

District of Barriere

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: October 16, 2023	File: 530.20/Rpts
To: Council	From: Bob Payette, CAO
Re: Administrative Updates	

CAO UPDATE:

Community Relations:

- CAO, Utilities Manager, and Mayor met with Mr. Scott Mercer, Principal Engineer Power Quality with BC Hydro, a number of items were discussed, with some action items for BCHydro.
- CAO completed the revised application for the crown land tenure in partnership with Simpcw, waiting for Simpcw Council resolution on the initiative, and a letter of support from the Seniors' Society, after a difficult meeting with the membership.

Development Projects:

- The LCIP reservoir construction is complete. Some control panel work still needs to be done, and final financial reporting on the grant has been initiated. Staff are working on an application for phase 3 buildout of the water system, including potential water to the eco depot, and bulk water station.
- On going work and discussions with possible development of the truck stop on the highway, with the developer submitting his application for subdivision, and discussions with MOTI. MOTI will review their passing lane project to see if the truck stop can fit within that project, as far as traffic volumes are concerned.
- Captain Kerslake of the Flume Tiger Team, continues his finest work on the interior construction, HVAC, and framing. In addition, the electrical is now operational, Painting of the building was almost completed, window framing and doors are all happening, flooring has been ordered, interior electrical contractor has been secured.
 - Next steps: final draft of the drawings, lease contracts, doors and windows, flooring install, electrical install, dry wall install.

FINANCE OFFICER:

- Quarterly budget review is scheduled for next month.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER:

Roads & Parks

- Splashpad and Skatepark concrete has been sealed.
- Park irrigation lines to be blown out this week.
- Met with paving contractor for potential 2024 projects
- Met with winter road maintenance contractor and reviewed problem areas and issues from last season
- Barriere River Bridge inspection is scheduled for this month

Utilities

- More water leaks repaired around town; specifically BMI
- New backup generators are operating optimally during the recent power outages.
- Completed maintenance at Leonie Lake Dam and started the lake lowering process for winter
- Will need to complete a hydrogeological assessment of the Bradford water system in support of a new use water license application. Our temporary existing use license has expired.

RECREATION COORDINATOR:

- Halloween Fireworks – Will take place at KP Park on October 31st . Concession/BBQ opens at 6:30pm with the fireworks starting at 7:30pm. The Recreation Committee will be providing candy bags for the children and Fire Department is running the fireworks.
- Breakfast with Santa will be Dec 10th from 9am – 12pm at the Lions Hall.
- The Christmas Tree Light-Up is also happening on December 10th in the evening – the Barriere Firefighters Association is planning this event.
- Discussion regarding additional Christmas Activities that day are in the works – A suggestion of an open play Hockey Tournament is being discussed which may involve in road closures on Airfield Rd in the afternoon before the Christmas Tree Light-Up.
- Next meeting is November 8th at 9:30am

CORPORATE OFFICER:

- All three letters authorized by Council at the previous Council Meeting have been sent with the appropriate Cc's.
- Begun working with new Building Inspector, Scott Abel, to familiarize him with the administrative tasks of the Building Inspection Department.

**submitted for information*

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