DP-21-03 JB be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

- f. Development Permit Application DP-21-04 Hard Six – T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan**

**Seconded by Councillor Kibble**

**That Development Permit Application DP-21-04 Hard Six be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

- g. CAO Update – B. Payette, CAO

*\*Submitted for information*

The CAO provided an overview of the written report and noted that the appraisal for the road portion behind the Chevron station came in at approximately \$20,000.

**6. PROCLAMATIONS**

*None scheduled.*

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

### a. For Information

Langley City – Letter to Premier Horgan re: Improvement to Pre-Hospital Care System

The Mayor elaborated on this Provincial change and how it appears it could negatively impact the District of Barriere's Paramedic response.

**Moved by Mayor Stamer**

**Seconded by Councillor Sabyan**

**WHEREAS** local governments have been raising concerns of long delays with ambulance response time and First Responders responding to increasing number of Medical emergency Service Alarm (MESA) calls due to lack of inadequate number of ambulances being available.

**WHEREAS** the recent heat wave exacerbated the shortcoming of the pre-hospital care system which created unacceptable delays in ambulance response time.

**WHEREAS** First Responders had to respond to extraordinary number of Medical Emergency Service Alarm (MESA) calls during the recent heat wave and endured unreasonable delays in response time by the ambulance to release them from the calls.

**WHEREAS** First Responders play an essential role in the pre-hospital care system and in supporting BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) with the delivery of the quickest possible response to patients requiring time-critical care.

**WHEREAS** the Auditor General of British Columbia's report, published in February 2019, on Access to Emergency Health Services provided recommendations to make transformational changes to the pre-hospital care system.

**WHEREAS** Health Minister Adrian Dix announced on July 14, 2021 to improve ambulance response time by providing funding for 85 new full-time paramedics, 30 fulltime dispatchers, 22 new ambulances, and converting 22 rural ambulance stations to 24/7 ALPHA stations.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Province of BC and BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) immediately allocate the funding to improve ambulance response time; and to improve coordination with fire departments to support consistent application of medical standards, information sharing, an integrated dispatch system, and improvements to patient care as recommended in the Auditor General report.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Minister Dix take concrete actions to treat First Responders as an equal and integral partner of the pre-hospital care system with adequate support (e.g. training) and resources (e.g. cost recovery) in order to achieve this goal; and that this motion be forwarded to Premier John Horgan.

**CARRIED**

b. For Action

*None submitted.*

## 8. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal report on the following:
  - NTACS Summer Camp Program has been paused due to the Evacuation Alert.
- b. Councillor Fortin provided a verbal report on the following:
  - The Barriere Legion has reopened.
- c. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
  - This year's annual Fall Fair Event will once again be a drive thru event with the ongoing pandemic.
  - Attended a Women's in Trade Program event held via TRU and Barriere Chamber of Commerce.
  - Barriere Blooms 2021 Judging has been completed. No children entries were received. Therefore, it was suggested that the \$100 prize money slated for this award be added to an additional \$50 for a 3-way split with the remaining three entries that didn't place in the competition. Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> - Bev Botkin, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Barb Morris, and the NTFRA for best Business/Organization display.

## 9. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Was unsuccessful in the Federal Conservative Party Lead race but thanked everyone for their support.
- The next TNRD Board Meeting has been cancelled.

## 10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

Wim Houben – Q: Chu Chua has produced an initial response crew. Would Barriere be interested in doing one as well?

*A: A TNRD Task Force Committee has been created which the Mayor will be sitting on, where various program development including initial response crews, will be discussed*

## 11. NOTICE OF MOTION

*None presented.*

## 12. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan**

**Seconded by Councillor Armstrong**

**That pursuant to Section 90(1)(l) 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 8:45pm.**

**CARRIED.**

**13. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**

*The open meeting reconvened at 9:00pm*

**14. NEXT MEETING**

- a. Regular Council Meeting & Public Hearing – Tuesday, September 7, 2021 @ 7pm

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Kershaw that the meeting adjourn at 9:10p.m.

CARRIED

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Mayor Ward Stamer

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Bob Payette, CAO