

District of Barriere
REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: June 20, 2022	File: 530.20/Rpts
To: Council	From: Bob Payette, CAO
Re: Administrative Updates	

CAO UPDATE:

Community Relations:

- Met with Mr. Phil Ransome to discuss issues with ball diamond booking and availability by phone for booking the facilities, upgrades to dugouts and mowing of fields.
- We were able to hire Ms. Jamie Campbell as our PT Recreation Coordinator with a target to get the Recreation Committee up and running by August. We will have Ms. Campbell come and meet Council after the on-boarding process is completed.
- Met with Mr. Doug Garland to discuss ambulance services in Barriere and our letter that was sent off to the Ministry requesting more support for Rural services. I was also able to chat with Mr. Piper i/c with our local unit, and he is doing his personal best to keep the ambulances active and available in Barriere. We also discussed his availability for local upcoming community events such as Canada Day and Fall Fair, etc.

Development Projects:

- Voyageur Country Wilderness Estates at Dixon Creek Rd Development DL 57 & DL 570 - Mr. Delaney has now received his PLA documents (Preliminary Layout Approvals) which are valid for 1 year. Upon successful completion of all of the items within the PLA documents the submission of the final subdivision plans for registration with land titles can be approved. Staff will continue working with the developer to reconsider the location of Dixon Creek Rd boundary lines.
- In preparation for succession planning for our current building inspector, Mr. Gerald Allgaier and I met with a potential replacement for Gerald in the next few years as part of succession planning. We discussed the certification process, as well as some on the job training which would take a full year to complete.
- Charge North Level 2 EV Charging Station continues to move along through the project management stages. Mr. Matthews met with the EV charging station electrical contractor. They are hoping to start construction by August and have the unit installed by this fall.
- Canada Community-Building Fund Strategic Priorities Capital Infrastructure and capacity Building Stream Grant for BC has opened up a 3rd intake for applications. We will continue to submit our sewer upgrade project proposal for this grant application, as well, to confirm our commitment to getting this infrastructure up to standard, as per the MOE regulatory requirements. Deadline is end

of June, and staff will be working with TRUE on this submission process and a resolution will be coming to Council shortly.

- The Leonie Creek Dam review has started with TRUE. Staff have visited the site to keep an eye on the water levels, ongoing.
- LCIP Water Reservoir Project - TRUE has initiated the procurement process and pending a concrete cost on the reservoir. We can review the funding available and at that point consider the remaining buildout of the water system.
- Initiated a meeting with Crown Lands Regional Manager to discuss the process for applying for tenure of the 12 acre parcel in the down town core. Staff met with planning consultant from TRUE to start the Master Planning process of the lands around the parks in town, including the crown lands, and the HYL Building. The next steps in this process will be Council review and public consultation prior to Oct.

Protective Services:

- An emergency tabletop exercise for staff has been organized with Clearwater and Simpcw staff for June 23rd, to be facilitated by TNRD Manager of Emergencies.
- A busy few weeks for the first responders and FD on Hwy 5, with traffic pickup for the summer. Mayor Stamer has been in contact with MOTI to discuss traffic management plans, and emergency response support.

Utilities:

- The new truck and vehicle shelter is under construction and is 90% done.
- Backyard composting bins are being procured through the TNRD, with a plan to communicate sales to our residents.
- Flowers are up on the bridge.
- Splash pad is up and running. Some new water connection underway. We have 21 building permit underway this year.
- Grading of roads completed this past week.
- Keeping a close eye on Leonie lake levels.
- We were able to hire Mr. Robert Webb as casual support for PW operations.
- Continuing to run Bradford well weekly, 300 gpm into distribution with no adverse effects on water quality.
- Paul is installing redundant chlorination pumps for DW, to ensure backup of the CL2 injections.
- UVs were installed at Siska sewer plant. River walk is running very well. RIBs maintenance are scheduled for end June for 3 rehabs and 2 recommission.
- Back up generators, transfer switches are on order for end June with install slated for early July.
- On going cross training of PW staff in Utilities.

FINANCE OFFICER:

- The 2022 Tax Notices were mailed out last two week ago, residents continue to come in to confirm their payments with no glitches. A reminder that Home Owner Grants are to be applied for by property owners online or via the telephone number listed on the back of the Tax Notice, by July 4th.
- Bank investments were completed.

CORPORATE OFFICER:

- Staff training on the new Voyent Alert system training is complete and public launch of the service should occur later this week.
- Canada Day: Friday, July 1st, 2022 – Opening Ceremony is scheduled for 2pm at the Bandshell with area dignitaries. Music is being facilitated by Bill Fowler and Gordie West. As usual, cupcakes will be served.
- Three *Bandshell Fridays* have been scheduled for this season: Friday July 15th, 2022 @ 7-9pm, August 12th, 2022 @ 7-9pm and August 26th, 2022 @ 7-9pm with Bill Fowler providing sound engineering.

**submitted for information*

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A vertical poster for the District of Barriere's Canada Day celebration. The background is a dense field of red maple leaves. At the top left is the District of Barriere logo, which features a stylized green tree with a yellow sun-like circle in the center, and the text 'THE DISTRICT OF BARRIERE' below it. To the right of the logo, the words 'DISTRICT of BARRIERE' are written in large, white, bold letters, with 'of' in a smaller, cursive font. Below this, a white-bordered box contains the event details: 'Celebrate Canada' in a large, white, cursive font; 'Friday, July 1, 2022' in a white, sans-serif font; '2:00 pm' in a white, sans-serif font; 'Opening ceremony begins at the Barriere Bandshell' in a white, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the box, there are three white maple leaf shapes. The left leaf contains the text 'Live Music by Gordie West', the right leaf contains 'Cupcakes', and the bottom leaf contains 'Picnic' in a cursive font, with 'Bring your picnic & join us!' written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it.

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