

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – 2022 BUDGET

Held on Tuesday, February 21, 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 Rob Kerslake
Councillor Donna Kibble
Councillor Louise Lodge – *via Zoom*
Councillor Colin McInnis

Regrets: Councillor Judy Armstrong
Councillor Scott Kershaw

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

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

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Kibble
That Council approve the February 21, 2023 SPECIAL Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. 2022 FINAL BUDGET REVIEW AND DISPERSAL OF FUNDS – C. Young, Finance Officer

The Finance Officer provided an overview of the 2022 Budget standings.

a. LCIP 2022 FINAL BUDGET

(CERIP) Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program grant funds for the LCIP Reservoir were received and work has started on the project, back up power supply generator was delivered and will be installed in 2023.

Moved by Councillor Kibble
Seconded by Councillor Kerslake
THAT Council transfer the surplus of \$14,724.30 on the LCIP budget to LCIP Reserve.

CARRIED

b. RIVERWALK 2022 FINAL BUDGET

The Flygt mixer failed, however we had one in stock and were able to get the old one refurbished for half the cost of a replacement.

Moved by Councillor Kibble

Seconded by Councillor Kerslake

THAT Council transfer \$3,951.04 from Gas Tax to cover the remaining balance of capital repairs & upgrades and the remainder of the surplus of \$17,871.62 back to General surplus.

CARRIED

c. SAWRC 2022 FINAL BUDGET

Preliminary consulting started for the grant application with the ICIP Grant (Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program) for the downtown sewer upgrade. RIB repairs were successfully completed.

Moved by Councillor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor Kibble

THAT Council transfer \$6,822.65 from Gas Tax to cover the remaining balance for the RIB repair and pumps for capital function at SAWRC, and the surplus of \$7,316.35 back to General surplus.

CARRIED

d. SISKA 2022 FINAL BUDGET

A backup power supply generator received. Install in 2023.

Moved by Councillor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor Kibble

THAT Council transfer \$4,863.68 Siska surplus back to General surplus.

CARRIED

e. WATER 2022 FINAL BUDGET

Consulting fees were higher than budgeted due to the GARP study at deep wells, the Leonie dam breach and bulk water supply study. The remainder of the work for the new well was completed.

Moved by Councillor Kibble

Seconded by Councillor Kerslake

THAT Council transfer \$137,627.83 from gas tax to cover the remainder of the expenses for the DW3 well, and the remaining surplus of \$44,492.56 to the water reserves.

CARRIED

f. GENERAL OPERATIONAL 2022 FINAL BUDGET

The fire department received funds to cover the expenses of the fire calls to the few house fires that occurred & the development of the aerial map of Barriere has started. We are starting to see a decrease in BC Hydro lighting charges due to the installation of new LED lights and a conceptual planning exercise along with an emergency management meeting took place to assure all procedures were up to date

Council noted that they would like to see how many hours are spent/expensed for in-house snow removal. Staff will report these findings during the 2023 budget process.

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Kerslake

THAT Council transfer \$16,410.00 to Fire reserve from Insurance refunds & \$10,359.00 for un-used training funds, \$2,539.81 from Fire reserve that was 2021 previous years un- used grant funds, \$12,500 from General Surplus for the sewer portion of the Asset Management grant, \$7,362.47 from Parks reserve to cover the expenses under the TM project plan, \$6,374.20 from Electronic Equip Reserve to cover the purchase of computer expenses, and \$126,827.01 to General Surplus.

CARRIED

3. **PUBLIC INQUIRIES** – *none presented.*

4. **NEXT MEETING**

SPECIAL Council Meeting re: **2023 BUDGET** (*1st review) – February 27, 2023 @ 5:30pm

SPECIAL Council Meeting re: **2023 BUDGET** (*2nd review) – March 6, 2023 @ 5:30pm

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Kerslake that the meeting adjourn at 6:25p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Ward Stamer

Bob Payette, CAO