

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7:00pm
In the Council Chambers at Municipal Hall
4936 Barriere Town Road, Barriere, B.C.

Present: Mayor Ward Stamer
Councillor Judy Armstrong
Councillor Al Fortin
Councillor Scott Kershaw
Councillor Rob Kerlake
Councillor Donna Kibble – *entered at 7:09pm*
Councillor Amanda Sabyan

Staff: Colleen Hannigan, Chief Administrative Officer
Tasha Buchanan, Deputy Corporate Officer
Chelsea Young, Deputy Finance Officer
Bill Adams, Utilities Manager
Dustin Doherty, Parks & Roads Manager

Others: Thierry Carriou, BC Groundwater – *via telephone as indicated*

Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Fortin
Seconded by Councillor Kerlake
That Council approve the October 21, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Moved by Councillor Sabyan
Seconded by Councillor Kerlake
That Council adopt the Minutes of the October 7, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

b. Moved by Councillor Fortin
Seconded by Councillor Sabyan
That Council adopt the Minutes of the October 15, Special Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. **PUBLIC HEARING – Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 171**
re: 4639 Barriere Town Road – Application RZ-19-03

Moved by Councillor Fortin

Seconded by Councillor Sabyan

That the Regular Council Meeting recess at 7:02pm and reconvene following the adjournment of the scheduled Public Hearing.

CARRIED

Application #: RZ-19-03 Baykey

Applicant Name: Shane Baykey

Date of Application: August 20, 2019

Location: 4639 Barriere Town Road, Barriere BC.

Lot 1, Plan 26703, DL1445, PID 024-130-958

Bylaw: Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 171

Bylaw Status: 1st Reading completed September 3rd, 2019

Description of Application: To allow the site specific use of “Cannabis Sales” at 4639 Barriere Town Road subject to an owner/tenant being in possession of a valid Provincial Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence.

Text Amendment: *“Permitted Uses – Site Specific
4639 Barriere Town Road – an additional principal use of
“Cannabis Sales”*

Mayor Stamer read an opening statement regarding the proceedings of the Public Hearing.

The CAO provided an overview of the Rezoning Application for the public. The following written submissions were read:

- Chris & Amanda Harris, Barriere – Support
- Victor Wallick, Surrey - Support
- Murray MacDonald, Langley - Support
- Sarah Ross, Langley – Support
- Bill Kershaw, Barriere Chamber - Support
- Charlene Watson, Barriere – Opposition
- Larry & Shirley Watson, Barriere – Opposition

Councillor Kibble entered the meeting at 7:09pm.

A petition of opposition was also submitted with 458 signatures.

The Mayor called for submissions from the public. The following individuals addressed Council:

- Jim Secord, Barriere – Opposition (voiced opposition to legal cannabis in general).

- Jennifer Nichol, Barriere – Opposition (Location not appropriate due to large number of children passing by and Barriere is more than just a financial benefit community).
- Brandy Croft, Barriere – Opposition (Location concern, thriving family business currently in that location).
- Caleb Cartwright, McClure – Opposition (School children, Cadets and youth walk by the location).
- Naomi Taramoto, Barriere – Opposition (already has one location potential in Barriere, Sweetnams has too much value at this location to be moved).
- Cindy Montroy, Barriere – Opposition (Pot stores need to be out of children’s eyes).
- Michael Walker, Barriere – Opposition (Location inappropriate, children walking by, Sweetnams family shouldn’t be pushed out by landlord, Liquor Store shouldn’t be there either).
- Samantha Jones, Louis Creek – Opposition (Switching a family owned business in that location for cannabis next to Liquor Store and Tourist Centre is a poor image, high school friends do not want to lose Sweetnams).
- Nancy Tole, East Lake – Opposition (Location too close to students walking. Grandchildren will be homeschooled if this proposal goes forward)
- Dan Sweetnam, Barriere – Opposition (Location is not suitable, it’s in youth walking path, believes it will give a poor image of Barriere, Believes store in McLure has already gotten their retail license from the Provincial Government and feels no more than one retail location in Barriere is necessary).
- Sarah Drey, Barriere - Opposition (legislation is too new).
- Doug Taramoto, Barriere – Opposition (Would like to see more business that promotes a healthy community in the downtown core.)
- Tanya Bijl, Barriere – Opposition (likes the family orientated feel of this town and would like to keep such a high visual of this use out of downtown).
- Michelle Rutschke, Barriere – Opposition (Location is not suitable, youth walking by).
- Ken Harris – Support (Economic Development benefit for tourists, there’s no smoking or public consumption permitted outside the building)
- Rick Shervey, Barriere – Support (Liquor Store has been a prominent fixture in the center of town for years and it doesn’t make every child who walks by at risk to become an alcoholic. It’s legal and you can’t enter it until of age. It will be less visual than liquor establishments).
- Sharlene Watson, Barriere – Opposition (Location not suitable, youth at risk)
- Shane Baykey, Barriere – Support (Location that has been stated by the public as more suitable is also near other family businesses such as restaurants, ice cream etc. Feels the opposition is mostly about the stigma of change. Sweetnams has left town before. Economic Development, keeps people from shopping for the product in town and therefore keeping their dollars in town, can’t see in the windows or any visual advertising, strict regulations.)
- Caleb Cartwright, McClure – Counter to support comment – believes employees need to have a separate license.
- Samuel Sweetnam, Barriere – Opposition (questioned if approval could doom both enterprises, children walking by will be influenced by its location).
- Jim Secord, Barriere – Opposition (Smell concern)
- Cindy Culling, Barriere – Opposition (Must be familiar with the product to be able to work there).

- Tanya Robinson, Mojo Cannabis, Surrey – Support (Completely regulated, will be training employees)
- Tanya Bijl, Barriere – Opposition (Taking a loved business away from the town's youth is wrong)
- Rick Shervey, Barriere – Support (the owner could add another unit in the future and it doesn't have to mean Sweetnams going)
- Marilyn Morne, Darfield – Opposition
- Sylvia Chivers, Barriere – Opposition (Image to uphold in the community, youth are important)
- Dan Sweetnam, Barriere – Opposition (Sweetnams will find a way to continue business because they love this community. The issue is the location and its unsuitability).
- Angela Rutschke, Barriere – Opposition (Vaping is a huge problem in Barriere and approval in this location would make it worse for the children. Sweetnams and the people who own it are loved.)

Mayor Stamer called an additional three times for any submissions from the floor. No additional submissions from the floor were presented.

**Moved by Councillor Fortin
 Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
 That the Public Hearing adjourn at 8:00p.m. and reconvene into the Regular Council Meeting after a five minute recess.**

CARRIED

4. RECONVENE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council reconvened the Regular Council Meeting at 8:15p.m.

5. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None scheduled.

6. BYLAWS AND POLICIES

- a. Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 171 re: RZ-19-03 Baykey Application for Site Specific Permitted Use of Cannabis Sales at 4639 Barriere Town Road

It was stated that the debate shouldn't be about the current business and its relationship with their landlord but should focus on the location suitability.

**Moved by Councillor Armstrong
 Seconded by Councillor Kerslake
 That Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 171 be given 2nd reading.**

DEFEATED *unanimously*

b. Inter-Community Business License Bylaw No. 172

- i. *Call for Public Input* – Dan Sweetnam – stated belief that it is a good idea.
- ii. *2nd & 3rd Readings*

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan
Seconded by Councillor Fortin
That Inter-Community Business License Bylaw No. 172 be given 2nd
reading.**

CARRIED

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan
Seconded by Councillor Fortin
That Inter-Community Business License Bylaw No. 172 be given 3rd
reading.**

CARRIED

c. Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 73, Amendment Bylaw No. 173 – 1st, 2nd, & 3rd readings

In order to reflect the associated costs of the larger, 6 cubic meter dumpster vs the standard 4 cubic meter size currently used at most locations.

**Moved by Councillor Fortin
Seconded by Councillor Sayban
That Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 73, Amendment Bylaw No. 173 be given 1st
reading.**

CARRIED

**Moved by Councillor Fortin
Seconded by Councillor Sabyan
That Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 73, Amendment Bylaw No. 173 be given 2nd
reading.**

CARRIED

**Moved by Councillor Fortin
Seconded by Councillor Sabyan
That Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 73, Amendment Bylaw No. 173 be given 3rd
reading.**

CARRIED

7. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Wells Update – Thierry Carriou, BC Groundwater (*via telephone at 8:30pm*)

Louis Creek – Source water approval has been received for IHA. Bacterial test collection protocol has just changed.

Bradford Park – Is more than 90% confident that well is stabilized. PW#3 is stamped to A100 standards. It was found that there was some collapse of the aquifer itself outside of the screens. Care will need to be taken with bringing PW#1 back on line.

Advised to just operate PW#1 up to its maximum rate over the winter and at this point, continue to monitor PW#3 until spring to protect PW#1 for now. PW#3 can then be phased in, in the spring.

Spruce Crescent – Discharge will occur tomorrow with Simpcw approval. First test will ensure that the well is clean and to check the electrical components of the monitor. The pump house will be inspected and water sample taken. Results will determine if it is feasible to move forward.

- b. SD73 Ridge Rental Agreement Update and associated NTACS Subsidy Request– C. Hannigan, CAO / Lana Laskovic, NTACS Board Treasurer

Councillor Armstrong declared a conflict of interest as an employee of NTACS and left the meeting at 8:42pm.

It was noted that the Community Hall is maintained by the District and it was questioned as to if this hall could utilize this space for a number of these programs. It was answered that that may certainly be an option for some of the programs going forward. Dance classes wouldn't be suitable there because of the hardwood floor, for example.

NTACS is asking for financial support from the District for the remainder of the year at this time. It is estimated that this amount would total just around \$6,000 with the addition of the Friday Night Youth Program being taken over by the organization.

Moved by Councillor Fortin

Seconded by Councillor Sabyan

That Council approve NTACS' request for further subsidy of up to \$6000 to cover their programs' rental costs in the Ridge Gym for the remainder of the 2019 year.

CARRIED

Councillor Armstrong returned to the meeting at 9:10pm.

c. Parks / Public Works Fleet – D. Doherty, Parks & Roads Manager

The DFO reported that there is currently \$370,934.08 in Roads Surplus and \$397,379.36 in Roads Reserve.

Mr. Doherty reported that the '97 F350 (Old Red) has 166,899km and is in good mechanical order with the exception of the dump box which is significantly rusted out and his department would like to have the dump box replaced. He reported that to fabricate a new aluminum box would cost \$6,901.28 or less. This truck is a proven asset and is utilized often.

In addition, the 03 F350 crew cab has 318,800km and is in poor mechanical condition and suggested that it be sold.

Moved by Councillor Armstrong

Seconded by Councillor Kerlake

That the discussion be brought back to the next Council Meeting for continued discussion.

CARRIED

d. CAO Update – C. Hannigan, CAO

New Fire Engine Update: The quotes received from the lowest bidder and presented at the October 7, 2019 Council Meeting have been extended to after Council meets on November 4th.

Recycle BC Update: Today, the District received notice of an onboarding date: October 29, 2019.

Louis Creek Industrial Park (LCIP) Update: Rivermist Excavation has been contracted to construct the first phase of the water system in Louis Creek Industrial Park. Meanwhile work is underway on the corner of Agate Bay Rd and Enterprise way adjacent the MOTI gravel pit, by Smile Cultivation on a Cannabis grow operation that will be housed in a large greenhouse with adjacent offices. BCHydro is also nearing completion of the extension of the 3-phase hydro looping from the end of the Louis Creek Rd out to Old Sawmill Crt. and then down Agate Bay Rd to the highway. This will provide more security in the provision of 3-phase power to this area.

Agricultural Land Reserve Public Engagement Sessions: Two more in-person public engagement sessions have been scheduled so more people can have their say on how to encourage farming and protect farmland throughout the province. The new sessions will be held in Cranbrook on Nov. 5 and in Kamloops on Nov. 14, 2019.

8. PROCLAMATIONS

None submitted.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

a. For Information

- i. Charge North – It was questioned if the District is aware of any forecasted date of installation. Staff will inquire.

b. For Action

None submitted.

10. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- a. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended the Fire Hall Open House
- b. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended the Fire Hall Open House

11. MAYOR'S REPORT *(verbal)*

- Attended and volunteered at the Fire Hall Open House
- Participated in TNRD Board Meetings

12. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

- a. Dan Sweetnam – *Does the HY Louis Building have a potential to also be used as a Community Centre for various community programs?* A: Yes. That is a possibility as the District would not need the entire space for its operations.

Is there an opportunity for the establishment of a Youth Council? A: Seanna Armstrong tried to initiate a youth Council at the high school earlier this year but due to a lack of interest, it didn't come to fruition. However, if new interest has been expressed, students can contact either the District Office or Seanna Armstrong.

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Fortin - That Council form a Town Hall Location Committee

14. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Sabyan

Seconded by Councillor Fortin

Pursuant to Section 90(1)(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 9:40p.m.

CARRIED

The Regular Council meeting reconvened at 10:00pm

16. NEXT MEETING

- a. Regular Council Meeting – November 4, 2019 @ 7pm

17. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Kerslake that the meeting adjourn at 10:01pm.

CARRIED

Original signed by, _____
Mayor Ward Stamer

Original signed by, _____
Colleen Hannigan, CAO