

**DISTRICT OF BARRIERE  
MINUTES OF A PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Held on October 25, 2010  
In the Council Chambers at Municipal Hall  
4936 Barriere Town Road,  
Barriere, BC

Present: Mayor Mike Fennell  
Councillor Rhonda Kershaw  
Councillor Pat Paula  
Councillor Ward Stamer

Regrets: Councillor Glen Stanley – Chair  
Councillor Ron Glanville

Also Present: Colleen Hannigan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Nora Johnson, Financial Officer  
Tasha Buchanan, Administrative Assistant  
Doug Borrill – Senior Water Treatment Specialist

Mayor Fennell, acting as Chair in the absence of Councillor Stanley, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Paula  
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw  
THAT the Committee approve the October 25, 2010 Public Works  
Committee Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. **BYLAW NO. 40 – REGULATE WELL CLOSURE ON PROPERTIES  
CONNECTED TO THE MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM**

From a bylaw perspective, it is Ms. Hannigan's opinion that the closure of well's is a provincial matter and not generally under the jurisdiction of Council. Mr. Borrill reported that the *Ground Water Act* is expected to be amended in the near future and may be dealing with this particular item specifically.

The CAO's recommendation is to table this bylaw while concentrating on enforcing the Cross Connection Bylaw No.0038, 2009.

It was noted that residents will be required to register any secondary water source with the District.

Mayor Fennell noted that he would like to see properties with wells under ½ acre, that would like to hook up to District water, be instructed to disconnect their wells prior to connection to District water.

### 3. **LEONIE LAKE DAM**

At the last Committee meeting, staff were asked to investigate the cost of a feasibility study that would explore the possibility of generating electricity from Leonie Dam. Mr. Underwood at TRUE Engineering indicated that TRUE and UES Engineering could collaborate and ensured that the cost of such a study would not be more than \$3,000. He noted that the Ministry of Environment should be contacted in order to determine if the expansion of the License on Leonie Creek was possible and that the Dam should be inspected.

The District of Barriere has previously received a proposal for the mandatory ten year review of the Dam that was prepared by Watson Engineering. The cost of this proposal is \$19,465.00.

Councillor Stamer questioned the review regulations timeline. It was noted that Mr. Watson informed staff that approximately one year would be a feasible goal.

It had been previously suggested that Council commit \$10,000 this year, \$10,000 next year and \$3,000 for the feasibility study in the annual budgets.

Two stakeholders are currently using the water and will be contacted to share costs as well as contacting Area O to see if they would contribute.

Councillor Stamer suggested requesting \$1,000 a year for the 10 years from the stakeholders.

Ms. Hannigan has spoken to various Ministries regarding the Dam and noted that we need to have a reason to keep that license.

Councillor Paula questioned the current validity of the pricing and asked that staff investigate and report back to the Committee.

It was suggested that the Ministry of Tourism be contacted to inform them that Leonie Lake is a fishing lake.

Moved by Councillor Kershaw

Seconded by Councillor Paula

That staff write the appropriate ministry regarding Leonie Lake as a fishing lake and to request funding support for the dam inspection and maintenance.

CARRIED

Staff will contact both stakeholders and hold a meeting to discuss their immediate and future consumption needs as well as to discuss cost sharing. An overview of the meeting will be reported back to the Committee at a future meeting.

4. **CROSS CONNECTION MAILOUT SUMMARY OF [BYLAW NO. 0038, 2009](#)**

At the September 13, 2010 Public Works Committee Meeting, the Committee requested that staff prepare a summary of the Cross Connection Bylaw for the next mail out. The Committee was presented with a draft summary and it was suggested that this summary be mailed out to the few residents the bylaw would apply to. It was also suggested that a notice be put in the paper to inform all property owners that if they are connected to the District water and have a secondary source of water they must inform the District of this fact.

It was proposed that the District create a list of qualified installers and testers available in the area and make it available at the District office and online.

It was noted that installed backflow prevention assemblies must be tested annually.

The phrase "or planning to connect" will be added to the summary mail-out sheet and a notice that residents with secondary water sources must register with the District will be put in the local paper.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Fennell reported that he attended a meeting with Ministry of Tourism and that the meeting was informative.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be at the call of Chair.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Stamer  
That the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:26pm

Moved by Stamer

Seconded by Paula

Adopt the agenda of the reconvened October 25, 2010 Public Works Committee Meeting to deal with some potentially dangerous trees.

CARRIED

It was reported that some trees have been identified as hazards to adjacent telephone lines located on the road allowance behind Riva Ridge Trailer Park where a District road allowance joins up to Dunsmuir Road from Barriere Town Road. Councillor Stamer assessed the trees and volunteered to fall all the trees in question but one that appears to be too hazardous to conventionally fall. He suggested contacting Telus to inform them of the situation and to suggest an arborist assess and deal with the tree.

**ADOURNMENT**

Councillor Stamer

That the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36pm

Original signed by,

Mayor Mike Fennell

Original signed by Colleen Hannigan,

Chief Administrative Officer