

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 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 lands we are meeting today."*

Present: Mayor Ward Stamer
Councillor Scott Kershaw
Councillor Rob Kerslake
Councillor Donna Kibble
Councillor Louise Lodge
Councillor Colin McInnis – *via Zoom*

Regrets: Councillor Judy Armstrong

Staff: Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
Chelsea Young, Finance Officer – *via Zoom*
Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7pm

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A late entry agenda item was presented by the Fire Chief for approval: 5b UBCM Community Wildfire Resiliency Grant Program Resolution.

Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Lodge

That Council approve the October 3, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Moved by Councillor Kershaw
Seconded by Councillor Kibble

That Council adopt the minutes of a September 18, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS – *none scheduled*

4. BYLAWS and POLICIES – *none scheduled*

5. STAFF REPORTS

a. REDRIP Grant Application Resolution – B. Payette, CAO

The CAO provided an overview of the written report and noted that the District contribution maximum of \$200,000 as stated in the resolution, would come from the LCIP reserve fund line item.

It was asked if the TNRD is expected to have a role in the sharing of this cost and the CAO noted that once feasibility study done that discussion will occur at that time.

Moved by Councillor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

THAT Council direct staff to submit an application for grant funding of up to \$1,000,000 for the extension and expansion of the LCIP water system, bulk water station with service to Louis Creek EcoDepot, power supply and easements through the Rural Economic Diversification Infrastructure Program (second intake), and

THAT Council, in support of the project, commits up to \$200,000 of the project as well as any cost overruns.

CARRIED

b. UBCM Community Wildfire Resiliency Grant Program Resolution – A. Wohlgemuth, Fire Chief

The Fire Chief provided a summary of the written report describing the Provincial grant program. It was noted that a successful wildfire resiliency program could offer Barriere's homeowners possible insurance breaks when neighbourhoods meet FireSmart benchmarks.

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Kerslake

THAT staff be directed to apply for funding in the amount of \$178,541.52 under the UBCM Community Resiliency Investment funding stream for the year long program.

CARRIED

c. CAO Update – B. Payette, CAO

**Submitted for information*

The CAO provided an overview of the written report and added that MOTI has recently informed staff that a full traffic assessment of the highway corridor through Barriere is scheduled to take place in the next year or so.

It was suggested that tree identification signage be added in the parks.

6. PROCLAMATIONS – none submitted

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a. For Information

i. TNRD Proposed Solid Waste Bylaw Amendment Notice – Councillor Kershaw noted that some items on the list are not available to be recycled in this area. This concern will be shared with the TNRD and as Chair of the TNRD Solid Waste Committee, Mayor Stamer will bring the discussion to the Committee table.

b. For Action

i. Aquamation in BC Email – Request for Resolution

The correspondence was accepted for information.

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

a. Councillor McInnis provided a verbal report on the following:

- His volunteer work painting the Flume Building is now 75% complete.

b. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:

- Received compliments from the public at Councillor McInnis' generosity in volunteering to do the Flume painting work.
- Participated in the Council to Council Meeting with Simpcw last week.
- Attended the Fire Department Society dinner fundraiser
- Attended a Seniors Society Meeting where concerns were voiced with assumptions that the District is going to increase their lease and take the building from the Society should the Crown Land Tenure application be approved. She and the CAO will be meeting with the membership to address this misinformation.

c. Councillor Kerslake provided a verbal report on the following:

- The Flume electrical contract should be awarded next week with the work to commence shortly thereafter. The HVAC rough-in will be 2/3 complete by the end of the week. Concrete should be finished tomorrow. Councillor McInnis' volunteering for the painting has saved the project nearly \$20,000.
- Participated in the Council to Council Meeting with Simpcw last week.

d. Councillor Kershaw provided a verbal report on the following:

- Participated in the Council to Council Meeting with Simpcw last week.
- Suggested that staff be directed to research the feasible options to encourage residential densification through various, possible incentives.

It was noted that through the OCP review process it could include such incentives. The OCP review is comprehensive but also expensive. The cost of this review was agreed to be discussed in the 2024 budget process. A Committee of the Whole meeting is to be scheduled.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Participated in the Council to Council Meeting with Simpcw last week.
- Along with the CAO, attended the 2023 UBCM Conference in Vancouver. The District's Commercial Truck Cam resolution was endorsed unanimously. Participated in the scheduled Ministry Meetings as well as a meeting with BC Hydro. Much of the highlights of these meetings have been recorded in the notes of the Council to Council meeting attached in this meeting's information package.

The following letters were agreed by Council to be sent:

- to MOTI and Solicitor General asked for a follow-up on the Dash Cam Resolution
- to the Premier regarding the announcement that the Wildfire Task Force will not include a 3rd party, independent review or consist of any elected representatives.
- to Imperial Oil, PetroCan and Chevron Canada head offices regarding the fuel discrepancy in Rural BC versus larger centers such as neighbouring Kamloops in support for our local gas station franchise owners and Barriere's economy.

10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

- a. Harry Waldron – Recently moved from Chilliwack to Barriere. In the past, he had been involved with Trails BC, had been secretary with outdoor recreation committee in Abbotsford as well as involved with Parks Canada. He inquired as to the status the planned trails within the community as outlined within the OCP and volunteered to sit on any future OCP review committee as would like to be involved in helping to bring these plans to fruition.

Councillor Lodge, as Chair of the Recreation Committee, invited Mr. Waldron to attend a Recreation Committee meeting to either contribute as an attendee, or as a potential committee member.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION - *none presented*

12. NEXT MEETING

- a. PUBLIC HEARING & Regular Council Meeting, Monday, October 16, 2023 @ 7pm

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Kerslake that the meeting adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Original signed by,
Mayor Ward Stamer

Original signed by,
Bob Payette, CAO