

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday, September 20, 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 – *via Zoom*
Councillor Al Fortin
Councillor Rob Kerslake – *via Zoom*
Councillor Scott Kershaw
Councillor Donna Kibble
Councillor Amanda Sabyan

Staff: Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
Chelsea Young, Chief Financial Officer – *via Zoom*

Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 7pm.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Fortin
Seconded by Councillor Sabyan
That Council approve the September 20, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Moved by Councillor Sabyan
Seconded by Councillor Kibble
That Council adopt the minutes of a September 6, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a. Barriere & Area Literacy re: Raise-A-Reader – Jill Hayward, President

Council congratulated Ms. Hayward

Moved by Councillor Fortin
Seconded by Councillor Kibble
That Council award a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$500 to the Barriere & Area Literacy 2022 Raise-a-Reader program.

CARRIED

4. **BYLAWS and POLICIES** - none scheduled.

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

- a. CEPF Disaster Risk Reduction Grant Resolution – C. Matthews, Public Works Manager

It was noted that if we don't get the funding, it is a project that will likely still need to move forward. Should the District not be successful in this application, staff will bring the matter back to Council for discussion.

Moved by Councillor Kershaw

Seconded by Councillor Fortin

That Council direct staff to submit an application for grant funding for 100% of the cost for the North Thompson River Floodplain Mapping of \$150,000 through the Climate Adaptation Funding Stream.

CARRIED

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

The CAO provided an overview of the written report and added that Ms. Jamie Mosdell, who has been hired as the District's new Recreation Coordinator, was online and was introduced to Council by the CAO.

6. **PROCLAMATIONS**

None submitted.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. For Information
b. For Action

None submitted.

Chelsea Young left the meeting at 7:38pm

8. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

- a. Councillor Fortin provided a verbal report on the following:
- Attended the 2022 UBCM Convention. One of the biggest take-a-ways he observed at the convention is the amount of downloading that will be put onto local governments from the various Ministries which he found frustrating and daunting.

This is particularly apparent with regard to wildfire mitigation and drug use legislation changes.

- b. Councillor Kershaw provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended a bike rally in Vernon which he felt may be something Barriere may want to take on at some point in the future.
- c. Councillor Kerslake provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended the 2022 UBCM Convention in which he attended a study session regarding Housing Solutions in which some startling facts were learned:
 - Out of 14,000 applications for affordable housing projects, only 2,000 have been approved so far. Canada is far behind the rest of the world in application processes in this regard.
 - Canada needs to add 26% to the work force and it was recommended that Canada and Provinces recognize foreign credentials or streamline the process for such approvals.
- d. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended the Terry Fox run event which had a great turn-out again this year.
 - Will be volunteering for this year's Raise-a-Reader fundraiser.
- e. Councillor Sabyan provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Has been busy answering various community questions regarding the upcoming election.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Attended the 2022 UBCM Convention in Whistler with Councillors Fortin & Kerslake along with the CAO. Some key take-a-ways noted were:
 - A promising idea from Squamish was low-income housing projects being added on top of schools rather than commercial spaces.
 - Participated in a number of Ministry meetings including with the Minister of Health, Adrian Dix.
 - "Who's paying road tax with electronic vehicles?" was a question asked by Councillor Fortin in which neither BC Hydro nor MOTI had an answer for.

10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

- a. Debbie Sherman, Michelle Rutsche, Louise Lodge, Marguerite Dodds, & Robert Veitch were given the opportunity to introduce themselves.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION – *none presented.*

12. NEXT MEETING

- a. Regular Council Meeting – October 3, 2022 @ 7pm

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Fortin that the meeting adjourn at 8:05p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Ward Stamer

Bob Payette

