

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, December 19, 2022 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 Scott Kershaw
Councillor Rob Kerslake
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 7pm.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

*At the request of the District, representatives from Interior Health (IHA) were added to the agenda as item **4a – IHA re: Barriere Health Clinic & Physician Recruitment Q & A.***

Moved by Councillor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor Kershaw

That Council approve the December 19, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Moved by Councillor McInnis

Seconded by Councillor Kibble

That Council adopt the minutes of a December 5, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

a. December 7, 2022 Recreation Committee Meeting

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor McInnis

THAT Council approve the Recreation Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

CARRIED

4. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a. IHA re: Barriere Health Clinic & Physician Recruitment Q & A – via Zoom
Lisa Zetes-Zanatta - Executive Director Clinical Operations, Interior Health Authority
Dr. Douglas Smith - Executive Medical Director, Clinical Operations Northern Interior Health

Ms. Zetes-Zanatta introduced herself to Council and the public in attendance and provided an overview of the recent challenges Barriere has been facing in regard to its walk-in Health Centre. She reiterated that it is a priority of IHA to ensure that this service is not permanently lost to Barriere but its re-opening is contingent on physician availability. In the interim, she stressed that for all severe and acute issues, patients should call 911 to ensure transportation for care in Kamloops or Clearwater.

Dr. Smith introduced himself as well and was pleased to report that there has been some success in the effort to replace outgoing Dr. Roman. A physician has committed to start practice in Barriere and is set to arrive sometime in the summer of 2023. Active recruitment of a third physician is still underway.

It was asked that Dr. Smith explain what the “Active Recruitment Program” for rural communities looks like. It was answered that the program consists of incentives for permanent physicians and Locums that include travel, accommodation, stipends, remuneration. The program also incorporates an increase in stipend across the board for General Family Practitioners, Alternate Payment Contracts (more flexibility), and number of other rural programs that provide incentives.

Ms. Zetes-Zanatta summarized IHAs commitment to enhance their communication regarding walk-in care availability or lack thereof to the residents of Barriere and area. She also reported that a panel clean-up & review will be done to have a better understanding of the level of care needed in the area and stressed their understanding of the importance for their support of physician recruitment to ensure Barriere’s needs for robust capability for walk-in care availability are met.

5. BYLAWS and POLICIES – *None scheduled*

6. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Council Extended Benefits – C. Young, Finance Officer
**Submitted for information*

The CFO provided an overview of the report including the various options available to Council members in regard to Extended Benefits available to members of Council.

Chelsea Young left the meeting at 7:45pm

- b. Rural Economic Diversification & Infrastructure Program (REDIP) Fund – B. Payette, CAO

Moved by Councillor McInnis

Seconded by Councillor Kerslake

THAT Council authorize the submission of a grant application, for up to \$1,200,000 to the REDIP-ED with an 80/20 financial split for the renovation of the HYL Building.

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- c. CAO Update – B. Payette, CAO
**Submitted for information*

The CAO provided an overview of the written report and added that within the Emergency Response & Evacuation planning training & overview, as reported, that a gap has been identified by staff: Recovery Planning. This is something staff will be working on going forward in the new year.

Council was also reminded that the District Office is closed over the holidays as of Monday, December 26th and will reopen on January 3, 2023 at 8:30am. Utility services will not be disrupted.

7. PROCLAMATIONS - *None submitted.*

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. For Information
- b. For Action
- i. SILGA 2023 Vernon – Attendance & Call for Resolutions

9. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Kershaw provided a verbal report on the following:
- Attended the District of Barriere (DoB) and Simpcw's Holiday Parties.
- b. Councillor Kerslake provided a verbal report on the following:
- Attended the Barriere Christmas Tree Light-up
 - Attended Simpcw Christmas Party
- c. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
- Has been volunteering at the Christmas Light-Up at the North Thompson Fall Fair grounds.
- d. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal report on the following:
- Participated in the 1st Recreation Committee Meeting and was nominated as Chair
 - Volunteered at the BSS Christmas Dinner event
 - Attended Breakfast with Santa
 - Attended the DoB Christmas Party
- e. Councillor McInnis provided a verbal report on the following:
- Attended the Simpcw First Nation Christmas Party
 - Participated in the Breakfast with Santa with his family.

10. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Volunteered as a Lions Member for the Breakfast with Santa where approximately 140 breakfasts were prepared.
- Attended the LNCFS Christmas Supper
- Attended the DoB Christmas Party
- Participated in many meetings with IHA, Doctors and BC Ambulance
- Participated in TNRD & Regional Health Board Meetings

11. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

- a. Stan Thompson – Truck Driver and lives in Barriere: Explained that his Commercial semi truck is quieter than his personal pick-up truck and asked where he should park when want to stop and eat at the Station House? He also asked why doesn't the District build the road to support the weight of commercial trucks and expressed that he wants to boycott PetroCan if the owner doesn't want to accommodate a commercial truck pass-through on his property.
- b. Naomi Fox – Works at the Station House: Explained that patrons of the restaurant with big semi-trucks have parked on side of Yard Rd. for 25 years. Since the barricades have gone up, she claims they have lost 50% of their business. With COVID losses, this is not a loss they can sustain and feels that the municipality should ensure there is adequate parking for the restaurant which supports commercial truck drivers.
- c. Dennis Lacey: Feels that if Petro-Can doesn't allow flow-through traffic over his property, that it creates an emergency access issue and with the new concrete barriers on the shoulder, emergency vehicles could now be restricted.
- d. Dean Mackley: Expressed that a good percentage of A & W's business consist of truckers and wondered how the business will accommodate the parking of tourists with motorhomes.

Answers and comments provided by Council & staff were noted as follows:

- The four businesses on Yard Rd. were consulted and notified of the upcoming change earlier this year.
- One of the reasons for the change was due, in part, from a request from a property owner wishing to protect their infrastructure & parking lot from the ongoing, excessive damage that has been occurring.
- Another reason for the change was due, in part, to the recent \$100,000 rehabilitation to the road & shoulder of Yard & Conner roads which are severely impacted by the weight of fully loaded commercial vehicles. The road and the material underneath the road, are not meant to support such high loads.
- There had been complaints by motel customers and, from time to time, the previous hotel management, of overnight commercial vehicles and idling.
- The empty, unpaved parking lot beside the Station House that is owned by the motel, was closed by the previous owner due to dust control/maintenance disputes of other users.
- The change has been a phased approach and while the situation is complicated and may take time to fully resolve, the Crown land located on the other side of Station Road and Airfield, has been made available for truckers to use.

- DoB staff have been liaising with MOTI and the BC Truckers Association to brainstorm solutions to this issue.

12. **NOTICE OF MOTION** – *none presented.*

13. **NEXT MEETING**

a. PUBLIC HEARING & Regular Council Meeting – January 9, 2022 @ 7pm

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Lodge that the meeting adjourn at 8:42pm

CARRIED

Mayor Ward Stamer

Bob Payette, CAO