

District of Barriere

# REPORT TO COUNCIL

<b>Date:</b> September 23, 2024	
<b>To:</b> Council	<b>From:</b> Department Heads
<b>Re: Departmental Updates</b>	

**CORPORATE OFFICER:**

- Arranged to meet with the local RCMP to discuss the newly adopted policies related to Bylaw Enforcement as well as to discuss speed/traffic enforcement issues recently brought forward.
- Conducted monthly Safety Meeting
- Coordinating upcoming Confined Space program update and training schedule.
- Historical maps have been prepared for professional scanning, cataloguing and digital archiving.
- The District's joint grant application to the Province with the TNRD for the Louis Creek Bulk Water Design, has been approved. The approval letter is included in this Agenda's information package.

**Recreation**

- Next Recreation Committee Meeting is Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

**PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER:**

**Roads**

- More shouldering and overlay repairs are scheduled for this week on Dunn Lake Road. All within budget.
- In-house crack sealing was completed on Spruce Crescent and McLean Road.
- Dixon Creek Road ditching along the steep areas was completed in-house. An estimated 4 tandem loads of material were removed using only the backhoe and toolcat, which took staff all day to complete.

**Utilities**

- Water consumption has decreased from the summer months to as high as 1500 m<sup>3</sup>/day
- North Reservoir control building roof repairs recently completed by staff.
- Fire hydrant flow testing was completed on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Any maintenance will be completed in the next few weeks by the consultant.
- We have recently had 1 residential sewer connection and 1 residential water connection. We have three upcoming residential and two commercial water, as well as 1 sewer connection on the horizon.

**Facilities**

- Staff have installed a security camera in the old Chamber of Commerce building. A commercial appraisal for this building is in progress. Expression of Interest (EOI) was posted on BC Bid September 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **Emergency Preparedness**

- No adverse weather is expected. No active wildfires in the region.

## **FIRE CHIEF:**

### Fire Department Specific Updates:

- Engine 3 taken to RGH for an oil leak
- Fire Safety Information hand-delivered to Riva Ridge and DJ Trailer Park (Including FireSmart Survey Information)
- 2 FireSmart assessments were completed (1 assessment was for several residential buildings)
- Line painting outside Fire Hall bay doors completed

### FireSmart Updates:

- Fieldwork started by ForSite
- Walk-through of high-risk areas completed with FireSmart Coordinator and ForSite Consultants
- Event Information for FireSmart Posted

## **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:**

- Attended Annual UBCM Convention in Vancouver with Mayor Stamer, Acting Mayor Rob Kerslake, Councillor Lodge and Councillor McInnis.

### Trails Society:

- Staff met with the Trails Society to discuss potential options for creating a mutually supportive relationship to maintain a sustainable trail network.
- Staff also discussed a potential presentation by the Trails Society to Council in January or February as part of the budget process for 2025 to potentially consider some form of mechanism that would create a program to maintain/upgrade the trails that are a strategic priority to the District, and defining clear expectations and deliverables for the Trails Society.
- As part of the meeting the Trail Society representative advised Staff that the unauthorized trail on District property behind the Siska Wastewater Treatment Facility which connects to a deer trail on the top of the bank (located on private property) seems to be slippery during wet conditions. Reviewing past reports to Council and correspondence, it is apparent that neither Council nor staff authorized the Trail that was illegally enhanced without permission and not to any standard that would limit the risk to the District.
- Currently only a portion of this unauthorized trail in question would be considered on District property.
- Staff advised the Trails Society that the intent would be to discuss this latest development with Council at the Council meeting on September 23, 2024, to consider signage options to deter access of the unauthorized trail.
- Staff has reached out to the Municipal Insurance Association (MIA) for BC to discuss this dilemma and will provide feedback at the meeting.

*\*submitted for information*