

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – 2023 BUDGET *1st review
Held on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 5:30pm 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 Louise Lodge
Councillor Colin McInnis

Staff: Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
Chelsea Young, Finance Officer
Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager

Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Kerlake
Seconded by Councillor Lodge
That Council approve the March 6, 2023 SPECIAL Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Kibble
Seconded by Councillor Kerlake
That Council adopt the February 27, 2023 SPECIAL Council Meeting Minutes.

CARRIED

3. 2023 BUDGET DISCUSSION (*2nd review) – C. Young, Finance Officer

The Finance Officer provided an overview of the draft 2023 budgets that include the suggested changes from Council’s 1st review on February 27th. Key items noted are as follows:

Draft 2023 Budgets:

- i. LCIP Budget – no changes were made
- ii. Riverwalk Budget – no changes were made

iii. Downtown Wastewater System Budget

- The CCTV Sewer Camera purchase was increased by \$5,000 on this budget.

iv. Siska Budget – no changes were made

v. Water Budget

- Repair & Maintenance Sand Media Filters for \$12,000 was added.
- Reduced the transfer to Reserve to total \$98,067.22.

vi. General Operational Budget

- \$5,000 was added as anticipated donation revenue to the Recreation budget.
- The revenue still outstanding from 2022 for Sundry Revenue- Fire was input at \$15,782.00
- Staff were given direction to add an additional \$1,500 to Professional Services line item for EOS training support.
- The Economic Development expense line item was able to be reduced as a whole from last year as these tasks are currently being undertaken by administrative staff
- Road Services- Asphalt repair was increased from \$30,000 to \$60,000
- Transfer to Gas Tax reserve was increased to \$266,932.00 to match the revenue received.
- Transfer to General Surplus was increased by \$56,325.93

Moved by Councillor McInnis

Seconded by Councillor Kershaw

That staff be directed to prepare an amendment to the District’s Fees & Charges Bylaw to reflect the 2% fee increase to the water, solid waste and wastewater utility base rates.

CARRIED

vii. Tax Implications

The following potential tax implications for various property assessments that reflect the resulting 5% tax increase currently included in the draft 2023 budget was presented as follows:

2023 Tax Revenue \$1,014,774.07	2017 Muni Taxes at 2.5 Multiple Bus Class	2018 Muni Taxes at 2.5 Multiple Bus Class	2019 Muni Taxes at 2.5 Multiple Bus Class	2020 Muni Taxes at 2.5 Multiple Bus Class	2021 Muni Taxes at 2.5 Multiple Bus Class	2022 Muni Taxes at 2.5 Multiple Bus Class	2023 Muni Taxes at 2.5 Multiple Bus Class	Difference
Property #1 1215162								
2017 Assessment 315,200	1,120.79	1,205.44	1,087.31	1,154.55	1,186.36	1,342.47	1,344.55	2.08
2018 Assessment 312,200								
2019 Assessment 338,700								
2020 Assessment 367,800								
2021 Assessment 397,200								
2022 Assessment \$542,000								
2023 Assessment \$599,000								
Property #2 1470262								
2017 Assessment 213,600	759.52	1,041.51	1,281.86	1,408.12	1,400.22	1,466.07	1,537.55	71.48
2018 Assessment 290,100								
2019 Assessment 371,600								
2020 Assessment 418,300								
2021 Assessment 468,800								
2022 Assessment \$591,900								
2023 Assessment \$686,000								
Property #3 1390048								
2017 Assessment 103,400	367.67	355.07	379.11	376.01	343.48	354.19	422.30	68.11
2018 Assessment 98,900								
2019 Assessment 109,900								
2020 Assessment 111,700								
2021 Assessment 115,000								
2022 Assessment \$143,000								
2023 Assessment \$188,400								
Property #4 Industrial 1245462								
2017 Assessment 2,922,000	37,923.59	36,556.76	38,880.85	37,327.72	32,214.97	24,612.08	23,309.14	(1,302.94)
2018 Assessment 3,086,000								
2019 Assessment 3,088,000								
2020 Assessment 3,038,000								
2021 Assessment 3,088,000								
2022 Assessment \$2,914,000								
2023 Assessment \$3,057,000								
Property #4 Business 1245642								
2017 Assessment 257,900	2,292.60	2,455.72	2,414.70	2,406.89	3,085.22	1,923.67	1,899.95	(23.72)
2018 Assessment 276,000								
2019 Assessment 280,000								
2020 Assessment 286,000								
2021 Assessment 283,000								
2022 Assessment \$317,000								
2023 Assessment \$346,000								

4. CAPITAL PLAN & RESERVES REVIEW

The CAO provided an overview of the written report and reminded Council that many of the planned capital projects are dependent on the District being successful in its grant application for sewer and water line upgrades in the downtown core. Mr. Payette stressed the importance of this anticipated project and cautioned on any major spending planning until this project is underway.

5. PUBLIC INQUIRIES – *none presented*

6. NEXT MEETING

Regular Council Meeting - Monday, March 20th, 2023 at 7pm

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Kerlake that the meeting adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Ward Stamer

Bob Payette, CAO