

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

Held on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers at Municipal Hall  
4936 Barriere Town Road, Barriere, B.C.

*“We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples of Simpcw First Nation  
within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.”*

Present: Mayor Ward Stamer  
Councillor Judy Armstrong – *via zoom*  
Councillor Scott Kershaw  
Councillor Rob Kerslake  
Councillor Donna Kibble  
Councillor Louise Lodge – *via zoom*  
Councillor Colin McInnis

Staff: Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer  
Chelsea Young, Finance Officer  
Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager

*Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 7pm.*

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Kerslake  
Seconded by Councillor Kibble  
That Council approve the January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. Moved by Councillor Kibble  
Seconded by Councillor McInnis  
That Council adopt the minutes of a January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 PUBLIC HEARING & Regular Council Meeting

CARRIED

**3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS – *none scheduled***

**4. BYLAWS and POLICIES**

- a. DRAFT Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 227 re: RZ-23-01 – 1<sup>st</sup> reading.  
*\*with attached staff report*

The Corporate Officer provided an overview of the rezoning application and the draft bylaw amendment.

**Moved by Councillor Kerslake  
Seconded by Councillor Lodge**

**That Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 227 be given 1<sup>st</sup> reading and that a Public Hearing be scheduled for February 21, 2023 at 7pm.**

**CARRIED**

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Leonie Lake Dam Update – B. Payette, CAO

The CAO provided an overview of the written report.

It was questioned as to what the engineer's recommendation would be if the dam is left open. TRUE has not indicated whether or not they'd support that, however, doing so could affect the landowners below who rely on that dam for irrigation.

Councillor Kershaw stated that he would like to see the history of the dam and for what specific purpose it was created in the first place. The Mayor stated his belief that that he dam was created back when Barriere needed a water source back-up. Now that Barriere no longer requires the dam for that use, but still pays for the maintenance of the dam as well as assumes the liability for the dam, previous Council directed staff to undertake a feasibility study on decommissioning the dam. Part of that process has been staff exploring the possibility of getting the consequence classification reduced.

**Moved by Councillor Kerslake**

**Seconded by Councillor Kershaw**

**WHEREAS the District is to present the preliminary Leonie Lake dam breach inundation findings to the Province in order to formally initiate the dialogue on changing the Consequence Rating of the structure;**

**THEREFORE, the District resolves to submit an application for the February 24, 2023 intake of the Community Preparedness Fund for 100% funding, with the scope of the application to complete the study associated with Leonie Lake dam options.**

**CARRIED**

- b. District of Barriere Vision, Mission & Value Statement Update – B. Payette, CAO

**Moved by Councillor McInnis**

**Seconded by Councillor Lodge**

**THAT Council adopt the 2023 Vision, Mission and Value statement for the District of Barriere as presented.**

**CARRIED**

- c. UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Application Resolution  
– C. Matthews, Public Works Manager

**Moved by Councillor McInnis**

**Seconded by Councillor Kershaw**

**THAT staff be directed to apply for funding in the amount of \$30,000 under the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for the purchase of emergency support service equipment and materials.**

**CARRIED**

- d. CAO Update – B. Payette, CAO  
*\*Submitted for information*

The CAO provided an overview of the written report.

It was questioned if staff were aware of reported water build up on Airfield Rd. across from multi-use court and it was answered that staff have some of these areas marked for mitigation in the spring.

The addition of more “Free Libraries” was requested as a resident has stated that they would be willing to construct them through donations if the District would permit their addition to other parks in the community. It was suggested that the resident contact staff to make arrangements.

6. **PROCLAMATIONS** – *none submitted*

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. For Information  
b. For Action – SILGA 2023

It was agreed that all Councillors will attend this year’s convention if possible. Mayor Stamer suggested that Council submit a resolution petitioning the Province to require dash cam installations in all Commercial Vehicles operating in BC.

**Moved by Mayor Stamer**

**Seconded by Councillor Armstrong**

**That Council direct staff to prepare a resolution for SILGA asking the Province to require dash cam use in all Commercial Vehicles operating in BC, for Council to consider before the February 24, 2023 deadline.**

**CARRIED**

8. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

- a. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal report on the following:
- Letters have been drafted and sent on behalf of the Rec Committee for the Family Night.

- b. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal report on the following:
  - There are currently 18-24 in attendance at the After School Program each day.
- c. Councillor Kerslake provided a verbal report on the following:
  - Attended a meeting with MP, Frank Caputo last week.
- d. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
  - Attended a meeting with MP, Frank Caputo last week
  - Will be volunteering with the upcoming Teddy Bear's Picnic hosted by Barriere's Literacy Group.
  - The Museum is looking for new directional highway signage
- e. Councillor Kershaw provided a verbal report on the following:
  - Has been accepted onto BC Rural Advisory Council.

## 9. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Attended a meeting with MP, Frank Caputo last week
- Participated in various radio interviews
- Participated in various TNRD Board & Committee meetings including a Regional Hospital Board Meeting. Interior Health has reported that they are short 120 locums in the Province right now.

## 10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

- a. Al Fortin (*via online*) – Suggests that a reserve line item be created for annual allocation for the Leonie Lake Dam be created so that at the 10-year review point, the funds are available to Council to use.

## 11. NOTICE OF MOTION – *none presented*

## 12. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

**Moved by Councillor Kerslake**

**Seconded by Councillor McInnis**

**That pursuant to Section 90(1)(e) of the Community Charter, that the public interest requires that persons other than Council Members and required staff be excluded from the meeting and that Council continues the meeting in closed session to discuss confidential matters at 8:35p.m.**

**CARRIED**

*Chelsea Young left the meeting to attend virtually via Zoom at 8:35pm*

## 13. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

*The meeting reconvened into open session at 10:25p.m.*

**14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

The following resolution was made in, and brought out of, Closed Session for public release:

**Moved by Councillor Kershaw**

**Seconded by Councillor McInnis**

**That Council direct Staff to submit an application for Crown Land Tenure of LOT 37 DISTRICT LOT 1634, KDYD, PLAN 1746, PID 011-385-014.**

**CARRIED**

**15. NEXT MEETING**

a. Regular Council Meeting – Monday, February 6, 2023 @ 7pm

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councillor Kerslake that the meeting adjourn at 10:26p.m.**

**CARRIED**

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Mayor Ward Stamer

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Bob Payette, CAO