

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Held on Monday, November 6, 2023 at 5:00pm 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 lands we are meeting today."*

Present: Mayor Ward Stamer
Councillor Judy Armstrong
Councillor Scott Kershaw – *entered as indicated*
Councillor Rob Kerslake
Councillor Donna Kibble
Councillor Louise Lodge
Councillor Colin McInnis

Staff: Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
Chelsea Young, Finance Officer
Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager
Jamie Mosdell, Recreation Coordinator
Cori Walker, Finance Clerk

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Lodge
That the Committee approve the November 6, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. CROWN LAND TENURE UPDATE (verbal) – B. Payette, CAO

The CAO provided an overview of the Crown Land Tenure Application and its status. A number of representatives from the Barriere Seniors Society were present to inquire about the proposal as the Senior's Hall and the property it resides, has its own Licence to Occupy with the Province.

Councillor Kershaw entered the meeting at 5:07pm

The Mayor also provided a history of the proposal and Council's vision for this land should the District, in partnership with Simpcw First Nation, successfully obtain this land from the Crown. The main conceptual goal is to support housing development opportunities in order to address the severe housing shortage that Barriere is

experiencing, including Seniors Housing. The Mayor expressed that Council wishes to have the opportunity to correct any misinformation that may be out in the public.

Wim Houben stated that the Society has been told by their legal counsel that if the Senior's Society opts to keep out of the District's application, then it won't affect the District's application for the rest of the property.

Zoning assignments were inquired about and it was answered that the entire parcel is currently zoned "Institutional" and only the part(s) of the lot that would be developed for housing, would be subject to a rezoning process. As the Senior's Hall would not be changing, the zoning for that property would not change.

The Mayor noted that a lot of these plans are contingent on the District being successful in its grant application to extend the water service to the area. Should it be successful as expected, then an Open House update for Downtown Core would be scheduled.

It was also noted that should the Society decide to remain with the Province in their lease, then any future improvements would have to be applied for through the Province but if the lease was with the Municipality, improvement applications are much more seamless. Grant opportunities are another benefit.

It was reiterated that there are a variety of mechanisms that can be put in place to give the Society's membership peace of mind such as an MOU, Agreement Letter, or Long Term Lease terms, etc.

3. BANDSHELL SOUND EQUIPMENT – J. Mosdell, Rec Coordinator

The Rec Coordinator provided an overview of the written report.

It was suggested that a permanent shade/roof structure be considered for the sound equipment when in use in the green space.

The Finance Officer reported that there is currently \$9,000 in Parks Surplus and \$4,500 in Parks Reserve. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Councillor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

That the District of Barriere contribute to the awarded Participaction Community Challenge fund in the amount of \$5,000 from Parks Surplus for initiatives to encourage physical activity and community engagement to provide sound equipment and a screen/projector and that an additional \$10,000 to cover installation and a security coverage for discussion during the 2024 budget deliberations.

CARRIED *w/ Councillor Kershaw opposed.*

4. PUBLIC INQUIRIES – none presented

5. NEXT MEETING - *At the call of the Chair*

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor that the meeting adjourn at 6:10 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Ward Stamer

Bob Payette, CAO