

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

Held on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.  
In the Council Chambers at Municipal Hall  
4936 Barriere Town Road, Barriere, B.C.

Present: Mayor Virginia Smith  
Councillor Mike Fennell  
Councillor Al Fortin  
Councillor Donna Kibble  
Councillor Pat Paula  
Councillor Amanda Sabyan  
Councillor Ward Stamer

Staff: Colleen Hannigan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Nora Johnson, Finance Officer  
Tasha Buchanan, Deputy Corporate Officer

*The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.*

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Councillor Stamer presented a petition and requested it be added as a late item to the agenda as item 13.

Moved by Councillor Paula

Seconded by Councillor Sabyan

That Council approve the July 13, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

a. Moved by Councillor Fennell

Seconded by Councillor Paula

That Council adopt the Minutes of a June 22, 2015, Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

b. Moved by Councillor Sabyan

Seconded by Councillor Paula

That Council adopt the Minutes of a June 29, 2015 Special Council Meeting.

CARRIED

**3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

a. Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD) – Chair John Ranta, CAO Sukh Gill

TNRD Chair Ranta provided Council an overview of the Regional District's operations.

TNRD CAO Sukh Gill presented a power point presentation further outlining the details of the organization's statistics, mandate and services.

#### **4. BYLAWS AND POLICIES**

- a. Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 124 - Gabion Wall Systems - first reading (Staff Report attached)

Ms. Hannigan provided an overview of the application and this history of the property. It was noted that no public comments have been received by staff prior to tonight's meeting. She reported that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) has indicated they would be in support of the application as long as there is a covenant on title for access. The property owner and MOTI will work out the details of such a covenant should the application be considered by Council.

**Moved by Councillor Paula**

**Seconded by Councillor Sabyan**

**That District of Barriere Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 124 be given first reading.**

**CARRIED**

#### **5. PUBLIC HEARING - Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 124 - Gabion Wall Systems**

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan**

**Seconded by Councillor Paula**

**That Council convene into a Public Hearing regarding Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 124 at 7:58pm.**

**CARRIED**

- a. Bruce Gowan – Mountain Springs Motel.

Expressed concerns:

1. A trespass of this property's fence onto 2ft of his property already exists.
2. Potential setback issues
3. Future use of the property
4. Precedent matters; and
5. A possible devaluing of his property.

- b. Shawn Fadear made the following comments regarding his application:

1. Would like to see the zoning of his property reflect what the long term use has been of the property.
2. The current zone has provided a hardship, in his opinion, as potential buyers have found they could not obtain mortgage financing with the current, legal non-conforming status.

The Mayor called 3 times for any more comments from the public. Seeing and hearing none, the Mayor called the Public Hearing to a close.

**Moved by Councillor Stamer**  
**Seconded by Councillor Fennell**  
**That the Public Hearing adjourn at 8:12pm.**

**CARRIED**

**6. BYLAWS AND POLICIES (cont'd. if required)**

- a. Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 124 - Gabion Wall Systems – second and third readings

Concerns regarding land lock issues with Ministry of Transportation access were noted.

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan**  
**Seconded by Councillor Paula**  
**That District of Barriere Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 124 be read for a second time.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan**  
**Seconded by Councillor Paula**  
**That District of Barriere Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 124 be read for a third time.**

**CARRIED**

- b. Frequency of Fire Inspections – A. Kirkwood, Fire Chief

A draft policy regarding the frequency of fire inspections was presented to Council for consideration. The policy includes a Fire Inspection Frequency Matrix that outlines a classification based on the following:

- a) Fire Risk (taken from Table 1 – BC Fire Code – Major Occupancies Classification Description General Fire Risk Group or updated version thereof)
- b) Age of structure
- c) Type of structure
- d) Any other factor that the opinion of the Fire Chief, or qualified person acting in his absence, would affect the potential fire safety of the premises.

It was suggested that Item 3 be reworded to reflect other frequency of inspection time frames.

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan**

**Seconded by Councillor Fennell**

**That Council adopt Council Policy No. 31, as presented, regarding the frequency of Fire Inspections on various premises within the District of Barriere.**

**CARRIED**

## **7. STAFF REPORTS**

### **a. Quarterly Financial Report – N. Johnson, FO**

The Finance Officer provided an overview of the quarterly financial statements. Key line items were noted:

#### **Capital Wastewater:**

-Some invoices with the date for the end of June are still anticipated for the project and will be posted prior to submission to the Province for payment.

-The District can keep submitting up to 85% of the total project cost, however, under UBCM Policy, a hold back of 15% is retained by the Province until substantial project completion. Therefore some term deposits may have to be used to cover this hold back.

#### **General:**

-The approved funds of \$7,868 for computer stations have been completed and installed.

- The amount of approx. \$8,000 overrun on Repairs and Maintenance of the 2 Fire Trucks is due to unanticipated repairs that were required.

- \$625 overrun in Workshops and Seminars was due to a required parks staff training course on chainsaw operation.

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan**

**Seconded by Councillor Fennell**

**That Council accept the report for information.**

**CARRIED**

### **b. June 2015 Fire Report – A. Kirkwood, Fire Chief**

There was three fire calls and four practices held in the month of June.

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan**

**Seconded by Councillor Stamer**

**That Council accept the report for information.**

**CARRIED**

c. Barriere Speed Zones – C. Hannigan, CAO

The CAO reported discussing with the local RCMP detachment, the speeds approaching the 90 degree corner just before Leonie Creek Rd. As you approach that corner from town first there is a sign that says “**Leaving Speed Zone Area No 1481**”. The next sign warns you about the 40 km/h corner ahead then after you go around the corner and start up the hill after Leonie Creek Rd. there is an 80km/h sign. The Provincial Traffic Engineer from the Ministry of Transportation was asked whether the Area 1481 still applies. He has informed that it doesn’t and that we should take it down and this has now been done.

The sign coming from the other direction from Barriere Lakes into town that says “MAXIMUM 50km/h UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED” was located across from the sign we removed. This has been relocated closer to our boundary, around the corner basically across from the 80km/h sign going out of town.

The MOTI Traffic Engineer also commented that the District may never have formally instituted a municipal speed zone of 50km/h for the overall municipality, unless otherwise posted, since its incorporation. The signs exist, but according to MOTI, Council needs to pass a formal resolution on the matter.

**Moved by Councillor Stamer**

**Seconded by Councillor Sabyan**

**That the speed limit within the District of Barriere boundaries will be 50km/hr unless otherwise posted.**

**CARRIED**

d. CAO Update – C. Hannigan, CAO

**Solar Aquatics Wastewater Plant:** An updated schedule from Kim Rink was distributed to Council for their review. The concrete walls of the round surge blending tank on the north side of the building have been sprayed. One more pour is scheduled for its roof and door. The dented panels on the sliding door for the chip storage building have been replaced and the motor and remote controls installed.

**Collection System:** Final paving is scheduled for the date of this report, Monday the 13<sup>th</sup>. The prep for the highway intersection at Gilbert Smith Forest Products is scheduled for Sunday with the paving starting Monday morning. The intersection will be closed to all traffic for the majority of Sunday and Monday. The mill is aware of the schedule and have adjusted their deliveries accordingly. The paving is estimated to take three to four days

**Road Works:** Additional roadside vegetation moving was scheduled for this weekend along the southerly extent of Conner and Yard Rds.

**Simpco Summer Student:** Courtesy of the Aboriginal Skills Employment and Training Strategy program, Taylynn Eustache has joined the District crew for the rest of the summer. She will help in the office with the Communities in Bloom presentations, NTVIC Summer Camps, Lower North Thompson Community Forests Society tour promotion and setting up the Bandshell Fridays in the Park.

**Communities in Bloom:** Preparations are underway in anticipation for the judges arrival on the 19<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan**

**Seconded by Councillor Paula**

**THAT Council accept the July 13, 2015 CAO Update for information.**

**CARRIED**

## **8. PROCLAMATIONS**

*No proclamations scheduled to be read.*

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **a. For Information**

General correspondence for Council's information package is available online for public review under the corresponding meeting agenda folder.

**Moved by Councillor Paula**

**Seconded by Councillor Sabyan**

**That the correspondence be accepted for information.**

**CARRIED**

### **b. For Action**

*No correspondence submitted for action.*

## **10. COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

- i. Councillor Sabyan provided a verbal update on the following:
  - Attended the first few weeks of this year's Bandshell Fridays season.
  - Attended Barriere's Canada Day Celebration.
- ii. Councillor Paula provided a verbal update on the following:
  - Attended and volunteered with her husband at the community Canada Day Celebration.

- Will be volunteering with the NTFFRA to help operate the beer gardens for the upcoming Blue Moon Elvis Festival.
- iii. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal update on the following:
- Participated in a NTVIC Meeting and noted that the organization's collaboration with other community entities such as the District of Barriere and Chamber of Commerce to produce the "Welcome to Barriere Pamphlet" has been an enormous success.
  - Participated in a number of CiB Meetings.
- iv. Councillor Fennell provided a verbal update on the following:
- Attended Barriere's Canada Day celebration.

## **11. MAYOR'S REPORT**

June 24 – Participated in CiB Meeting

June 25 – Attended Chamber of Commerce end of season "wrap-up".

June 27 – Received zoning questions and concerns about from an owner about their property.

June 30 – Attended weekly LNB, TRUE, DOB meeting.

July 5 – Volunteered at the annual Emergency Services Appreciation BBQ.

July 6 – Received an email from a resident on the railway expressing access and safety concerns.

July 7 – Attended the property along the railway and was advised by LNB that they have been in touch with the home owner and will address the issue. The property owner emailed and noted how pleased they were with the response from LNB.

## **12. PUBLIC INQUIRIES**

- i. Area 'O' Director, Bill Kershaw, offered help for CiB clean-up day if required.

## **13. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Councillor Stamer presented Council with a small petition regarding a dust issue appearing to result from the Esso parking lot.

Ms. Hannigan reported that she recently spoke to the owner who has indicated he has inquired with a local contractor to address this issue within the next week.

## **14. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan**

**Seconded by Councillor Fortin**

**That Council convene into closed session under Section 90(1)(a) at 9:20pm.**

**CARRIED**

*The meeting reconvened into open session 9:28pm*

**15. NEXT MEETINGS**

August 10, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting

August 10, 2015 Regular Council Meeting

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councillor Stamer that the meeting adjourn at 9:30pm**

**CARRIED**

Original signed by, \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Virginia Smith

Original signed by, \_\_\_\_\_  
Colleen Hannigan, CAO