

District of Barriere

# REPORT TO COUNCIL

<b>Date:</b> February 26, 2024	
<b>To:</b> Council	<b>From:</b> Tasha Buchanan, Acting CAO
<b>Re: Administrative Updates</b>	

**ACTING CAO UPDATE:**

**Development Projects:**

- As previously reported, the two parcels of land in the LCIP sold to 1199553 B.C. Ltd., is now formally complete and the Developer is working on submitting their Development Permit Application that will likely be considered at the next Regular Council Meeting.
- A rezoning application has been submitted for the property previously known as the “Water Wheel Landing”, which is adjacent to the Barriere River near the Barriere Town Rd. bridge. Changes introduced by the *Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act* now limit the discretion that was previously afforded to local governments. Amendments to the *Local Government Act* section 464 now state that a local government cannot hold a public hearing where a proposed zoning bylaw permits residential development that is consistent with an existing OCP. As the existing OCP dedicates the entirety of this subject property as ‘Residential’, this application falls under this new legislation and will be the first the District will consider under this new Provincial regulation. In cases where public hearings cannot be held such as this, the requirement for local governments to give notice, prior to first reading, will also ensure that residents remain informed of the developments taking place in their communities as projects proceed forward. This Notice for this upcoming application, is scheduled in the next two editions of our local newspaper ahead of Council’s first reading of the draft Bylaw amendment on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- Staff continue to facilitate initial discussions regarding a number of upcoming and potential developments.

**Other:**

- Along with Mayor Stamer and Public Works Manager, Chris Matthews, participated in a meeting with MOTI regarding their traffic study for the stretch of Hwy 5 between Mountain Rd and Barriere Town Rd. (at the Teniye Market intersection).
- Along with Mayor Stamer, participated in a meeting with Interior Health to discuss their plans to resume same day health services in Barriere and their public engagement plans to hear from various public sectors in our community regarding health needs in the area.
- Will be meeting with Simpcw Band Manager, Rhonda Kershaw, next week to discuss the draft MOU as well as other organizational updates.
- Have scheduled a meeting with the CAOs of Clearwater, Valemount and TNRD next week.

**PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER:** *(verbal report)*

**RECREATION COORDINATOR:**

- Barriere Family Fun Night was a great success. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with organization, set up, activity supervision and clean-up.
- Next Recreation Committee Meeting is March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am

**FINANCE OFFICER:**

**Reminder of draft Budget Meeting Schedule:**

- Monday, March 11, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting @ 7:00pm for 3<sup>rd</sup> review (and possibly final) of Draft 2024 Budget & tax implications
- Monday, March 25, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting @ 7:00pm for 4<sup>th</sup> (and possibly final) review of Draft 2024 Budget & tax implications
- Monday, April 22, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting @ 7pm for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> readings of 5-year Financial Plan & Tax Rate Bylaws
- Monday, May 13, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting @ 7:00pm for adoption of Financial Plan & Tax Rate Bylaws.

**CORPORATE OFFICER:**

- Provided an annual Safe Work Policy & Procedure update at the Fire Hall with members of the Department during a practice night.
- The District of Clearwater will be hosting the Community-to-Community (C2C) Event on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Clearwater Ski Hill Lodge and will take place between 9am - 5pm. There will be lunch, snacks and beverages provided. The topics for the discussion are Regional BC Hydro, Cellular and Internet Coverage, Emergency Management/ Wildfire season, Multi-Community MOU, and Highway 5 Safety.
- Have submitted a grant application to Interior Savings to facilitate the furnishing of the boardroom space at the BBC. The funding can provide a maximum of \$15,000. Application decisions are expected at the end of March.
- Volunteered at the Family Fun Night event on Sunday night.
- Reminder that SILGA Registration is now open for Councillors.
- Will be away on holiday as of March 10<sup>th</sup> and returning March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

\*submitted for information

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