

District of Barriere

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: June 19, 2023	File: 530.20/Rpts
To: Council	From: Bob Payette, CAO
Re: Administrative Updates	

CAO UPDATE:

Community Relations:

- Fire Chief and CAO visited the DeeJay Trailer Park. DeeJay owners have indicated they will continue to keep cleaning up the park with a notable improvement having occurred in the past few months.
- CAO and Simpcw CAO discussed working on MOU next week, we are also considering a coordinated public statement with each municipality and Simpcw regarding fire smarting homes in the North Thompson Valley.
- CAO attended a webinar, about the *Accelerated Housing Grant*.

Development Projects:

- CAO met with Clary Development partners and Fort Modular to discuss possible housing development initiatives.
- Work continues on the LCIP reservoir with construction of the tank starting this week.
- CAO and Captain Kerslake of the Flume Tiger Team, worked on the RFP for the interior demolition and initial construction of the electrical /store room.

Recreation & Community Services:

- The Recreation Committee Meeting previously scheduled for June 21, 2023 @ 3pm was rescheduled to earlier today, June 19th at 9am.
- Halfway through the ParticipACTION challenge and we are still **#1 in BC and 8th in Canada**
- There will be a *Celebration Dance Party* on June 30th at Fadear Park from 6-9pm with music and 2 Fitbit Prizes for giveaways, so get your final movement minutes logged in!
- Bandshell Fridays have been booked to start on July 14th and this year, will occur every 2nd Friday and ending on August 25th
- Preparation for this year's Canada Day Celebration (Saturday, July 1st, at 2pm) at the Bandshell is underway.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER:

Roads & Parks

- Road repairs are on-going – Hall & Haggard Roads
- Irrigation system repairs and upgrades are completed until the next on-going.
- Wildfire Monument project is on-going – storyboards have been completed, carvings have been refinished.
- EV Charging Station is operational.

Utilities

- Back-up generator project is moving forward – civil work and pad forms completed. Concrete has been poured. Generator in place this week.
- LCIP reservoir contractor is slated to start on-site fabrication on Tuesday.
- Water restrictions remain at Stage 1 for summer 2023 and a reminder and description of this stage is posted on the District website's homepage under "Local Notices".
- Datalogger installed to record well level at DW1.
- The unplanned power outage caused a few issues with the generators at sewer plant and receiving.

Facilities

- Leonie Lake Dam outlet valve has been closed. Lake is full.
- Staff met with electrician wrt the Flume.

FINANCE OFFICER:

- 75% of the home owner grants have been claimed (572). Reminder to claim emails sent out weekly to subscribers.
- 35% of the 2023 tax revenue has been received.

CORPORATE OFFICER:

- UBCM Ministry/Organization Meetings that will be scheduled for attendees Mayor Stamer & CAO are as follows:
 - Ministry of Housing & Social Development – re: Advocacy for needed infrastructure funding to support housing goals.
 - Ministry of Forests – re: Application for Crown Land Tenure – Joint Meeting with Simpcw First Nation
 - BC Hydro – re: Line & Grid Security and Communication – Joint Meeting with Simpcw and Clearwater
 - Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure – re: Highway Safety, Improvements, Increase of CVSE and Passing Lanes – Joint Meeting with Simpcw and Clearwater
- Participated in a meeting with CAO, Fire Chief, Rec Coordinator and TNRD Emergency Services Coordinator.

**submitted for information*

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