

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, February 3, 2025 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: Acting Mayor Colin McInnis
 Councillor Judy Armstrong
 Councillor Scott Kershaw – *via Zoom*
 Councillor Donna Kibble
 Councillor Louise Lodge – *via Zoom*

Staff: Daniel Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer
 Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
 David Alderdice, Finance Officer
 Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager
 Alexis Hovenkamp, Fire Chief

Acting Mayor McInnis called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Kibble
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
That Council approve the February 3, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Moved by Councillor Kibble
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
That Council adopt the minutes of the January 13, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS – none scheduled

4. BYLAWS and POLICIES

- a. Council Procedure Bylaw No. 251 – adoption
*w/attached staff report

The CAO reported that no changes have been made to the draft bylaw since Council had provided its first three readings. Legislative notice has been advertised as required and one member of the public has contacted staff to suggest that the new time change of Council meetings may conflict with dinner times of the general public. No other comments have been received.

**Moved by Councillor Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Kibble
That Council Procedure Bylaw No. 251 be adopted.**

CARRIED

- b. DRAFT 2025 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 252 – 1st, 2nd & 3rd readings
*w/attached staff report

**Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw
That 2025 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 252 be given 1st reading.**

CARRIED

**Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw
That 2025 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 252 be given 2nd reading.**

CARRIED

**Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw
That 2025 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 252 be given 3rd reading.**

CARRIED

- c. DRAFT Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 253 – 1st, 2nd & 3rd readings
*w/attached staff report

**Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw
That Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 253 be given 1st reading.**

CARRIED

**Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw
That Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 253 be given 2nd reading.**

CARRIED

**Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw
That Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 253 be given 3rd reading.**

CARRIED

- d. DRAFT Policy No. 54FI – Fire Department Remuneration Policy - adoption
*w/attached staff report

**Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
That Policy No. 54FI – Fire Department Remuneration Policy be adopted.**

CARRIED

**Moved by Councillor Kibble
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
THAT Council rescinds Policy No. 38 – Fire Department Remuneration.**

CARRIED

- e. DRAFT Policy No. 55FI – Asset Management Policy – adoption
*w/attached staff report

**Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
That Policy No. 55FI – Asset Management Policy be adopted.**

CARRIED

**Moved by Councillor Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Kibble
THAT Council rescinds the Asset Management Policy dated December 12, 2016,
and related Asset Management Strategy dated December 12, 2016.**

CARRIED

5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Department Updates – Department Heads
**submitted for information*

Staff provided an overview of the written report. The CAO added that the Robson and North Thompson Forestry Coalition is having a meeting on March 12, 2025 and have invited a member of Council to sit on the Board to replace ex-Mayor Stamer who was the previous representative. Councillor Lodge noted her willingness to attend.

- b. 2023 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) – CAO

**Moved by Councillor Kibble
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
THAT Council accepts and approves the statements and schedules included in the
2023 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) as presented.**

CARRIED

- c. SCADA System Installation – C. Matthews, Public Works Manager

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

THAT Council instructs Staff to implement a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system from Exceed Electrical Engineering for the Water and Wastewater systems utilizing COVID-19 relief funds and estimated at up to \$110,000.

CARRIED

6. **PROCLAMATIONS** – *none scheduled*

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. For Information

- b. For Action

- i. 2025 SILGA Call for Resolutions w/attached Letter to Province from City of Merritt re: Burden of Delinquent Taxes

Moved by Councillor Armstrong

Seconded by Councillor Kibble

THAT a letter be sent to the Deputy Finance Minister in support of the City of Merritt's request to the Province regarding the Burden of Delinquent Taxes.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Armstrong

Seconded by Councillor Kibble

WHEREAS the current *Community Charter* allows for taxpayers to become delinquent on their property taxes over a period of three years;

AND WHEREAS the *Local Government Act* further exacerbates the collection of taxes for an indefinite number of collection years regarding mobile homes;

AND WHEREAS property tax arrears significantly impact the operating capacity of municipalities thereby forcing significant tax increases or limits to essential services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government revise the *Community Charter* by reducing the number of years a property owner can be in arrears on their property tax;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Provincial Government implement a province-wide, cost-effective solution for municipalities to recover taxes owed by mobile homes; and revise the *Local*

Government Act and other related Acts, such as the *Manufactured Homes Act*, accordingly.

CARRIED

- ii. Simpco First Nation – support request for with establishing Bag and Tag depot within the District of Barriere.

Location possibilities were discussed and a concern for children safety was mentioned if the freezer would not be locked. General support for the program was voiced.

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Completed First Aid Course renewal
 - Volunteered at the annual Teddy Bear’s picnic in partnership with Barriere Learning and Literacy.
- b. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Barriere Elementary School was welcomed to the Museum as part of their Heritage Fair program.

9. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

- a. Wim Houben – Mad Hatter’s Tea Party date correction: March 8th, 2025.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION – *none presented*

11. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Kibble

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

That pursuant to Sections 90(1)(c)(e) 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 7:10p.m.

CARRIED

12. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING – *the meeting reconvened into open session at 8:15p.m.*

13. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION (*if required*)

14. NEXT MEETING

- a. Regular Council Meeting, Monday, February 24, 2025 @ 5:30pm

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Armstrong that the meeting adjourn at 8:15p.m.

CARRIED

Acting Mayor Colin McInnis

T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer