

District of Barriere

# REPORT TO COUNCIL

<b>Date:</b> March 22, 2021	<b>File:</b> 530.20/Rpts
<b>To:</b> Council	<b>From:</b> Bob Payette, CAO
<b>Re: Administrative Updates</b>	

## **CAO UPDATE:**

### **Reminders to Council:**

Office closed during Easter weekend (Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Monday April 5<sup>th</sup>)

### **Community Relations:**

- District was successful in receiving a grant for relocating the wildfire monument under the Tourism Dependent Community Fund for \$24,490.
- Mayor and CAO met with Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief to discuss ongoing operations and look at any future infrastructure planning that could be done in the event of grant opportunities, the following items were considered; the Association will start to fundraise for new rescue response vehicle, look into provincial stand by rates for assets such as the old tanker that we may keep specifically for wild fire support, future requirement for an additional bay or two, contact forestry services regarding response times in area and protocols, conduct a building efficiency review, Fire Chief to look at fire hazards assessment review in District, newspaper article reminding residents of the Fire Bylaw.

### **Development Projects:**

- **Louis Creek Lot 4 and 14:** Final completion of sales are pending final PID from land registries.
- Working on a number of technical items with Mr. Chris Delaney, as we move forward with his Development Application for the DL Strata property development, staff are reviewing the updated information.
- Met with Mr. Gary Forsyth to discuss Phase 6 & 7 of Glentanna including reviewing PLAs and utilities design

## **UTILITIES MANAGER:**

- DW3 well screen air jetting underway and communication with Drillwell is showing positive result. Pumping test to resume immediately following. We are still on Bradford park PW1 well for another few weeks, however we are pushing upwards of 1000m<sup>3</sup> a day and the well is not getting its continuous recovery time. DOB website has been updated with this extension information.
- A planned power outage from BC Hydro has been advised for April 11 2021 with an expected duration of 4 hours, that will effect all of Barriere and LCIP. This will have a huge bearing on the utilities department which will require overtime hours and additional staffing to keep all the systems running.
- Paul Amos recently completed the WT2 upgrade course with MTS and is scheduled to write the examination. Congrats to Paul.
- In accordance with the District's newly adopted Water System Bylaw No. 189, proposed Temporary Water Use and Fire Hydrant Use Permit fees have been included in the presented draft Fees & Charges Bylaw Amendment No.198 for consideration.

## **PARKS & ROADS MANAGER:**

- Grading was completed on Dixon Creek Road, Birch Lane, Bandshell Road, and the lane behind the post office.
- PW staff have completed some sweeping in the downtown area and along BTR.
- Front Counter BC cost to amend the point of diversion for our water license for irrigation purposes is \$1000. We have also sent correspondence to Simpcw regarding this proposal to use the Barriere River as an irrigation source. Planned tree planting will be held off until there is a sufficient water supply for irrigation.
- Solar lights, benches, and bike racks for our park upgrades have arrived and will be installed by parks staff as soon as possible.
- An agreement with Barriere Grocers has been made to construct a trail from the end of Power Road to the Bike Park on BTR. Trail construction will commence in the next few weeks.
- 2021/22 Winter Roads Maintenance Service contract was officially awarded to Borrow Enterprises Ltd. of Clearwater.

## **LEGISLATIVE SERVICES MANAGER:**

- Interior Health has notified the District that a community wide COVID-19 vaccination will take place after the 80+ and 65+ First Nation groups have been done in Phase 2. The expected dates and location for the drop-in appointments is as follows: Barriere Seniors

Hall from April 22 – 30 (not including the Saturday and Sunday, which will be closed).  
Times will be 9:30am – 3:15pm.

Official Public Notice will be made by Interior Health.

- As previously reported at the last Council meeting, the TNRD has notified staff of upcoming proposed changes to their collection program regarding commercial corrugated cardboard. The first proposed change, if approved by the Board, will see a cessation of the acceptance of corrugated cardboard as disposal (in regular garbage disposal). During a staff information session provided by the TNRD, it was clarified that by “*commercial corrugated cardboard*”, it is meant corrugated cardboard that is collected by commercial haulers. The District of Barriere is considered a “Commercial Hauler”, therefore this proposed change includes residential curbside collection along with commercial business collection.

Thankfully, due to the District of Barriere’s proactivity regarding its Recycling collection program, most corrugated cardboard disposed of by both residential customers and commercial businesses, is disposed of within the many structures located around town for that purpose. Large pieces of corrugated cardboard is not accepted curbside and residential customers are already used to taking this material to the structures around town or to the Eco-Depot itself. Smaller pieces are already accepted within the paper product stream in their curbside tote therefore, the amount of corrugated cardboard included in regular garbage bags is likely very minimal. That said, community education regarding this change is important to ensure that the District does not exceed the threshold that will result in fines and ultimately, higher collection fees. The TNRD has committed to providing aid in this process with various education materials that the District can utilize.

As previously mentioned, the TNRD is at the beginning stage of this plan’s development. The proposal is set to be presented to the TNRD Board in the late spring. Should the proposal be adopted by the Board, the change will be implemented in January 2022. From January to May 2022, the maximum threshold for corrugated cardboard found in regular disposal will be 25% and after June, it will reduce to 10%. Should the threshold be exceeded, the proposed fine is a doubled tipping fee. At present, the TNRD’s regular disposal rate is \$80/tonne.

*\*submitted for information*

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