

District of Barriere

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: September 23, 2024	
To: Council	From: Department Heads
Re: Departmental Updates	

CORPORATE OFFICER:

- Will be meeting with the local RCMP later this week to discuss the newly adopted policies related to Bylaw Enforcement as well as to discuss speed/traffic enforcement issues recently brought forward.
- Reviewing the upcoming renewal SOG Agreement with Recycle BC which will be brought forward to Council in a future meeting.
- The District Official Community Plan (OCP) refresh process is underway. Formal notice has been delivered to Simpcw First Nation. Both staff and Council working group sessions with the consultant (TRUE Consulting) to kick off the process are scheduled for October 21st, with the Council workshop scheduled for 5pm – 6:30pm. The 1st **Public Open House** is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 20th – 6pm – 8pm at the Lions Hall**. This event will be well advertised in advance.

Recreation

- Organizing this year's Winterfest event is underway.
- Halloween Fireworks are scheduled for Thursday, October 31st at 7:30pm in KP Park.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER:

Roads

- More shouldering and overlay repairs were completed on Dunn Lake Road.
- In-house crack sealing to be done on Dunn Lake Road.

Parks

- All park irrigation has been turned off and lines to be blown out by staff this week.

Utilities

- Water consumption for September averaged 1300 m³/day. Summer maximums reached 2700 m³/day
- We have three upcoming residential and two commercial water connections on the horizon.
- Preliminary design for the proposed bulk water station at the Eco Depot has been done.

Emergency Preparedness

- No adverse weather is expected. No active wildfires in the region.

FIRE CHIEF:

Fire Department Specific Updates:

- Category 3 open burning prohibition rescinded in the Kamloops Fire Centre

- Fire Safety Information hand-delivered to Armour Mountain Home Park, Barrier Mobile Home Park, Sunset Heights Mobile Home Park (Including FireSmart Survey Information)
- Calls: 1 / Mutual Aid Stand-By
- Meetings: Officer of the Fire Commissioner and CAO Daniel Drexler. Reporting for incidents identified as an area for improvement by the OFC
- Fire Prevention Week: October 6th – October 12th

FireSmart:

- Community Wildfire and Resiliency Planning Session / Fire Prevention Week Kick Off (October 5th)
- FireSmart Committee Meeting attended (quarterly meeting)
- Friendly reminder: Community Wildfire and Resiliency Plan closes October 15th

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Finance:

- The Finance department continued work on the 2023 audit in conjunction with the auditors. Staff is hopeful that the final questions have now been answered.
- Work continues to transfer bank account and investment accounts to the new CFO, while also transferring corporate department knowledge.

Administration:

- Met with 3 members of the Trail Society to discuss potential future options to work in alignment with District goals and a subsequent presentation to Council. This presentation is expected early in the new year.
- Met with the Executive Director for the Chamber of Commerce to discuss a potential grant application to ETSI-BC for a Wayfinding Strategy/Plan (value of \$50,000) – another report with more details is attached to this agenda
- Met with the Band Administrator for Simpcw First Nation to discuss various current partnerships and future options including:
 - The ETSI-BC grant application
 - The Archeological Overview Assessment (AOA) contract
 - The Teníye Market property and the related grant application for infrastructure
 - The MOU and Protocol Agreement
 - The Crown Land project and potential consultant options
- Met with the Acting Fire Chief and Jack Blair from the Office of the Fire Commissioner to discuss District assets, related end of life expectancies, and Fire Underwriter Survey (FUS) requirements for replacements.
- Met with Departments to discuss a long-range capital plan and impacts on other departments.

**submitted for information*