

**DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on Monday, October 7, 2024 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 traditional lands we are meeting today.”*

Present: Acting Mayor Rob Kerlake
 Councillor Judy Armstrong
 Councillor Scott Kershaw
 Councillor Louise Lodge
 Councillor Donna Kibble

Regrets: Mayor Ward Stamer (*on approved leave*)
 Councillor Colin McInnis

Staff: Daniel Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer
 Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
 David Alderdice, Chief Financial Officer
 Alexis Hovenkamp, Acting Fire Chief

Acting Mayor Kerlake called the meeting to order at 7pm

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Kibble
That Council approve the October 7, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Moved by Councillor Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw
That Council adopt the minutes of the September 23, 2024, Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS – none scheduled.

4. BYLAWS and POLICIES

a. Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 222, Amendment Bylaw No. 246 – adoption

**Moved by Councillor Kibble
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
That Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 222, Amendment Bylaw No. 246 be
adopted.**

CARRIED

5. STAFF REPORTS

a. Department Updates – Department Heads

**submitted for information*

An overview of the written update was provided to Council. Councillor Kershaw expressed that he is very proud of staff for how the 12hr BC Hydro power outage was handled in regards to the protection of our utility services.

The draft MOU between Simpcw First Nation and the District of Barriere is getting close to a final draft. It was suggested that a 'community-wide AOA' be considered in the future.

b. ETSI-BC Building Economic Development Capacity Program Grant – CAO

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

THAT Council authorize the Barriere Chamber of Commerce to apply for funding in the amount of \$50,000 on behalf of the District of Barriere to the ETSI-BC Building Economic Development Capacity Program to facilitate a community Wayfinding Strategy/Plan with the District of Barriere's portion of \$25,000 to be allocated in the 2025 budget process should the grant application be successful.

CARRIED

c. Halloween Fireworks Event – T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer

Councillor Armstrong noted concern that \$1,100 annually is a lot of money for a 15 min event and suggested that in going forward in future years, a different funding model be explored. However, she expressed that she is not opposed to the expense for this year.

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Kibble

THAT Council approve the expenditure of \$1,100 for the annual Halloween Fireworks display to be conducted by the Barriere Volunteer Fire Department on October 31, 2024 at the KP ball diamonds and that the funds come from the Admin Public Relations budget.

CARRIED

d. UBCM Volunteer & Composite Fire Departments Equipment & Training Grant

The Acting Fire Chief provided an overview of the written report.

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

THAT staff be directed to apply for funding in the amount of \$40,000 under the UBCM Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training Grant.

CARRIED

6. PROCLAMATIONS – none scheduled

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a. For Information

b. For Action

i. SD73 Disposition of Property Notice & Survey - was accepted for information.

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

a. Councillor McInnis – Community Speed Limits

**was not in attendance.*

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

- Attended the Wildfire and Resiliency Planning Session on October 5th
- In honor of Remembrance Day, the Legion has donated a number of red and white tulips for immediate planting as well as poppy seeds to be planted in the spring.

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

- Pleased that capital planning is on the forefront of Council's current and future discussions as expectations continue to rise for services but so are concerns regarding costs for those services.

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

- Attended the 2024 UBCM Convention in Vancouver at the beginning of September. Trade Show key take-a-ways:
 - Human Trafficking continues to be a major issue in BC, including small towns like Barriere.
 - Traffic monitoring boxes can be purchased for local governments to monitor directly.
- Attended Simpcw Days – including participating in the 'Calling our Children Home' ceremony.
- Attended the BC Communities Foundation Conference in Vancouver last week.
- Amazing Race was cancelled due to low registration.
- Participated in a Rec Committee Meeting regarding this year's Winterfest event on December 8th. The Lions Club will be spearheading Breakfast with Santa on their own this year due to scheduling conflicts.
- Would like to organize a "welcome" event for Dr. Abi.

9. ACTING MAYOR'S REPORT

The Acting Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Participated in TNRD Board Meeting, including a Solid Waste Committee Meeting. In the Solid Waste Committee Meeting, it was noted that the solid waste departments are running at a deficit.
- Barriere Rec Society was awarded a \$2,000 grant.
- Asset Management Meeting at the TNRD re: lifecycle costs, reserve fund establishment/maintenance, - recommended a financial plan bylaw that incorporates asset replacement provisions.

10. **PUBLIC INQUIRIES** – *none presented*

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

12. **RECONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Kibble

That pursuant to Sections 90(1)(d)(g)(k) of the Community Charter, that the public interest requires that persons other than Council Members and required staff be excluded from the meeting and that Council continues the meeting in closed session to discuss confidential matters at 8:00p.m.

CARRIED

13. **RECONVENE OPEN MEETING** – *the meeting reconvened into open session at 9:20p.m.*

14. **NEXT MEETING**

- a. Regular Council Meeting, Monday, October 21, 2024 @ 7pm

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Lodge that the meeting adjourn at 9:22p.m.

CARRIED

Rob Kerslake, Acting Mayor

Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer