

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

Held on Monday, September 9, 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 Donna Kibble
 Councillor Louise Lodge
 Councillor Colin McInnis

Regrets: Mayor Ward Stamer (*on approved leave*)

Staff: Daniel Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer
 Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
 David Alderdice, Chief Financial Officer
 Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager
 Alexis Hovenkamp, Deputy Fire Chief

Acting Mayor Kerlake called the meeting to order at 7pm

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor McInnis
That Council approve the September 9, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Kibble
That Council adopt the minutes of the August 12, 2024, Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS – none scheduled.

4. BYLAWS and POLICIES – none scheduled.

5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Department Updates – CAO

An overview of the written report was provided to Council.

**Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Kibble**

THAT Council supports the TNRD's request to install EV chargers at the Library facility.

CARRIED

- b. Proposed Abandoned Property & Shelter Policy – D. Drexler, CAO

It was suggested that staff include local places of worship and other non-profit groups as possible liaisons in assisting un-housed individuals in need of services.

**Moved by Councillor McInnis
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong**

THAT Council adopts Abandoned Property & Shelter Policy No. 51BE as presented.

CARRIED

- c. Proposed Bylaw Enforcement Policy – D. Drexler, CAO

**Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong**

THAT Council adopts Bylaw Enforcement Policy No. 52BE as presented.

CARRIED

- d. Proposed Investment of District Funds Policy No. 53FI – D. Drexler, CAO

**Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw**

THAT Council adopts the Investment of District Funds Policy No. 53FI as presented.

CARRIED

- e. Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) Grant Application – D. Drexler, CAO

It was reported that Staff have received several inquiries about potential developments along the Highway 5 commercial corridor north of the Barriere River Bridge. Some of these properties currently only have access to water through the District utilities (and no wastewater) while others have to rely on individual well systems. The Interior Health Authority (IHA) also has issued boil water advisories for most of the lots in the area that do not have water and wastewater services available.

To maximize the potential of those properties, ideally both utilities should be available to encourage the highest density.

One strategy to enable this type of growth in the area would be to expand the community wastewater system north of the Barriere River Bridge to Yard Road that would then tie into the Septic Receiving Wastewater Plant (on Kamloops Street). This type of investment could further allow for future expansions to Green Tree Estates (Oriole Way / Robin Drive), and potential for subsequent future connectivity of the Siska treatment plant.

If awarded this REDIP funding, it would mean that the District would be responsible for a minimum \$200,000 of the project cost, however, \$100,000 could be in-kind as well; and potential partners have indicated a willingness to support the project as well as it would eliminate on-site septic systems.

Moved by Councillor McInnis

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

THAT Council instructs Staff to proceed with the grant application for the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) in the amount of \$1,000,000 to support the economic development of the Highway 5 commercial corridor.

CARRIED

- f. Truck Donations and Transfers re: Sales Tax – T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer

An overview of the written report was provided.

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

THAT Council instructs Staff to reimburse the tax expenses that Mayor Stamer occurred as part of the vehicle transfer in the amount of \$911.88; and THAT Council authorizes the tax expense payment of up to \$1,089.36 for the donation of a 2005 Toyota Tacoma Pick-up Truck to the District of Barriere.

CARRIED

6. PROCLAMATIONS

- a. CN Rail Safety Week – September 23 – 29, 2024

Moved by Councillor McInnis

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

That Council support national *Rail Safety Week* to be held from September 23 to 29, 2024 in the District of Barriere.

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7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. For Information
- b. For Action
 - i. YCS – Literacy Week re: Raise-a-Reader Fundraiser – \$500 Donation Request

It was noted that the documentation requirements for this application have been met.

**Moved by Councillor Kibble
Seconded by Councillor Lodge
That Council approve a \$500 grant request to YCS' Literacy Week – Raise-a-Reader fundraiser.**

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8. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended Fall Fair Ambassador's Event – spoke on behalf of Council in Mayor Stamer's regretted absence.
 - Attended Spaghetti Fundraiser at the Legion for Micheal Loring.
 - Apologized that she was unable to include a Council float in this year's Fall Fair due to a family emergency.
 - Attended various Fadear Park summer recreation events.
- b. Councillor Kershaw provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended various Fadear Park summer recreation events.
 - Drove the Barriere Rec Committee float in the NTFFRA parade.
 - Father, Bill Kershaw, has been awarded the King's Jubilee Medal.
- c. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended this year's Fall Fair & Rodeo, including participating in the Museum's information booth in the Agri-Plex.
 - Museum is looking for any sort of signage possible along the highway.
- d. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Participated as a Rec Committee Judge for the Barriere Blooms contest.
 - Attended various Fadear Park summer recreation events, including Tanner Dawson's concert.
 - Volunteered at the Fall Fair.
 - The Barriere Rec Committee float was awarded 2nd place in Saturday's parade.
 - Simpcw has been invited on a field trip to the Taseko's mine and inquired if the District's Council would be offered the same opportunity. Staff will inquire.
 - October 6th – Amazing Race.

- e. Councillor McInnis provided a verbal report on the following:
- Suggested Council discussion at a future Meeting around reduced speed limits on Barriere's side streets.

9. ACTING MAYOR'S REPORT

Acting Mayor Kerslake provided a verbal report on the following:

- Participated in two days of TNRD Board Meetings as Acting Director, including a Regional Hospital Board Meeting. Barriere & Area X-ray equipment is expected to arrive at the end of the year and be operational in January. The Kamloops Cancer Centre is expected to start construction in the summer of 2025.
- Volunteered at the Fall Fair for the parade and the Beer Garden.
- Attended the Tanner Dawson concert in the park.

10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

- a. Ronja Baggio – volunteered to paint a sign for the museum if plywood & supplies were provided.
- b. Ward Stamer – Thanked Mr. Drexler on the report provided for CN Rail Meeting
- c. Ward Stamer – Inquired as to the status of a decision on community wide recycling tote replacements and it was answered that it was previously decided to have that discussion during the 2025 Budget deliberations.
- d. Ward Stamer – Inquired as to why the Fire Department was called out on a Medical Assist call. The Deputy Fire Chief answered that BC Ambulance needed assistance that evening due to a personal staff issue and that this type of call-out is very rare.

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

12. NEXT MEETING

- a. Regular Council Meeting, Monday, September 23, 2024 @ 7pm

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor McInnis that the meeting adjourn at 8:46p.m.

CARRIED

Acting Mayor Rob Kerslake

Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer