

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

Held on Monday, November 6, 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 Judy Armstrong  
Councillor Scott Kershaw  
Councillor Rob Kerslake  
Councillor Donna Kibble  
Councillor Louise Lodge  
Councillor Colin McInnis

Staff: Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer	Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
Chelsea Young, Finance Officer	Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager
Ashley Wohlgemuth, Fire Chief	Derek Ive, Deputy Fire Chief
Jamie Mosdell, Recreation Coordinator	Cori Walker, Finance Clerk

*The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7pm*

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Kerslake  
Seconded by Councillor Kibble  
That Council approve the November 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. Moved by Councillor Kibble  
Seconded by Councillor Lodge  
That Council adopt the minutes of an October 16, 2023 PUBLIC HEARING & Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

**3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

- a. Presentations – Mayor Stamer

Mayor Stamer presented Chief Wohlgemuth with an award from the District of Barriere commemorating her 25-year milestone of volunteer service with the Barriere Fire Department. Ashley began her volunteer service with the Barriere Fire Department as a youth in the junior membership program. Since that time, Wohlgemuth has been a dedicated member of the Department serving in many different capacities along the way

and wearing officer stripes for much of that time. Chief Wohlgemuth is highly respected by her peers and since being appointed as Fire Chief in 2018, her leadership has helped shape a well-rounded team of dedicated and skilled volunteer fire personnel who also loyally serve Barriere and the TNRD Fire Protection Service area.

*“A quarter of a century is a long time for anyone to dedicate to one organization. This is even more profound when that dedication is a quarter of a century of **volunteer** service. We are beyond grateful to have such a loyal and dedicated individual helping to protect and serve Barriere for so many years. Ashley has seen our valley through multiple wildfire emergencies, including the devastation of the 2003 McLure Wildfire. In addition, she has saved many homes, businesses and most importantly - lives, over the course of these 25 years. This sincere appreciation is expressed from this organization’s current and past Elected Officials, staff, volunteers, & contractors.” – Mayor Ward Stamer*

Deputy Fire Chief, Derek Ive, was also presented an award by Mayor Stamer on behalf of the **Governor General of Canada**, recognizing 20 years of Fire Fighting service to Canadians. Prior to Ive’s appointment of the District of Barriere’s Deputy Fire Chief in 2019, he served as Captain. It was in 2002 that Derek started his service of Fire Fighting in Clinton BC where he also was a dedicated member of a mine rescue team before making the move to Barriere eight years ago where he offered his experience to Barriere’s Fire Rescue Department. Deputy Ive is extremely valued by Chief Wohlgemuth, the fire department team, District administration, Council and the community as a whole. Chief Wohlgemuth was also awarded this same recognition certificate from the Governor General.

Other District of Barriere tenure milestones were recognised by Mayor Stamer on behalf of Council: Ellen Monteith, Administrative Support Clerk – 15 years and Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer – 15 years

#### 4. **BYLAWS and POLICIES** – none scheduled

#### 5. **STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Quarterly Budget Review – C. Young, Finance Officer  
*\*submitted for information*

The Finance Officer provided an overview of the quarterly budget status reports. Some additional notes made were as follows:

##### Downtown Wastewater System:

- Per WorkSafe BC requirements, purchase of Multi-Gas detectors made.
- Repairs were made to a sensor.

##### Siska Wastewater System:

- Generator installed

Riverwalk Wastewater System:

- PLC Parts have been ordered but not yet invoiced therefore not yet reflected in this budget.
- The Riverwalk system is running substantially better than it had in the past.

LCIP Water System:

- Insurance cost has increased due to the increase in the property assessment.
- Staff will follow up on the 'vacant lot' base water fee vs. the turn-off fee for vacationers and make recommendations for any necessary policy amendments.

Water System:

- Per WorkSafe BC requirements, replacement purchase of Multi-Gas detectors made.
- A few more water main breaks occurred which has increased this budget.
- Overall, this budget is on target to balance at the end of the year.

General Operational:

- The sundry revenue amount of 1.3 million shown is from the *Growing Communities Fund* received.
- The budgeted revenue goal for gym rental fee income has been obtained.
- Inter-Community Business Licence applications have increased.
- Salaries for Admin is on budget
- It was questioned as to why the sub-lease of the Ridge is higher than last year. Staff will look into and report back.
- Fire Services – Mileage is slightly overbudget due to an extra course attended.
- Some extra repairs were required on the trucks that weren't anticipated.
- There are still some invoices anticipated to be received for some equipment.
- The roads budget is still under budget at this point.
- There have been a number of unexpected repairs that need to be made to the Solid Waste Collection vehicle.
- The courses for new Building Inspector are reflected in this budget.
- The Ball Diamond maintenance line item is over budget this year which is due in part to the contract with Barriere Minor Ball for this service that Council chose not to pursue this year during their re-start up.

- b. 2024 Council Meeting Calendar & Acting Mayor Schedule – T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer

**Moved by Councillor Kerslake**

**Seconded by Councillor McInnis**

**That Council approve the 2024 Council Meeting Calendar & Acting Mayor Schedule as presented.**

**CARRIED**

- c. CAO Update – B. Payette, CAO  
*\*Submitted for information*

The CAO provided an overview of the written report and it was also noted that the temporary bollards at the intersection of Barriere Town Road/Dunn Lake Rd/Barriere Lakes Rd. are expected to be removed shortly. Staff are just awaiting word from Dawson Construction confirming completion of the project.

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

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. For Information
- i. Jay Dayman Email to MLA Peter Milobar re: Drug Shortage – It was suggested that the District follow up on this inquiry of this drug shortage issue with MLA Milobar as well as with Interior Health and ask for an explanation for Barriere's residents.
- b. For Action - *none submitted*

**8. COUNCIL REPORTS**

- a. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal report on the following:
- Attended the SRG Teniye Market Opening event on the 30<sup>th</sup>
- b. Councillor Kerslake provided a verbal report on the following:
- Most rough-ins are complete or near complete at the Flume construction project.
  - A local paramedic contacted him to inquire if he knew of any temporary accommodation available. Councillor Kerslake suggested a brain-storming conversation should be held by Council to address this issue in the near future.
- c. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
- Participated at the Farmer's Market with the Heritage Society.
- d. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal report on the following:
- Attended the SRG Teniye Market Opening event on the 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Participated in a Rec Committee Working Group Meeting regarding the upcoming Winterfest event. Expressed thanks to Mayor Stamer and Community Forests for the wood donations that will be used for the many bonfires planned that day.
  - Will be away for a portion of December on holiday.

**9. MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Expressed appreciation to the Fire Department for the Halloween Fireworks Event
- Was interviewed by Radio NL
- Attended the SRG Teniye Market Opening event on the 30<sup>th</sup>
- The District has installed a new AED at the Community Hall and suggested that staff look into a box to contain it on the wall.

- There are some new TNRD recycling and solid waste disposal rules upcoming. Future organic waste disposal options are being discussed at length at the TNRD Committee level.
- Will be participating in upcoming TNRD Board and Committee Meetings.

10. **PUBLIC INQUIRIES** – *none submitted.*

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

12. **CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Kibble

That pursuant to Section 90(1)(e) 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 8:22pm.

CARRIED

13. **RECONVENE OPEN MEETING** – *The meeting reconvened into open session at 8:58pm*

14. **NEXT MEETING**

- a. Regular Council Meeting, Monday, November 20, 2023 @ 7pm

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Kerslake that the meeting adjourn at 8:59pm

CARRIED

Original signed by,  
Mayor Ward Stamer

Original signed by,  
Bob Payette, CAO