

District of Barriere
REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: April 6, 2021	File: 530.20/Rpts
To: Council	From: Bob Payette, CAO
Re: Administrative Updates	

CAO UPDATE:

Community Relations:

- Met with owner and operator of BMI Motel and restaurant to discuss their plans at the new property they have purchased, and also said for them to take out the lower panel of the highway signage to increase visibility during onto the highway.
- Met with owner and operator of the new Chevron gas station, which is under construction. We discussed ongoing options for land availability and they are hopeful to get the gas station up and running, but the store and other services will take longer to get going.

Development Projects:

- Met with Mr. Forsythe to continue the discussion of his Glentanna phased in development, and the possible of developing phase 8 this summer, which would be ahead of schedule.
- Met with Realtors to discuss the need for affordable housing in Barriere and the large number of requests for housing from younger clients looking for affordable houses to buy or rent. I have set up a meeting with representatives from SIMPCW Resources Development to discuss options for location to develop affordable housing, April 7th.
- Work continues on with developers in LCIP, as we are now working towards getting approved development permits for their construction of Lot 14, Lot 1-4 and Lot 2, are all working on site plans and building plans and removing subjects from their purchase agreement.
- Sent a request into IHA to consider and review water services options for the Delaney Development.
- Significant amount of time focused on the well DW3, working with the project team on the best option and success for the production of this well.
- Building Permit requests are up to 24 for 2021, this is keeping Mr. Allgaier very busy and requires the Utilities Department to schedule connection days 2 and 3 months ahead of time.
- We have received a warning letter from Ministry of Environment regarding our sewer treatment and RIBs, from Ministry of Environment. Mr. Crosson has already started on addressing the action items within the letter, but we do need to discuss with Council in coordination with the Sewer Master Plan.

PARKS & ROADS MANAGER:

- BC Hydro LED street light replacement tentative deployment date is April 14th
- Installed informational signboard along BTR between HY Louie and Search & Rescue.
- Staff have continued with sweeping - Barriere River Bridge, BTR boulevards
- Installed solar wayfinding lights in Community Park
- Repainted crosswalk lines along BTR at Bradford
- The sign designer is in the process of creating a concept drawing of a new highway sign design that incorporates the notations heard from Council at the last meeting. This concept should be ready to be presented to Council at the next meeting.
- An official response from Simpcw regarding the use of the Barriere River for park irrigation purposes has not been received. Direction from Council as to whether or not staff proceed with the Front Counter BC application, which includes First Nation consultation on that end, for the installation of a river pump irrigation system is needed.

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES MANAGER:

- The power disruption to the District Office's main server has now been restored. The surge protection did its job for the first two power outages, but malfunctioned with the repeated two minute outages in succession. The additional protection of redundant backup also did its job in the protection of all the District's data. This particular power disruption was unique which is why it ended up causing the disruption. An additional USP can be purchased to protect from an outage/restore/outage/restore and then outage/restore before fully loaded, again, may be warranted. Staff are researching potential options going forward. However, all in all, the safe guards in place worked as intended and no data was lost.

**submitted for information*

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