

**DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on Monday, April 22, 2024 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: Tasha Buchanan, Acting CAO
Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager
Jamie Mosdell, Recreation Coordinator

Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 7pm.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Lodge
That Council approve the April 22nd, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Lodge
That Council adopt the minutes of an April 8th, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS – none scheduled

4. BYLAWS and POLICIES

- a. District of Barriere Water System Bylaw No. 189, Amendment Bylaw No. 240 *a bylaw to add prescribed watering restrictions during a Provincial Drought Level Response that applies to the District of Barriere – adoption.

Ms. Buchanan noted the amendment to the draft bylaw that was requested by Council to remove “Level 4” and replace with “Level Response” and noted that regardless of the drought level set by the Province, water conservation stages are made at Council’s discretion which is reiterated within the bylaw.

**Moved by Councillor McInnes
Seconded by Councillor Lodge
THAT the District of Barriere Water System Bylaw No. 189, Amendment Bylaw No. 240 be adopted.**

CARRIED

- b. DRAFT Growing Communities Fund Reserve Bylaw No. 241 – ** a bylaw to establish a Reserve Fund for capital and planning purposes of the Community Growth Fund – 1st, 2nd & 3rd readings.*

Ms. Buchanan reported that in March of 2023, funding in the amount of \$1.316 million dollars for water and other related projects was received from the Province. A Reserve Fund must be established by bylaw as per the terms of the funding stream.

Options for how the funding could be used will be presented at a future meeting for Council consideration.

**Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Kerslake
That the Growing Communities Fun Reserve Bylaw No. 241 be given 1st, 2nd & 3rd readings.**

CARRIED

- c. DRAFT Financial Plan Bylaw 2024 – 2029 No. 242 – 1st, 2nd & 3rd readings.

**Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Lodge
That the Financial Plan Bylaw 2024 – 2029 No. 242 be given 1st, 2nd & 3rd readings.**

CARRIED

- d. DRAFT 2024 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 243 – 1st, 2nd & 3rd readings.

Ms. Buchanan reviewed the tax rates that have already been approved by Council and noted that the bylaw must be adopted by May 15th, 2024.

**Moved by Councillor Kibble
Seconded by Councillor Lodge
That the 2024 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 243 be given 1st, 2nd, and 3rd readings.**

CARRIED

5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. CAO Update – T. Buchanan, Acting CAO

The Acting CAO provided an overview of the written report.

6. PROCLAMATIONS – *none submitted*

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. For Information – *none submitted*
- b. For Action – *none submitted*

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Kershaw provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Noted that Skull Mountain trails are well used in the South area, and that it would be nice to see more traction on the North side.
- b. Councillor Kerlake provided a verbal report on the following for the BBC project:
 - Interior painting completed.
 - The drop ceiling has been completed.
 - Flooring completed.
 - Parking lot paving completed. Parking space lines to be done this week.
 - All lights, switches, and receptacles have been installed.
- c. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Preparing museum for opening
- d. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Keeping busy with Recreation Committee planning.
 - Met with North Thompson Communities Foundation..
 - Noted that horse trails on Skull Mountain were re-mapped and will be included in the Destination Barriere magazine.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Participated in a number of TNRD Meetings including a Solid Waste Committee Meeting.

10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES – *none submitted*

- a. Wim Houben – Reported that a Community Policing Group will be taking place at the Police Station on Tuesday, May 7th at 10am.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION – *none presented*

12. NEXT MEETING

- a. CLOSED Council Meeting, Wednesday, April 24, 2024 @ 5pm
- b. CLOSED Council Meeting, Monday, April 29, 2024 @ 5pm
- c. Regular Council Meeting, Monday, May 13, 2024 @ 7pm

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Armstrong that the meeting adjourn at 7:50pm

CARRIED

Original signed by _____
Mayor Ward Stamer

Original signed by _____
Tasha Buchanan, Acting CAO