

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

Held on Monday, October 21, 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: Acting Mayor Rob Kerslake
 Councillor Judy Armstrong
 Councillor Scott Kershaw
 Councillor Louise Lodge – *via Zoom*
 Councillor Donna Kibble
 Councillor Colin McInnis

Regrets: Mayor Ward Stamer (*on approved leave*)

Staff: Daniel Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer
 Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
 David Alderdice, Chief Financial Officer
 Alexis Hovenkamp, Acting Fire Chief

Acting Mayor Kerslake called the meeting to order at 7pm

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A late entry item was added to the Agenda as Item 3a – Ward Stamer Resignation.

**Moved by Councillor Kershaw
Seconded by Councillor Kibble
That Council approve the October 21, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended.**

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2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Moved by Councillor Armstrong
 Seconded by Councillor Kershaw
 That Council adopt the minutes of the October 7, 2024, Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a. Ward Stamer – Letter of Resignation
Mayor Stamer read and submitted to Council a letter of resignation from Council upon his successful election as MLA-Elect, Kamloops North Thompson. MLA-Elect Stamer was congratulated by Council, staff and those in attendance and he was thanked for his many years of dedicated public service as a member of Council.

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

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Department Updates – Department Heads
**submitted for information*

The condition of Dixon Creek Rd. was discussed and it was noted that due to the early spring season, grading occurred earlier in the year than usual which has resulted in its scheduled grading & budget ending earlier in the year. Staff are awaiting a contractor to become available to do the work which will result in that line item being overbudget.

The CAO added that a meeting between himself and Ms. Buchanan was held on Friday afternoon with BC Ambulance regarding the Juliet car service status in Barriere. BCAS reported that an additional extension to the Juliet car service has been granted until March of next year.

- b. Capital Project Funding Realignment – CAO
**submitted for information*

The CAO provided an overview of the written report.

6. **PROCLAMATIONS** – *none scheduled*

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. For Information
- b. For Action – *none submitted*

8. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

- a. Councillor McInnis – Community Speed Limits

- Would like Council to explore the feasibility of reducing speed limits on the side roads within the District and suggested that a trial be implemented in a designated area of town to determine if the move will be an effective measure to reduce high speeds within residential zones in our community. It was suggested that the upcoming OCP Open House in November be utilized to help communicate this matter.

Moved by Councillor McInnis

Seconded by Councillor Kershaw

That staff be directed to prepare a necessary draft budget for consideration

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- Suggested that staff look into the costs of Honor House in preparation for budget season in order for our Fire Department membership to take advantage of the program's benefits if and when needed going forward.

- b. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal update on the following:
 - Thanked the Acting Fire Chief for the Fire Smart presentation provided to the NTACS After School Program last week.
 - The Annual Elves Shopping Event is scheduled for December 14th & 15th at the Ridge gym. Any donations can be made by contacting her.
- c. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal update on the following:
 - Participated in a working group meeting for this year's Winterfest Event.

9. ACTING MAYOR'S REPORT

The Acting Mayor provided a verbal update on the following:

- Participated in two TNRD Board Meetings including a Finance Committee Meeting. Asset Management, Capital Planning and Reserves are on the forefront of discussions.
- October 26th – Celebration at the Barriere Library 10:30am to 2:30pm

10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

- a. Wim Houben – LNTCF Annual General Meeting 7pm on Thursday Oct. 24th, 2024 at the Ridge.
- b. Brody Mosdell – Agreed with Speed Limit reduction and suggested including maps for the public so that the message is as clear as possible.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION – *none presented*

12. RECONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Sections 90(1)(d)(k) 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 8:20p.m.

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13. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The meeting reconvened into open session at 9:38p.m.

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

THAT Councillor Kerlake be appointed as Acting Mayor in lieu of Mayor Ward Stamer's resignation presented to Council at the October 21, 2024 Regular Council Meeting effective immediately until such time as the completion of the necessary by-election; and THAT Councillor Kerlake be reimbursed at the Mayoral Remuneration rate during the applicable time period.

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15. **NEXT MEETING**

- a. Regular Council Meeting, Monday, November 4, 2024 @ 7pm

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Lodge that the meeting adjourn at 9:40pm

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Original signed by, _____
Acting Mayor Rob Kerslake

Original signed by, _____
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer