

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

Held on Monday, January 8, 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  
Chelsea Young, Finance Officer  
Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager  
Jamie Mosdell, Recreation Coordinator

*Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 7pm.*

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The addition of UBCM Community Resiliency Fund – Council Resolution Amendment was added to the agenda under 5b.

**Moved by Councillor Kerslake**  
**Seconded by Councillor Lodge**  
**That Council approve the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended.**

**CARRIED**

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Kerslake  
Seconded by Councillor McInnes  
That Council adopt the minutes of a December 11, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS – *none scheduled***

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

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Ministry of Housing re: Funding Award – T. Buchanan, Acting CAO

The Acting CAO provided an overview of the written report.

**Moved by Councillor McInnes**

**Seconded by Councillor Lodge**

**THAT Council direct staff to seek a quotation for an OCP refresh and Development Approvals Bylaw with accompanying ACC Bylaw with a Process Policy from TRUE Consulting Inc. for consideration at a future Council meeting.**

**CARRIED**

- b. UBCM Community Resiliency Fund – Council Resolution Amendment – T. Buchanan, Acting CAO

The Acting CAO provided an overview of the written report. It was noted that a posted position will be required should the application be successful, but there is internal interest.

**Moved by Councillor Kerslake**

**Seconded by Councillor Kershaw**

**That staff be directed to apply for funding under the UBCM Community Resiliency Fund to support the following eligible activities under the year long program:**

- **Develop a CWRP**
- **Education activities to promote the CWRP**
- **Establish/Participate in a CFR Committee**
- **Hire a position – limited to supporting the development of the plan, participating/coordinating a CFRC and undertaking general FS education activities**
- **Attend the FireSmart Conference and WUI Symposium**

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

The CAO provided an overview of the written report.

It was suggested to have solar illumination in Fademar Park on the arch additionally with more power added. An inquiry to ARGO regarding an unexplained delay in plowing Agate Bay Rd on Saturday was mentioned. The Parks Manager will report back on both matters at a future council meeting.

6. **PROCLAMATIONS** – *none submitted*

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. For Information
- b. For Action - Lower North Thompson Tourism Society (LNTTS) re: Destination BC Application

**Moved by Councillor Kerslake  
Seconded by Councillor Kibble**

**THAT Council supports the Lower North Thompson Tourism Society (LNTTS) application to Destination BC for a further 5- year renewal of the 3% MRDT (Hotel tax) the LNTTS collects to operate and market the Lower North Thompson Area (District of Barriere and TNRD Areas O and P)**

## **8. COUNCIL REPORTS**

- a. Councillor McInnes provided a verbal report on the following:
  - Delivered Christmas dinners and presents to the community.
- b. Councillor Kerslake provided a verbal report on the following:
  - Meetings scheduled with Mr. Matthews for updates on the Flume.
  - Drywall has been hung and the project is looking good.
  - Left a voicemail to meet with the Lower North Thompson this week.

## **9. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Had multiple meetings with Mr. Payette before his leave.
- Conducted various radio interviews about out of province drivers on Hwy 5.
- Participated in a virtual meeting with Ms. Buchanan and Interior Health receiving a Health Centre Update - Doctor slated to start end of March and another for start of Fall.
- Suggested sending a letter requesting an additional joint jurisdiction meeting with Minister Fleming as there is currently lots of traction on the highway issues.
- The Community Dinner provided a record number of 318 meals this year.

**10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES** – none submitted

**11. NOTICE OF MOTION** – *none presented*

## **12. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

**Moved by Councillor Lodge**

**Seconded by Councillor Kerslake**

**That pursuant to Section 90(1)(d)(c) of the Community Charter, that the public interest requires that persons other than Council Members and required staff be excluded from the meeting and that Council continues the meeting in closed session to discuss confidential matters at 8:10pm**

**CARRIED**

## **13. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**

*The meeting reconvened into open session at 8:43pm*

**14. NEXT MEETING**

- a. Regular Council Meeting – Monday, January 22, 2024 @ 7pm

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councillor that the meeting adjourn at 8:45pm**

**CARRIED**

Original signed by, \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Ward Stamer

Original signed by, \_\_\_\_\_  
Tasha Buchanan, Acting CAO