

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

Held on Monday March 8, 2021 at 5:15pm  
Via audio-conference

Present: Mayor Ward Stamer  
Councillor Judy Armstrong  
Councillor Scott Kershaw  
Councillor Rob Kerslake  
Councillor Donna Kibble  
Councillor Amanda Sabyan

Regrets: Councillor Al Fortin

Staff: Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer  
Chelsea Young, Finance Officer  
Ian Crosson, Utilities Manager  
Chris Matthews, Parks & Roads Manager

*The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:18pm*

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Mayor Stamer  
Seconded by Councillor Kerslake  
That the March 8, 2021 Budget Meeting Agenda be approved.

CARRIED

**2. 2020 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

**Moved by Mayor Stamer**  
**Seconded by Councillor Kerslake**

- a. **THAT Council approve the transfer of \$102.35 from General Surplus to cover the balance left over from 2020 adjustments on Solar Aquatics Wastewater System; and**
- b. **THAT Council approve the transfer of \$5,360.02 from General Surplus to cover the balance left over from 2020 adjustments on Operational budget; and**
- c. **THAT Council approve the transfer of \$5,199.73 from Water Surplus to cover the balance left over from 2020 adjustments on Water budget.**

CARRIED

**3. 2021 DRAFT BUDGET DISCUSSION:**

a) Potential Tax Implication Comparison Figures

The Finance Officer provided an overview of the Potential Tax Implication Comparisons as follows, noting that the 2020 figures from BC Assessment have not yet been received:

2021 Tax Revenue \$940,430.00	2014 Muni Taxes at 2.5 Multiple Bus Class	2015 Muni Taxes 2.5 Multiple Bus Class	2016 Muni Taxes 2.5 Multiple Bus Class	2017 Muni Taxes 2.5 Multiple Bus Class	2018 Muni Taxes 2.5 Multiple Bus Class	2019 Muni Taxes 2.5 Multiple Bus Class	2020 Muni Taxes 2.5 Multiple Bus Class	2021 Muni Taxes 2.5 Multiple Bus Class	Difference
<b>Property #1 1215162</b>									
2014 Assessment 293,400.	1,012.26	1,075.99	1,092.75	1,120.79	1,205.44	1,087.31	1,150.19	1,186.36	<b>36.17</b>
2015 Assessment 306,800.									
2016 Assessment 297,000.									
2017 Assessment 315,200.									
2018 Assessment 312,200.									<b>107.99347</b>
2019 Assessment 338,700.									<b>7.99347% Increase in Value</b>
2020 Assessment 367,800.									
2021 Assessment <b>397,200</b>									
<b>Property #2 1470262</b>									
2014 Assessment 188,500.	650.35	689.95	704.59	759.52	1,041.51	1,281.86	1,308.12	1,400.22	<b>92.10</b>
2015 Assessment 196,800.									
2016 Assessment 191,500.									<b>112.07</b>
2017 Assessment 213,600.									<b>12.07% Increase in Value</b>
2018 Assessment 290,100.									
2019 Assessment 371,600.									
2020 Assessment 418,300.									
2021 Assessment <b>468,800</b>									
<b>Property #3 1390048</b>									
2014 Assessment 95,300.	328.80	360.77	352.48	367.67	355.07	379.11	348.81	343.48	<b>-5.32</b>
2015 Assessment 102,800.									
2016 Assessment 95,800.									<b>102.95434</b>
2017 Assessment 103,400.									<b>2.95434% Decrease in Value</b>
2018 Assessment 98,900.									
2019 Assessment 109,900.									
2020 Assessment 111,700.									
2021 Assessment <b>115,000</b>									
<b>Property #4 Industrial 1245462</b>	21,936.73	27,386.50	29,047.86	37,923.59	36,556.76	38,880.85	37,327.72	32,214.97	<b>-5,112.76</b>
2014 Assessment 1,742,000.									
2015 Assessment 2,138,000.									<b>97.267939</b>
2016 Assessment 2,163,000.									<b>97.267939% Decrease in Value</b>
2017 Assessment 2,922,000.									
2018 Assessment 3,086,000.									
2019 Assessment 3,088,000.									
2020 Assessment 3,038,000.									
2021 Assessment <b>2,955,000</b>									
<b>Property #5 Business 1245642</b>	2,337.44	2,253.05	2,412.70	2,292.60	2,455.72	2,414.70	2,406.89	3,085.22	<b>678.33</b>
2014 Assessment 271,000.									
2015 Assessment 256,800.									<b>98.951049</b>
2016 Assessment 262,300.									<b>98.951049 Increase in Value</b>
2017 Assessment 257,900.									
2018 Assessment 276,000.									
2019 Assessment 280,000.									
2020 Assessment 286,000.									
2021 Assessment <b>283,000</b>									

b) Draft Riverwalk Wastewater Budget

**Moved by Mayor Stamer**

**Seconded by Councillor Kerslake**

**That the 2021 Riverwalk Wastewater Budget be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

c) Draft Siska Wastewater Budget

**Moved by Mayor Stamer**

**Seconded by Councillor Kibble**

**That the 2021 Siska Wastewater Budget be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

d) Draft Aquatics Wastewater Budget

**Moved by Mayor Stamer**

**Seconded by Councillor Kershaw**

**That the 2021 Aquatics Wastewater Budget be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

e) Louis Creek Industrial Park Water System Budget

**Moved by Mayor Stamer**

**Seconded by Councillor Armstrong**

**That the 2021 Louis Creek Industrial Park Water System Budget be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

f) Draft Water System Budget

**Moved by Mayor Stamer**

**Seconded by Councillor Kerslake**

**That the 2021 Water System Budget be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

g) Draft General Operational Budget

The CAO reported that Community Futures and the Barriere Chamber of Commerce are undertaking a Recreational Programming Umbrella Study. In the meantime, a projected budget to include taking on a new contract for services - recreation, has been added to the budget for consideration.

The Finance Officer noted that as presented, the draft 2021 Budget reflects a resulting 5% tax increase.

It was inquired as to what the “actual” revenue items are and it was answered that in most cases, revenues are only estimated as it is impossible to project exactly what services will be purchased in any given year. It was also inquired as to where the audited balance sheets are and it was answered that what is presented at this time is a draft budget for the 2021 year and the year-end financial statement audits of actual revenue and expenses for the previous year are conducted in the spring by an independent auditor and presented by that independent auditor to Council as per legislation once complete.

Deputy Fire Chief Ive, reported that the new fire truck is delayed for approximately another 2 months. He also reported that the BC Fire Chiefs Association has granted the Department an airbag kit.

**4. PUBLIC INQUIRIES**

*None presented.*

**5. NEXT MEETING**

Special Council Meeting – Budget on March 22, 2021 @ 5:15pm

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Kerslake that the Special Council Meeting adjourn at 6:15pm.

CARRIED

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

Original signed by, \_\_\_\_\_  
Bob Payette, CAO