

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Held on Monday October 4, 2021 at 5:00pm 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: Mayor Ward Stamer
Councillor Judy Armstrong – *via telephone*
Councillor Rob Kerslake
Councillor Scott Kershaw
Councillor Donna Kibble
Councillor Amanda Sabyan – *entered as indicated*

Regrets: Councillor Al Fortin

Staff: Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
Chelsea Young, Finance Officer

Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 5:10pm.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Kibble
That the Committee approve the October 4, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting
Agenda

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Kibble
That the Committee adopt the minutes of a June 21, 2021 Committee of the
Whole Meeting.

CARRIED

3. CAPITAL PROJECTS 2022 FUNDING – B. Payette, CAO & C. Young, CFO

It was reported that the parameters for the COVID-19 Relief Fund provided to municipalities by the Province is intended to offset losses of revenue (both municipal and non-profits), encourage safer activities, and assist in the cost of implementing exposure control methods.

Staff inquired with other local governments on how they have utilized their received funds and so far the following responses have been provided:

- Loss of Revenue (especially recreation)
- Protective Equipment/Safety Equipment
- Bylaw Enforcement
- Security
- Upgrades to facilities (touchless etc.)
- IT Upgrades
- Portable toilets and washroom facilities

The District of Barriere has spent approximately \$200,000 of the \$680,000 received so far.

Brainstorming suggestions presented were:

Councillor Kerslake –	Soil for the park. Outdoor Rec. Facilities LED Lighting \$4,000 Vendor Plug-ins
Mayor Stamer -	Kiddie Pool Crosswalk lights Park and Trail upgrades to enhance mobility Golf Carts for Staff Use First Nation Carvings on the Bandshell Charging station for scooters near bandshell IT Upgrades to accommodate audio broadcasting of Council Meetings.
Councillor Kibble -	Extension of Seniors Centre as a Recreation Facility Lighting on trails, paths and park facilities Expansion of Museum
Councillor Armstrong -	Gazebo Tables & other enhancements

Councillor Sabyan entered the meeting at 5:38pm

Councillor Kershaw -	Improve what we have rather than adding 'new' to avoid additional maintenance & ongoing operational costs.
Councillor Sabyan -	Agreed with Councillor Kershaw on enhancing what we already have rather than adding more which adds to ongoing maintenance costs.

It was suggested that \$25,000 per year for 2 years, totaling \$50,000 be slated for and made available to local organizations/Non-Profit in the form of a grant in order to supplement revenue losses subject to financial statements. (\$5,000 - \$7,500 each). Staff will prepare the necessary policy amendments.

The general consensus is that IT upgrades to accommodate meeting broadcasting is a priority.

4. COUNCIL PRIORITIES UPDATE – B. Payette, CAO

The CAO reported that in this discussion, it is important to share “high-level ideas and visions” of where this Council wishes to see for this town vs. suggestions that are operational in nature.

The CAO provided an update of the written, current capital project statuses as well as the following:

- The HY Louis Building – It has been proposed by a local, private contractor that should the District choose to sell the building, it could get renovated with the agreement that the District would be the tenant of the building.
- The Finance Officer reported that the wildfire revenue received by the Fire Department during this year’s fire season is \$220,000 and also provided a skatepark update.
- Wastewater line install addition on Barriere Town Road is estimated to cost approximately \$1,000,000 and if the water line was upgraded at that time, it could be approximately \$1,500,000. As there is no grant fund available, the CAO recommended borrowing the funds. It was noted that it will be important that the water system is back up and running in full capacity.

Mayor:

- Septage Receiving – new name and storage with electricity
- Downtown Revitalization Plan update.
- Leonie Lake Dam License – CAO reported that an options study is \$80k
- Barriere has a large amount of parkland per capita for this community.

Sabyan:

- Maintain what the District already has.
- Low-income housing is still a real need in the community.

Kibble:

- Downtown revitalization

Kerslake:

- HY Louis Building utilization

Kershaw:

- Downtown Revitalization (including wastewater/water upgrades, HY Louis, etc.)

Councillor Armstrong:

- Water system
- SAWRC repairs
- Increased mobility options including Golf Carts etc.

Discussion ensued.

5. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

None presented.

6. NEXT MEETING

At the call of the Chair.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Kerslake that the meeting adjourn at 6:43pm.

CARRIED

Original signed by, _____
Mayor Ward Stamer

Original signed by, _____
Bob Payette, CAO