

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 7:00pm
In the Council Chambers at Municipal Hall
4936 Barriere Town Road, Barriere, B.C.

Present: Mayor Ward Stamer
Councillor Judy Armstrong
Councillor Al Fortin
Councillor Scott Kershaw
Councillor Rob Kerlake
Councillor Donna Kibble
Councillor Amanda Sabyan

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

Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A Fire Department Report was added as Agenda Item 5a

Moved by Councillor Sabyan

Seconded by Councillor Fortin

That Council approve the December 10, 2018 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. A typo was on page 2 was noted for correction.

Moved by Councillor Sabyan

Seconded by Councillor Kibble

That Council adopt the Minutes of the November 19, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

a. **Peter Milobar, MLA**

Honorable Peter Milobar, MLA, congratulated Council members on their recent election to Office and introduced himself and staff member, Kirsty Morris. The MLA explained to Council the Provincial Committee's he sits on and that the needs of rural communities like Barriere are a priority for him in his riding. The issue of slash

piles/carbon tax and Provincial ground transportation plan headway was questioned by Council.

- b. **Success by 6, United Way** – Francy Hayward re: Significant Funding & Structural Changes.

Francy Hayward provided an overview of the Success by 6 BC mandate and its services. Francy outlined the significant funding and structural changes to the organization that are being implemented by the Province and the impact that they likely will have to the community of Barriere. An *Early Years Service Framework* FAQ page from the Ministry of Children and Families was distributed to Council. The Success by 6 Program as it is now, will no longer be funded by the Province. Funding will now go into direct services for families with young children.

Direct services are outlined in the Early Years Service Framework and a RFP process has been launched on BC Bid. The successful applicant is qualified for up to \$67,000/yr for a 3 year term to service the North Thompson Valley, which does not match the Success by 6 funding that supported early child services in Barriere in years prior, but will assist non-profit organization applicants in providing some services. The application deadline is early in January.

- c. **Yellowhead Community Services** – Jack Keough, Executive Director and Carl Rainer, Director

Mr. Rainer and Mr. Keough provided a Power Point overview of the scope of Yellowhead Community Services (YCS) and the many services it provides to the North Thompson Valley, including in Barriere including early childhood support services, daycare, preschool, social services and more. In addition, the organization recently began addressing the need for affordable housing in Clearwater. Mr. Keough stated he would like to address similar housing issues in Barriere as well.

4. **BYLAWS AND POLICIES**

None scheduled.

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

- a. **November 2018 Fire Department Report** – Chief Wohlgemuth

There were 3 Road Rescue Calls, 6 Practices and 1 Training Session in November.

Moved by Councillor Kibble

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

That Council approve \$750 in funds for the donation of carbon monoxide / smoke detectors to residences with serious carbon monoxide concerns as identified by the Fire Chief on a case by case basis with the funds being taken from Fire Surplus.

CARRIED

b. **Board of Variance Member Appointment** – C. Hannigan, CAO

Moved by Councillor Sabyan

Seconded by Councillor Kerlake

THAT Council appoint Karina Scott, Dan Meek and Leslie Stirling to the Board of Variance for a term of 3 years.

CARRIED

c. **North Thompson Fall Fair & Rodeo Association – Funds on Deposit** – N. Johnson, Finance Officer

Moved by Councillor Fortin

Seconded by Councillor Sabyan

THAT Council approve the increase of funds on deposit for the North Thompson Fall Fair & Rodeo Association to \$30,000.00.

CARRIED

d. **2019 Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Grant Application Options**
– C. Hannigan, CAO

Funding for the 2.4 million Barriere Town Rd Project that would see new water and wastewater infrastructure along with pedestrian friendly boulevard upgrades from Dixon Creek Rd. south to Station Rd. is not going to be announced until late January.

Staff suggested that the District prepare a grant application that consists of two phases as shown on the attached sketch that had been distributed to Council in case the 1st phase does not receive funding through the previous ICIP grant application:

- Phase I - would consist of the exact application that was submitted for the first grant totaling \$2.4 million.
- Phase II - would then consist of the most critical upgrades at the north end of Barriere Town Rd. to an amount of \$2,000,000.

Council requested more detailed drawings and further details on which upgrades are considered most critical to be brought back to the January 7th Council meeting.

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Kibble

THAT Council direct staff to prepare a grant application for submission to the ICIP- Rural and Northern Communities (RNC) Fund:

- **Phase I - would consist of the exact application that was submitted for the first grant totaling \$2.4 million.**
- **Phase II - would then consist of the most critical upgrades on the remainder of Barriere Town Rd. to an amount of \$2,000,000.**

CARRIED

e. **RecycleBC Agreements** – C. Hannigan, CAO

The CAO reported that upon reading the draft agreements, it was noticed there has been one discomfoting change to the initial terms described to be anticipated in an additional clause that states that at the discretion of Recycle BC, they could decide at any time (with 30 days notice) to increase the distance allowance to 70km from 60km if they wanted to. This could mean the District of Barriere might end up being required to transport its collected recycling the full distance to Emterra in Kamloops. Anticipated revenues would cover some of the additional costs, however, over time the impact to the Solid waste budget for additional truck mileage would be substantial. In speaking to our Representative at Recycle BC, it was stated to staff that it does seem logical that the facility the District would be told to deliver to would be the Louis Creek Eco-Depot but also made it clear that that was absolutely not a guarantee. This puts the District in a difficult situation where it is being asked to enter into a contract when a key term is up in the air.

The District has also been advised that the agreements presented are standard across the Province and Recycle BC is not willing to consider revisions. Council considered their options:

- 1) That Council direct the Mayor and CAO to sign back the agreements to Recycle BC with revised wording making the agreements subject to the Louis Creek Eco-Depot (or similarly distanced site) being the District's designated Post Collection Facility or Receiving Station for the contract term unless otherwise agreed to by the District in writing, or,
- 2) That Council direct the Mayor and CAO to sign the agreements as presented and deal with any change in collection location should it arise in the future; or,
- 3) That Council chooses not to enter into any agreement with Recycle BC at this time.

It was noted that Option #2 and Recycle BC changes our Post Collection facility to Kamloops then TNRD may possibly offer to transport our recycling to the facility for us and we could use the revenue from Recycle BC to pay for this transfer. This would however, eat into the funds we would potentially be setting aside for a new vehicle that handles containers rather than the blue bag system we currently use.

The third option has negative financial implications as TNRD will no longer be able to accept our curbside recycling under their contract as a depot if we are not on the Recycle BC waitlist or a Recycle BC contractor. Residents would still be able to take their recycling to the Louis Creek Eco Depot on their own if they are able.

Moved by Councillor Kibble

Seconded by Councillor Sabyan

That Council direct the Mayor and CAO to sign back the agreements to Recycle BC with revised wording making the agreements subject to the Louis Creek Eco-Depot (or similarly distanced site) being the District's designated Post Collection Facility or Receiving Station for the contract term unless otherwise agreed to by the District in writing.

CARRIED w/ Councillors Kershaw and Fortin opposed.

f. **CAO Update** – C. Hannigan, CAO

Cannabis in Public Areas: Staff have spoken with local RCMP and at this time, unless issues arise in certain areas, the District may want to take a wait and see approach to introducing additional bylaw enforcement responsibilities.

Strategic Planning Session(s): The first session was scheduled for January 7, 2019

Solar Aquatics Water Reclamation Centre (SAWRC): The alteration made by Fink Machine to clean out the fines that accumulate at the bottom of the auger appears to be working. There is \$14,000 remaining in the Solar Aquatics Operational Sustainability Plan fund, \$11,000 of which is from the current Rural Dividend Grant. A request has been made to Rural Dividend to expend the remaining funds on the provision of a critical element of our project, reliable heat. This would equate to the construction of a new chip storage area, located on site utilizing part of the fenced compound area, which would allow more chips to be stored and seasoned during the hot, dry summer months, in a secure location. The new container would be spaced 10' from the existing white fire department container with a roofed concrete pad between the two that could accommodate a 13' shuffle floor truck. The used container is \$4,000 delivered, a 10'x40'x4" reinforced concrete slab would be \$3,000 and the roof structure would be approximately \$2,000. The area would be gated and well ventilated at a cost of \$300. Additional venting in the new container would cost approximately \$600, totaling \$10,000. Should Rural Dividend not be willing to allow this expenditure under the grant program, staff will revisit this project with Council during 2019 Budget deliberations.

BC Hydro Re-greening Grant: There is an opportunity to apply for another grant for trees available through a partnership between BCHydro and Tree Canada. An idea brought forward is the greening of the area covered by the Deep Wells on Spruce and the Riverwalk Treatment Plant. There have been a number of attempts to plant seedlings at the Riverwalk location that have failed. The subdivision is gradually building out and the District properties are in need of some form of beautification in this brand new residential area.

Sponsored Crown Grant (Fadear Park/ KP) Update and Request by TNRD: MJB Law is investigating the delay in the transfer of the sponsored Crown grant lands. In the meantime, since the process is taking so long, the TNRD is insisting that the District accept the assignment of the Licence of Occupation that accompanies the Statutory Right of Way (SRW) which was previously transferred to the District.

Ridge Facility Update: Due to an electrical smell in the building and resultant inspection it was discovered that a new fan motor was required on one of our rooftop units. This repair has been completed. The patching on the roof has also been completed.

Highway Signage: The new blue highway way finder signage has finally been installed and all the old signs removed (except for the Louis Creek Unincorporated sign south of the Esso).

Riverwalk Fencing Project: This project is nearing completion thanks to the excellent supervision of experienced fencing contractor Robert Bach and the hard work of our District staff. Although many hands made "lighter" work during the cementing in of the

posts, two staff members followed the project from beginning to end and as a result have added a valuable skill to our internal workforce.

Moved by Councillor Sabyan

Seconded by Councillor Fortin

That Council approve assuming License of Occupation #338999, File#3409884, respecting the Statutory Right of Way assigned to the District of Barriere from the TNRD on September 11, 2009 and registered under the Land Title Act as LB337657.

CARRIED

6. PROCLAMATIONS

None submitted.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a. For Information

b. For Action

i. 2019 SILGA Convention – Attendees & Call for Resolutions

Councillors will report to staff who would like to attend the 2019 SILGA Convention.

8. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

a. Councillor Sabyan provided a verbal report:

- Attended the Christmas Tree Light Up & Breakfast with Santa
- The Community Christmas Dinner is a go with a large number of registered participants.

b. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report:

- Attended a Fall Fair AGM – 70th Year.
- Attended the Christmas Tree Light Up
- Participated in a Destination Development Webinar with the CAO

c. Councillor Kerslake provided a verbal report on the following:

- Attended a meeting with Simpcw First Nation today

d. Councillor Kershaw provided a verbal report on the following:

- Participated in a Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- Attended a McQueen Lake Fundraiser
- Attended a meeting with Simpcw First Nation today

e. Councillor Fortin provided a verbal report on the following:

- Attended a meeting with Simpcw First Nation today
- Attended the Christmas Tree Lighting and thanked Director Kershaw for the firewood

- f. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal report on the following:
- Attended a meeting with Simpcw First Nation today
 - Attended the Christmas Tree Light up event
 - Attended the Breakfast with Santa event
 - Noted that she would love to see a downtown business decorating Contest established.

9. **MAYOR'S REPORT** (*verbal*)

- Thanked Director Kershaw for the firewood at the tree light up event.
- Volunteered at the annual Breakfast with Santa event where over 200 breakfasts were prepared.
- Attended a meeting with Simpcw First Nation today
- Had a conversation with the Ministry of Transportation's Operations Manager regarding Council's concerns about the speed limit discussion had by Council at the last Council Meeting. He also mentioned the lack of lighting issue at the Louis Creek Bridge.

10. **PUBLIC INQUIRIES**

Director Kershaw – The Chamber is interested in participating in beautification efforts in the downtown with their location this holiday season.

Wim Houben – handed out Block Watch Membership Society Applications and asked if the program would be something the District would help sponsor.

Moved by Councillor Fortin

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

That staff research the Block Watch Membership Society and determine the feasibility of potentially helping to fund the program.

CARRIED

11. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

None presented.

12. **NEXT MEETING**

- a. Regular Council Meeting – January 7, 2018 @ 7pm

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Kerlake that the meeting adjourn at 10pm.

CARRIED

Mayor Ward Stamer

Colleen Hannigan, CAO