

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7:00pm
In the Council Chambers at Municipal Hall
4936 Barriere Town Road, Barriere, B.C.

Present: Councillor Scott Kershaw – Acting Mayor
Councillor Al Fortin
Councillor Donna Kibble
Councillor Amanda Sabyan

Regrets: Mayor Ward Stamer
Councillor Judy Armstrong

Staff: Colleen Hannigan, Chief Administrative Officer
Nora Johnson, Finance Officer
Tasha Buchanan, Deputy Corporate Officer
Chelsea Young, Deputy Finance Officer

Acting Mayor Kershaw called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Sabyan
Seconded by Councillor Fortin
That Council approve the January 21, 2019 Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Councillor Fortin requested that the final Riverwalk fencing total, including staffing and taxes that was reported verbally in the CAO report be recorded in the minutes.

Moved by Councillor Sabyan
Seconded by Councillor Fortin
That Council adopt the Minutes of the January 7, 2018 Regular Council Meeting
as amended.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Fortin
Seconded by Councillor Kerslake
That the meeting recess at 7:03pm and reconvene following the adjournment of the scheduled Public Hearing.

CARRIED

Councillor Sabyan declared a conflict of interest as she is related to the authorized agent of the applicant and left the meeting at 7:03pm.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING – Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 165**
re: 4347 Yellowhead Hwy

Acting Mayor Kershaw called the Public Hearing to order at 7:03pm.

Application #: RZ-18-01 Mahal
Applicant Name: Rajdeep Mahal
Authorized Agent of Applicant: Debbie Sabyan

Date of Application: December 21, 2018

Location: 4347 Yellowhead Hwy, Barriere BC.
Lot 1, Plan KAP61674, DL1325, Land District 25, PID 024-130-958

Bylaw: Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 165
Bylaw Status: 1st Reading completed January 7, 2019

Description of Application: To allow the site specific use of “Cannabis Sales” at 4347 Yellowhead Hwy subject to an owner/tenant being in possession of a valid Provincial Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence.

Text Amendment: *“Permitted Uses – Site Specific
4347 Yellowhead Highway – an additional principal use of “Cannabis Sales”*

Acting Mayor Kershaw read an opening statement regarding the proceedings of the Public Hearing.

The CAO provided an overview of the Rezoning Application for the public. The following written submissions were read:

- i. The Ministry of Transportation – No objection however the applicant is required to submit an access permit application as the property currently does not have a valid permit in place that is on record.
- ii. Lawrence Zmud of 4332 Yellowhead Highway provided a written submission that he was opposed to the application.
- iii. Barb Buchanan of 4348 Barriere Town Road provided a written submission that she was not opposed to the application on the condition that there was no associated smell with the proposed additional use of “Cannabis Sales”.

The Acting Mayor called three times for any submissions from the floor. No submissions from the floor were presented.

**Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Fortin
That the Public Hearing adjourn at 7:14p.m. and Council reconvene into the Regular Council Meeting.**

CARRIED

4. RECONVENE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 7:14p.m.

5. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a. Tanya Gagnon – re: BC PNP Entrepreneur Regional Pilot Program

Ms. Gagnon introduced herself and provided an overview of the new two year BC PNP Entrepreneur Regional Pilot Program which came online this month and how she believes that the Barriere becoming involved could benefit the community. Tanya stated that she does have a friend who is interested in participating in the program. He is from Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates. There could be many other eligible individuals interested in the community that Barriere could choose from as part of this program.

It was questioned as to what costs, if any, would be the responsibility of the municipality to cover should the District want to participate.

Moved by Councillor Fortin

Seconded by Councillor Sabyan

That Council direct staff to research the feasibility of the District participating in the PNP Entrepreneur Regional Pilot Program and report back to Council at a future date.

CARRIED

- b. Antoon Houben, NTACS Board Chair – re: Canada Summer Jobs

Mr. Houben was not in attendance.

6. BYLAWS AND POLICIES

- a. Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 165 re: RZ-18-01 Mahal Application for Site Specific Permitted Use of Cannabis Sales at 4347 Yellowhead Hwy – 2nd and 3rd readings.

Moved by Councillor Fortin

Seconded by Councillor Kibble

That Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 165 be given second reading.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Fortin

Seconded by Councillor Kibble

That Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 165 be given third reading.

CARRIED

7. STAFF REPORTS

a. Wellhead Protection Committee Appointments – C. Hannigan, CAO

Moved by Councillor Sabyan

Seconded by Councillor Kerslake

THAT Council appoint the following to the Select Committee of Council – Wellhead Protection Committee.

- **Mayor Ward Stamer**
- **Councillor Al Fortin**
- **Chris Matthews**
- **Jim Warman**
- **Thierry Carriou**
- **David Thomson / Melissa Wade, FLNROD**
- **Jessy Bhatti, Interior Health**
- **Doug Borrill**

CARRIED

b. SD73 BES Property - Lease Agreements – C. Hannigan, CAO

The CAO reported that there are two lease agreements involving the Barriere Elementary School (BES) and Community Park properties that are up for renewal. One is for a small triangle of land where a District trail improvement cuts across School District property by the Barriere River and the other is the piece of District of Barriere-owned land adjacent the southerly ball diamond in Community Park that has been used (fenced) by the school for many years and now hosts the new PAC gazebo.

Ms. Hannigan stated that the current form of lease agreement seems to be working and suggested a resolution from Council to request the School District agree to extend both agreements as they exist at this time.

Moved by Councillor Sabyan

Seconded by Councillor Fortin

THAT Council direct the CAO to request and enter into an extension of both Barriere Elementary School lease agreements with SD73 for up to 10 years.

CARRIED

c. Proposed Boundary Extension Alternative Approval Process (AAP) DL57, KDYD – C. Hannigan, CAO

The Boundary Extension application considered at a previous Council Meeting involving the vacant parcel DL57, KDYD has been given approval by the Province to proceed with the Alternative Approval Process. Notice will be posted by the District as required in the BC Gazette as well as in the local paper and online. Should at least 10% of the electors indicate that the council must obtain the assent of the electors before proceeding then an

assent vote may be held within 80 days of the deadline established for the AAP. Or, Council may decline to go any further with the application. The recommended deadline for receiving elector response forms is February 25th.

Moved by Councillor Fortin

Seconded by Councillor Sabyan

That Council direct the CAO/Corporate Officer to proceed with the AAP with a deadline of February 25, 2019 for the return of Elector Response forms and bring back its results to the March 4th Council meeting.

CARRIED

d. **CAO Update** – C. Hannigan, CAO

- **Solar Aquatics Water Reclamation Centre (SAWRC) System:** With respect to plans for chip storage, we are still awaiting approval from Rural Dividend to extend to October 31, 2019. In the meantime, different designs (scissor trusses with walls vs arched steel coverall on steel cans) are being priced out and will be brought forward to a future budget meeting.

The foam generators and soap solution tank and associated strainers have been cleaned and the pressure the existing pump is providing at the height of the generators has been confirmed. Councillor Kershaw suggested researching the benefits of replacing the lift pump with a pressure pump. The introduction of a polymer in the sludge dewatering process at the bottom end of the system seems to be working.

The CAO reported that a crack in the Siska wastewater system fiberglass tank has been discovered. Staff are assessing the issue and will report back when a cost estimate is determined. The tank is no longer under warranty.

- **BC Hydro ReGreening Grant:** Now that the fence project has been completed at Riverwalk, it is recommended that the surrounding property be improved to better match the neighborhood. There is approximately \$5,000 available through a re-greening grant from BC Hydro and Tree Canada that could assist with the purchase of larger trees. The District's matching contribution would comprise planting, watering and long term maintenance. The matching funds could come from Gas-Tax Reserve.

Moved by Councillor Sabyan

Seconded by Councillor Kerslake

THAT Council direct staff to submit an application for funding to the BC Hydro Community ReGreening Program for \$5,000 with matching funds coming from the Gas Tax Reserve.

CARRIED

- **Pickleball at the Rink/Multi-use Courts:** Judith Klontz is a local advocate who has been introducing folks in Barriere to Pickleball here at the Ridge and at the Seniors' Activity Centre. She thinks that it would be a perfect fit for the outdoor multi-use rink location once the surface has had some attention. Only the painting of the lines would

be necessary if portable nets were used, or, the District could also install two permanent nets for the summer season leaving room for at least one or two other portable ones to be added by some of the local players. The cost of a net is around \$200 and posts and sleeves could be fabricated and installed by staff for around \$200. Rackets range from \$65 to \$100 and a set of four could be purchased to have on hand or people could purchase their own.

Ms. Klontz says she would be very happy to collaborate with the District of Barriere to help make outdoor pickleball courts a reality in Barriere and feels an outdoor facility would allow for extended playing hours so anyone (i.e. Shift workers) would have the opportunity to enjoy this activity during the warmer season (April - mid October).

Moved by Councillor Sabyan

Seconded by Councillor Fortin

THAT Council direct staff to include the costs of creating two Pickleball outdoor courts in the upcoming budget deliberations.

CARRIED

- **North Thompson Fall Fair & Rodeo (NTFFRA) Highway sign (by the Esso):** The NTFFRA are interested in the current highway sign near the Esso being taken down and having discussions with the District how it could best be replaced.
- **Community to Community (C2C Forum):** The C2C Forum for valley politicians is scheduled for February 1, 2019 at the Little Fort Community Hall at 8:30am.
- **Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Training:** Training in protocols around an emergency response that activates the local EOC will be held February 28th for Council and March 1, 2019 for operations staff involved in the EOC.

8. PROCLAMATIONS

None submitted.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

a. For Information

i. Provincial Taxation Changes to Council Stipends

The Finance Officer reported that as of January 1, 2019, local government elected officials no longer receive a portion of their stipend as tax-exempt.

Moved by Councillor Kershaw

Seconded by Councillor Kerslake

The Council direct staff to inquire how are other communities are handling this stipend taxation change.

CARRIED

b. For Action

None submitted.

10. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- a. Councillor Kerslake provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Volunteered at the annual Barriere Secondary School Christmas Luncheon
- b. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended a North Thompson Heritage Society Meeting. The Society is hoping to hire 2 employees to cover 4 months over the summer. The Society is also considering organizing a Barriere Reunion in 2020.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT *(verbal)*

Acting Mayor Scott Kershaw provided a verbal report on the following:

- In the process of developing a blog and podcast showcasing North Thompson Valley people with a focus on business, leadership and personal improvement.

12. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

None presented.

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

None presented.

14. NEXT MEETING

- a. Closed Session – February 4, 2019 @ 4:00pm
Closed pursuant to Section 90(1)(k) of the Community Charter
- b. 2019 Budget Council Meeting – February 4, 2019 @ 5:00pm
- c. Regular Council Meeting – February 4, 2019 @ 7pm

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Kerslake that the meeting adjourn at 8:00p.m.

CARRIED

Scott Kershaw, Acting Mayor

Colleen Hannigan, CAO