

District of Barriere

REPORT TO COUNCIL

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To: Council	From: Bob Payette, CAO
Re: Administrative Updates	

CAO UPDATE:

Community Relations:

- CAO and Mayor met with IHA officials to discuss our medical center situation here in Barriere. Items discussed:
 - Service level review has indicated that we will have what they call PCP services (Primary Care - Plus), meaning that there will be some same day services for residents with 3 doctors within 18 months, but no emergency care.
 - Lab Services – yes
 - X-ray Services – yes
 - Casting – yes, unless additional complications
 - Emergency Care Services – will be ‘bagged and tagged’ (as Mayor likes to call it) into Kamloops or possibly to Clearwater depending on spaces availability.
 - Still looks good for 2 FT Ambulances in Barriere.
 - Sounds like IHA has cleaned up the list of people coming into Barriere from Kamloops and other locations outside of the Region. It wasn’t really clear how they do that, but they call this a panel clean-up.
 - Mayor asked for IHA to stop the weekly *notices of closure* and just admit the situation is more permanent (i.e. “*until further notice*” type of language). They answered that they will try and get CEO approval.
 - Communication and Public Consultation plans are still in the works (has been for quite some time). Stay tuned for possible focus groups.
 - They are looking for another Nurse Practitioner for Barriere
 - Some mental health services are available.
 - No are LOCUMs available, so we need to wait for the two new doctors scheduled to arrive. This is expected to be up to an 18 month wait.
- CAO and Simpcw CAO met to discuss working on the MOU, and a C2C meeting was tentatively scheduled for Sept 26th, with possible MOU signing at the First Nation Annual meeting with Provincial Ministers. The document is currently being reviewed by other member municipalities.

Development Projects:

- The LCIP reservoir construction is complete. Some control panel work still needs to be done, and final financial reporting on the grant has been initiated.

- More work and discussion with possible development of the truck stop on the highway, with the developer submitting his application for subdivision, and entering into discussions with MOTI.
- Captain Kerslake of the Flume Tiger Team, is working on the interior construction, HVAC, and framing. In addition, the electrical is now operational. Next step will be the 3rd draft of the drawings and separate office planning.

Recreation & Community Services:

- Interior Savings Moonlight Movie night was well attended and the bouncy castle was well utilized.
- With the return of the fall season, the Ridge gym schedule is once again nearly booked with an array of all age group programming.
- The Rec Committee has entered its first Fall Fair Parade float in celebration of being named British Columbia's *Most Active Community*.
- Next Rec Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 11th, 2023.

FINANCE OFFICER:

- Supporting documentation for the Loan Authorization Bylaw has been reviewed by the Ministry. Wording and term adjustments were identified through that review and amendments will be presented for approval in subsequent readings of the draft bylaw at a future meeting.
- A server upgrade was completed for the District's finance software last week.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER:

Roads & Parks

- The new Welcome Gate is has now been installed on Barriere Town Road. Thanks to all the residents and organizations that helped with the amazing project.
- Additional asphalt repairs are being completed this week.
- Staff worked on beautifying the community in anticipation of the annual Fall Fair and Rodeo.

Utilities

- Back-up generator project is completed – civil work and pad forms completed. Concrete has been completed. Generators are in place and wired. Commissioning is done.
- Water restrictions remain at Stage 1 for summer 2023 and a reminder and description of this stage is posted on the District website's homepage under "Local Notices". Drought conditions are now a level 5, some further restrictions may be imposed. Staff will notify the public of any changes as per the District's Public Communication Policy. Park irrigation has been reduced by 33 per cent, as part of our effort to conserve water.

- Completed water connection tie-in at Glentanna Phase 8, Barriere Town Rd., with paving completed. The name of the new road to accommodate these five lots off of BTR is Valmere Place. The name is in dedication to the memory of the Developer's (Gary Forsythe) mother.

Facilities

- Leonie Lake Dam study is underway which is grant funded. TRUE continues to work with Interior Dam Consulting on a work plan for review.
- Electrical install at The Flume - 400 Amp service is installed. Awaiting BC Hydro service connection and meter install.

**submitted for information*

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