

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday, September 5, 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 lands we are meeting today.”*

Present: Mayor Ward Stamer
Councillor Judy Armstrong - *entered via Zoom as indicated*
Councillor Scott Kershaw
Councillor Rob Kerlake
Councillor Donna Kibble
Councillor Louise Lodge
Councillor Colin McInnis

Staff: Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
Chelsea Young, Finance Officer

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7pm

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Kerlake
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw
That Council approve the September 5, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Moved by Councillor Kerlake
Seconded by Councillor Lodge
That Council adopt the minutes of an August 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

CARRIED

b. Moved by Councillor Kerlake
Seconded by Councillor McInnis
That Council adopt the minutes of an August 28, 2023 SPECIAL Council Meeting

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS – *none scheduled*

4. BYLAWS and POLICIES

a. Mobile Home Park Bylaw No. 236 – adoption

**Moved by Councillor Kibble
Seconded by Councillor Lodge
That Mobile Home Park Bylaw No. 236 be adopted.**

CARRIED

Councillor Armstrong entered the meeting via Zoom at 7:09pm

5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Quarterly Budget Review – C. Young, Finance Officer
**Submitted for information*

The Finance Officer provided an overview of the current status of the 2023 budgets.
(see notes on budget copy)

- b. Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) 2022 – C. Young, Finance Officer

**Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Lodge
THAT Council accept the 2022 SOFI Report as presented.**

CARRIED

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

The CAO and department heads provided an overview of the written report.

Council agreed that the “Welcome to Barriere” lettering be repainted white or reflective. WSP Consulting is hosting their open house regarding their application for rezoning of part of DL1570 on September 7, 2023 @ 6pm at the Lion’s Hall.

6. PROCLAMATIONS

CN Rail Safety Week

**Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor McInnis
Whereas Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 18 to 24, 2023;**

Whereas it is in the public’s interest to raise citizens’ awareness of the dangers of ignoring safety warnings at level crossings and trespassing on rail property to reduce avoidable deaths, injuries and damage caused by incidents involving trains and citizens;

Whereas Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

Whereas CN has requested City Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality;

Therefore, it is hereby RESOLVED to support national *Rail Safety Week* to be held from September 18 to 24, 2023 in the District of Barriere.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a. For Information

b. For Action

i. Yellowhead Community Services (YCS) re: Raiser-A-Reader \$500 Grant Request

Moved by Councillor Armstrong

Seconded by Councillor Kibble

That a grant of \$500 be awarded to YCS for the 2023 Raise-A-Reader fundraiser.

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8. COUNCIL REPORTS

a. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal report on the following:

- Participated in this year's NTFFRA and parade.

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

- Participated in this year's NTFFRA and acknowledged all the hard work of the Parks staff in beautifying the town in preparation for the Fair.

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

- Darcy & Glenda Feller donated thousands of personal dollars to beautify the Fall Fair Grounds & Beer Grounds this year and sent out a special 'thank you' to the Fellers for their hard work and dedication to this year's Fair.
- Volunteered at this year's NTFFRA in the Beer Gardens.

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

- Participated in this year's NTFFRA and represented the Museum at the booth located in the fair.
- After 46 years, this Fair was her last year on the Board of the NTFFRA.

- e. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal report on the following:
- Attended two North Thompson Community Foundation Anniversary events where a cheque was presented to Simpcw First Nation in the amount of \$99,000.
 - Volunteered on behalf of the Barriere Outdoor Club, who was the host, at this year's Interior Savings Moonlight Movie Night.
 - Volunteered at the gate of the NTFFRA. Approximately 20,000 people came through the gates on Saturday alone.
 - Simpcw's Fish Celebration at Raft River is tomorrow.
- f. Councillor McInnis provided a verbal report on the following:
- Attended the Community Celebration Carnival
 - Attended the Moonlight Movie Event
 - Participated in the NTFFRA Parade

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Participated in a meeting with IHA, along with the CAO which was outlined in more detail in the written CAO Update.
- Meetings have been confirmed with Minister Kang, the Ministry of Forests and MOTI at this year's UBCM Convention.
- Volunteered at the NTFFRA Lion's Club Breakfasts – a record breaking 330 breakfasts were served on Saturday. Over \$10,000 was raised for Fire Relief.
- Participated in the NTFFRA Parade and volunteered in the Beer Gardens.
- Will be participating in various meetings with the TNRD, Hospital Board and BC Ambulance this week.
- Was interviewed by Radio NL this week.

10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

- a. Wim Houben – reminded Council that this weekend is World Wide Paint Out at the bandshell.
- b. Wim Houben – Community Forests is having an open house on Monday. RSVP to Mike Francis as lunch is provided.

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

12. **NEXT MEETING** - Regular Council Meeting, Monday, September 18th, 2023 @ 7pm

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Lodge that the meeting adjourn at 9:15pm

CARRIED