

District of Barriere

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: October 17, 2022	File: 530.20/Rpts
To: Council	From: Bob Payette, CAO
Re: Administrative Updates	

CAO UPDATE:

Community Relations:

- CAO met with the CEO of Simpcw Resources Group (SRG) to discuss ongoing projects in Barriere and any potential partnership opportunities.
- Fire department held their annual Fire Awareness Event for the community, hotdogs with the Mayor and Councilor Kershaw attending on Thursday, October 13th.
- CAO & Mayor met with MOTI Regional Operations Managers. The following point were discussed:
 - Hwy 5N Closure Traffic Management Plan
 - Variable Speed Limits along the corridor
 - Dunn Lk Rd re-alignment project
 - Incident response specifications from ARGO
 - Barriere Truck Parking Lot ideas
 - Agate Bay Lot 10
 - H5N at DeeJay Rd turning lane
 - General Argo comments:
 - MoTI Winter Preparedness audit occurring shortly
 - Still conducting construction works with the nice weather we have been receiving, but also getting winter equipment ready.
 - Sand/salt stockpiles in pits full.
 - Staffing/hiring ongoing.
 - Argo 24/7 contact line: 1-800-661-2025. Should be handed out to anyone who has concerns about highway maintenance for quickest resolution.



Development Projects:

- Dixon Creek Rd Development DL 570 – Started the process of surveying the lots in preparation for possible rezoning application.
- The Leonie Creek Dam review continues with TRUE Engineering and is expected for Council review by December.

- LCIP Water Reservoir Project - The purchase is underway, awaiting the review the funding available from TRUE and at that point consider the remaining buildout of the water system. Met with electrical consultant to review power requirements on sites.

Recreation & Community Services:

- The District's new Recreation Coordinator, Jamie Mosdell, has been in the office and is starting to get acquainted with the role and has begun introducing herself to various user groups of the Ridge Gym.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER:

Roads & Parks

- Attended a webinar for CWRP (Community Wildfire Resiliency Planning), and subsequently we met with Mr. Jeremy Denny FireSmart Coord with the TNRD to discuss the application process for the available grant funding to complete the plan with associated action items.
- SkatePark construction is ongoing, Mayor and staff attended a thankyou BBQ for the workers – all concrete pours completed, next is the landscaping and pathways.
- Construction of the new warming hut/washrooms is underway. Removed the old building, civil work including water and sewer tie-ins done this week, and concrete pad to be completed next week.
- Vehicle shelter: electrical completed & building is now in use.
- Site layout of carving and gazebo done for next week paving. EV charging station cement and electrical conduit has been installed.
- Truck route signage was installed along Barriere Town Road at the triangle turn.

Utilities

- We received up to 100 Cubes of TransMountain ground water from the pipeline project for processing at SAWRC, direct to ground, at \$40 a cube.

FINANCE OFFICER:

- The District's Provincial COVID funding has a balance of: \$15,000. At the previous Council meeting, Council indicated a desire to support the addition of a beginners area within the skatepark.

Recommendation: That Council approve the expenditure of up to \$5,000 to support the construction of a beginners area within the Barriere Skateboard Park.

- The MIABC Facility Audit is included in the correspondence package for Council information. Most action items are minor in nature and have either already been addressed by District staff, or are planned.

CORPORATE OFFICER:

- The Declaration of Official Election Results by Voting will be made by October 19th as per legislation.
- Upcoming dates:
 - Thursday November 3rd @ 3pm -First DOB Council orientation in Council Chambers.
 - Friday November 4 - Regional Orientation session – 8:30AM to 4:30PM
 - Location: Sandman Centre

- Monday November 7th @ 7pm – DOB Inaugural Council Meeting in the Ridge Gym
- November 17th @ 5:30pm – TNRD Inaugural Meeting at Sandman Hotel
- November 23rd @ 8:30AM to 4:30PM – Orientation for our 2 TNRD Director appointments that will be made on November 7th during the Inaugural Meeting.

**submitted for information*

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