

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

Held on Monday, March 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
In the Council Chambers at Municipal Hall
4936 Barriere Town Road
Barriere, B.C.

Present: Mayor Mike Fennell
Councillor Ron Glanville
Councillor Rhonda Kershaw
Councillor Pat Paula
Councillor Ward Stamer
Councillor Glen Stanley

Regrets: Councillor Virginia Smith

Also Present: Wayne Vollrath, Chief Administrative Officer
Nora Johnson, Finance Officer
Tasha Buchanan, Administrative Assistant

Mayor Fennell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Glanville
Seconded by Councillor Stamer
THAT the March 2, 2009 Regular Council Agenda be approved.
CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Stanley
Seconded by Councillor Paula
THAT the February 16, 2009 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be adopted.

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

i) Bert Walker – update of the current happenings within SILGA.

Mr. Walker provided Council with a brief outline of the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) and how the organization assists municipalities to achieve their goals.

Mayor Fennell suggested that the District work with SILGA to petition the Province to upgrade the Yellowhead Highway between Heffley Creek and Clearwater as there have been numerous tragic accidents along the increasingly congested route.

ii) Barb Gordon – request for a letter of support for a Health Beat System.

Council was informed that Ms. Gordon was not available at the time and would present to Council at a later time in the meeting.

4. STAFF REPORTS

i) Strategic Community Investment Funds

Council was informed that the Province is restructuring the Small Community Grant that the District receives into Strategic Community Investment Funds (SCIF).

It was noted that in order to continue to receive the Small Community Grant, the District will be required to sign-up for the funds by signing a SCI Funds agreement with the Province that will require the District to publicly report on the use of the funds and the results achieved.

Council was informed that with this agreement, the Province will pay the funds in three installments throughout 2009 and 2010. The District's 2009 Budget will reflect this change.

Moved by Councillor Paula

Seconded by Councillor Stanley

THAT the District of Barriere enter into a Strategic Community investment Fund Agreement with the Province of BC and that the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the agreement.

CARRIED

ii) West Nile Virus Annual Report

Council was informed that the TNRD has forwarded the final report of the TNRD West Nile Virus Prevention Program for 2008. The full report is available at the District office for viewing.

Moved by Councillor Stanley

Seconded by Councillor Glanville

THAT the information be received and that Barriere participate in the 2009 Program.

CARRIED

iii) Grant Application – Preparation Costs

Council was informed that the UBCM Evaluation Committee reviewed our proposal to develop a Built Environment and Active Transportation (BEAT) plan and has invited the District to submit a full application package for a \$25,000 grant.

The BEAT Program provides grants to support the development of new active transportation plans and with this grant, we would develop a plan for an active trail system that would connect the entire community with the park.

Council was informed that the cost for Urban Systems to prepare the application would be \$2,500.

Moved by Councillor Kershaw

Seconded by Councillor Stamer

1. THAT Council approve the Submission of an application for a Built Environment and Active Transportation Community Planning Grant.
2. THAT the District provide overall grant and financial management.
3. THAT Urban Systems be authorized to prepare the grant application for a BEAT grant at a cost of \$2500.

CARRIED

5. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

i) Barb Gordon – request for letter of support for a Health Beat System

Ms. Gordon presented Council with a handout explaining the Proposed Health Beat System. She explained that the Health Beat System consists of various outdoor fitness products that are placed in a park area to encourage fitness and mobility within communities. She informed Council that Barriere seniors, students and general public would greatly benefit from such a system. Ms. Gordon requested that Council provide a letter of support for funding from Honorable Kevin Krueger for the project.

Councillor Paula thanked Ms. Gordon for her presentation and asked if there would be instruction for the safe usage of the equipment as well as if there would be a liability issue for the District.

Council was informed that with proper instructional signage, the District would be not be liable for individuals using the equipment. Ms. Gordon also informed Council that she would host instruction sessions.

Councillor Stamer thanked Ms. Gordon for her presentation and asked Ms. Gordon if she had a location in mind to suggest. Council was informed that there is adequate space near the Community Gardens for the project.

Moved by Councillor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Paula

THAT the Mayor and Council provide a letter of support to Honorable Kevin Krueger for funding for a Health Beat System.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE

A. For Information

i) CUPE BC – Report on Public Private Partnerships by forensic auditors Ron Parks and Rosanne Terhart.

ii) Ministry of Environment – rejecting the proposal of situating a provincial campsite at Louis Creek.

iii) Ministry of Finance and Minister Responsible for the Olympics – letter outlining the use and conditions of the Olympic Mark.

Moved by Councillor Stanley
Seconded by Councillor Paula
THAT all three correspondence letters be received for information.
CARRIED

B. For Action

i) Clearwater Community Resource Centre – requesting a letter of support for development of the North Thompson Sustainable Watershed Atlas.

Moved by Councillor Stamer
Seconded by Councillor Paula
THAT Council request Ms. Sylvia Arduini to provide more information regarding the location, scope and impact of the project.
CARRIED

7. NOTICE OF MOTION

Moved by Councillor Smith
Seconded by Councillor Glanville
THAT staff prepare a policy requiring the District Municipality of Barriere to avoid the use of chemical herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers on all Parks and District Municipality of Barriere lands.

Moved by Councillor Stanley
Seconded by Councillor Stamer
THAT the Notice of Motion be tabled until Councillor Smith is available to participate in discussion at the next Regular Council Meeting.
CARRIED

8. MAYOR/COUNCILLORS REPORT

i) Councillor Kershaw reported that she and Mayor Fennell attended a meeting on February 27, 2009 with Chief Keith Matthew to review meeting protocol. Councillor Kershaw noted that meeting was very positive and discussions with Simpcw will resume once their election is complete in April.

Mayor Fennell agreed with Councillor Kershaw that the informal meeting was positive and noted that draft protocols are currently being drawn up.

ii) Councillor Stanley reported that another debris pile in the park was burned on February 26, 2009 with another few piles to follow.

Councillor Stanley also reported that the caretaker has vacated the caretaker premises and that he will be inspecting the property later in the week.

iii) Mayor Fennell reported that he has personally written two letters of support and request for funding for the Barriere Senior Secondary Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). The funding is being requested for an electronic sign to inform the community of school and local events within the community. He reported that he requested \$6,000 from the North Thompson Relief Fund and \$12,000 from NTEDS to be put towards the funding efforts of the Committee.

Mayor Fennell reported that total cost of the sign would be \$21,000 and that this funding request comes at no cost to the District.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Stamer

THAT the Regular Council Meeting adjourn until March 9, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Mike Fennell

Wayne Vollrath, CAO