

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

Held on Monday May 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.  
In the Council Chambers at Municipal Hall  
4936 Barriere Town Road  
Barriere, B.C.

Present: Mayor Mike Fennell  
Councillor Rhonda Kershaw – entered meeting as indicated  
Councillor Pat Paula  
Councillor Glen Stanley  
Councillor Virginia Smith  
Councillor Ward Stamer  
Councillor Ron Glanville

Regrets: Colleen Hannigan, Chief Administrative Officer

Staff: Nora Johnson, Finance Officer  
Lynn Wright, Administrative Assistant

Mayor Fennell called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mayor Fennell indicated a closed session has been added as late item 11. a) and asked if Council would approve the addition into the agenda.

**Moved by Councillor Paula**

**Seconded by Councillor Stanley**

**That Council approve the May 16, 2011 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended.**

**CARRIED**

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

a. **Moved by Councillor Stamer**

**Seconded by Councillor Smith**

**That Council adopts the minutes and recommendations of a [May 2, 2011 Public Works Committee Meeting](#).**

**CARRIED**

Councillor Stanley circulated a newspaper article from Merritt regarding truck routes through Merritt, as well as parking permits for logging trucks in subdivisions.

b. **Moved by Councillor Paula**

**Seconded by Councillor Glanville**

**That Council adopt the minutes of a [May 2, 2011 Regular Council Meeting](#).**

**CARRIED**

Councillor Kershaw entered meeting

- c. **Moved by Councillor Smith**  
**Seconded by Councillor Stanley**  
That Council adopt the minutes of a [May 4, 2011 Ad-Hoc Bandshell Committee Meeting.](#)

**CARRIED**

### 3. BYLAWS

- a. **Moved by Councillor Stamer**  
**Seconded by Councillor Stanley**  
THAT [District of Barriere Noise Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 82](#) be given final adoption.

**CARRIED**

### 4. STAFF REPORTS

- a. [December 2010 Fire Report](#) – Al Kirkwood, Fire Chief  
b. [January – April 2011 Fire Report](#) – Al Kirkwood, Fire Chief

**Moved by Councillor Paula**  
**Seconded by Councillor Glanville**  
THAT Council accept the reports for information.

**CARRIED**

- c. [DVP 10-07 Application, McCall](#) – Dan Wallace, TNRD

Councillor Smith inquired whether the owner would be coming to speak with Council. Staff indicated that they were not.

Councillor Stamer asked whether there was to be a public hearing. BC Hydro expressed concern regarding replacing the mast. An agreement with BC Hydro and the property owner has been reached. The owner will assume responsibility. Concern was expressed regarding this situation arising again. Council was informed that the amendment will specify application to trailer #5 only. It is expected that our building inspector will prevent further scenarios such as this in the future.

The issue of TNRD washing their hands of a mistake made was raised. Council was informed that it was not TNRD's responsibility. The project started out as a deck without a permit and ended up being enclosed later. Councillor Smith enquired whether neighbours had been informed about this variance, and have any written objections been received. The District has not received any written comments and the neighbours were contacted and advised of the variance request.

**Moved by Councillor Glanville**  
**Seconded by Councillor Kershaw**  
THAT District of Barriere Variance Permit No. 10-07 be approved.

**CARRIED**

- d. [RCMP Accident Report](#) – Tasha Buchanan, Admin Assistant

**Moved by Councillor Paula  
Seconded by Councillor Stanley  
THAT Council accept the report for information**

**CARRIED**

Councillor Kershaw asked if there was any record kept by the RCMP for Mountain/Newberry Road. Staff will enquire further.

- e. [NTVIC Noise Permit Application](#) – Tasha Buchanan, Admin Assistant

**Moved by Councillor Stamer  
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw  
THAT Council grant the North Thompson Volunteer and Information Centre an exception to District of Barriere Noise Bylaw No.0033 Section 8 (i) – Temporary Noise Permits, to extend the hours from 22:00 to 23:00 for the Interior Savings Moonlight Movie Event to be held in Fadear Park August 18, 2011.**

**CARRIED**

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. For Information

- i. [British Columbia Community Forest Association](#) – 2011 Conference and AGM June 9-11, 2011 in 100 Mile House
- ii. [Lower North Thompson Community Forest Society](#) – 2011 Spring Newsletter
- iii. [Rural Coordination Centre of BC](#) – Community Action Day June 16, 2011 at the Rural Emergency Continuum of Care Conference in Kelowna BC.

Mayor Fennell informed Council that he would be unable to attend and suggested that someone attend.

- iv. [Barriere Senior Secondary](#) – May 3, 2011 Newsletter

Councillor Stamer informed Council that the start time for Grad will be 6:00 pm instead of 7:00 pm.

- v. [District of Clearwater](#) – Community Economic Development Plan  
*\*Bound report available at the District Office for review.*

- vi. TNRD – [Free Dump Day Press Release](#)

Councillor Stamer reported he picked up 3-4 loads for the dump with his truck and trailer

- vii. TNRD – [March Building Statistics Report](#)

- viii. [Omineca Beetle Action Coalition](#) - Rural BC Project Background Paper

- ix. [City of Pitt Meadows](#) – Notice of their support for the LMTAC Discussion Paper: *Local Government Issues and Interest on the First Nations Commercial and Industrial Development Act and the First Nations Certainty of Land Title Act.*

- x. [Fraser Basin Council](#) – North Thompson Agriculture Development Plan Update email.
- xi. [Southern Interior Beetle Action Coalition](#) – February 2011 Update  
Mayor Fennell suggested staff pass on this update to the North Thompson Fall Fair and Rodeo Association as there may be funding available for the Agriplex.
- xii. UBCM – [Local Government Elections Legislation](#)
- xiii. Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments – [UBCM Name Change Resolution](#)
- xiv. [UBCM](#) – Gas Tax General Strategic Priorities Fund and/or Innovations Fund Early Submission

**Moved by Councillor Smith  
Seconded by Councillor Stanley  
THAT Council accept the correspondence for information.**

**CARRIED**

b. For Action

- i. [North Thompson Recreation Society \(NTRS\)](#)

**Moved by Councillor Smith  
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw  
THAT Council approve the Grant-in-aid Application for \$500.00 to support the Red Cross swimming lessons that the Society facilitates annually in Barriere.**

**CARRIED**

## 6. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Smith reported the Food Action Committee will launch their website June 1 for producers and users. Later a layer map will be added, along with recipes, wildcrafting etc. It is hoped a publication will be ready for Fall Fair.

Councillor Stamer received compliments on his letter to the editor regarding the distribution of funding for Dry Grad.

**Moved by Councillor Smith  
Seconded by Councillor Stamer  
THAT the District of Barriere request School District #73 review their funding policy regarding distribution of donations for dry grad. Funds raised locally should be distributed locally.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved by Councillor Smith  
Seconded by Councillor Stanley  
THAT the District of Barriere place an ad in the local paper encouraging citizens to complete their census form, as Grant Funding for Barriere is determined by population.**

**CARRIED**

Councillor Kershaw reported that the second draft of the OCP should be available to Council the beginning of June and it is hoped to hold a public meeting the end of June.

Councillor Stanley expressed his appreciation to all the volunteers for the excellent Grand Opening for the Bandshell and reported the following:

- The lissenite has been spread at the ball parks.
- Silga was very low key.
- The sink repairs at the concession should be completed by this weekend.

Councillor Paula reported on the success of the Futures Games sponsored by the District of Clearwater. Interest in sponsoring the same program in Barriere was expressed by Council. Early September would be a good time to feature this workshop. Staff will contact Clearwater for further information.

Residents have approached Councillor Paula enquiring whether they could pay their taxes before they go away for the summer. Council was informed residents could phone the office and the Financial Officer would review the tax billing with them. The tax notices will be mailed by the end of this week.

Councillor Paula agreed with Councillor Stanley's general feelings around the Silga Convention.

Councillor Stamer expressed disappointment in the lack of questions on the 2011 Census and reported the following:

- The Youth and Media booths at Silga were both well done. Networking opportunities with other communities was appreciated.
- A storage site has been established for the TNRD Hazardous Waste disposal day and will only be in use for a few days after the event.
- The garbage truck repairs will be looked into in the next couple of weeks.
- He enjoyed the Grand Opening of the Bandshell and commended Ms. Hannigan for her excellent article in the local paper thanking everyone who participated.

Stamer Logging was thanked for donating an excavator to assist in removal of cement debris at Fadear Park during the clean up at the ball parks.

## **7. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Fennell reported that the crosswalk has been painted. He noted that there are a few trees in the park infested with tent caterpillars and will confer with Jim Owen regarding treatment.

Mayor Fennell enjoyed the two sessions he attended during the Silga Convention.

Councillor Paula may replace Mayor Fennell at the Swearing In Ceremony for Chancellor Wally Opal on Wednesday June 8 at 2:00 pm.

The Bandshell Opening was fantastic. It was estimated that between 250 and 300 people attended.

Mayor Fennell will accompany Cheryl Thomas and Anne Krawec touring the Simpcw and Fennell Farm Cemeteries this Friday for an article being prepared on old cemeteries.

The Mayor and CAO Colleen Hannigan met with Dr. Halpenny, Interior Health, discussing the possibility of building a long term care facility in Barriere.

## **8. PUBLIC INQUIRIES**

Mrs. Thorne commented that she was attending the Bandshell Opening and noted that people were driving much slower along Barriere Town Road because of the activity around the area. She also commented on the trees in bloom around the park.

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Stamer inquired whether staff has investigated the cost of a drinking fountain in the park. Staff is investigating the possibility of water fountains.  
Councillor Smith suggested there may be issues with Interior Health regarding the establishment of a drinking fountain.

Ms. Johnson informed Council that Vicci Weller, Executive Director of Film Thompson-Nicola Film Commission, is looking for a very remote, scary, rundown, abandoned large structure.

Filling sandbags was discussed in preparation for possible flooding this spring. The District has a contractor on emergency call for sand, which will be delivered to the site being threatened, and sandbags will be filled on site. This will eliminate the necessity of handling sandbags more than necessary.

Rick McCallum at Corix is willing to give a presentation about public/private partnerships for community sewers to Council in August or September.

## 10. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Section 90 (1) (j) of the Community Charter, that the public interest requires that persons other than Council Members and Officers be excluded from the meeting and that Council continues the meeting in closed session to discuss confidential matters.

**Moved by Councillor Stamer  
Seconded by Councillor Smith  
That Council convene into closed session at 7:45 pm**

**CARRIED**

## 11. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

**Moved by Councillor Stamer  
Seconded by Councillor Smith  
THAT council issue a letter of support for a proposal being submitted by Yellowhead Community Services regarding RFP ELMS-004 with the understanding that employment services will be maintained at the same or an improved level in Barriere.**

**CARRIED**

## 12. NEXT MEETING

June 6, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by Councillor Stamer that the meeting adjourn at 8:55 pm**

**CARRIED**

Original signed by, \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Mike Fennell

Original signed by, \_\_\_\_\_  
Nora Johnson, Financial Officer