

**District of Barriere**  
**REPORT TO COUNCIL**

<b>Date:</b> July 18, 2022	<b>File:</b> 530.20/Rpts
<b>To:</b> Council	<b>From:</b> Bob Payette, CAO
<b>Re: Administrative Updates</b>	

**CAO UPDATE:**

**Community Relations:**

- Met with Chamber of Commerce and Community Futures for a session with residents interested in starting up a business in Barriere. The meeting was held at the Lions Hall on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> with a panel of local business owners.
- Work commenced on the skate board park started this past week.
- Working with Chamber of Commerce to update the Town map, add a few new locations and make the map interactive on the web site.

**Development Projects:**

- Voyageur Country Wilderness Estates at Dixon Creek Rd Development DL 57 & DL 570 - Mr. Delaney has now received his PLA documents (Preliminary Layout Approvals) which are valid for 1 year. Upon successful completion of all of the items within the PLA documents the submission of the final subdivision plans for registration with land titles can be approved. Staff will continue working with the developer to reconsider the location of Dixon Creek Rd boundary lines. Currently looking at the design of the strata road within the development.
- Charge North Level 2 EV Charging Station continues to move along through the project management stages. Mr. Matthews met with the EV charging station electrical contractor. They are hoping to start construction by August and have the unit installed by this fall.
- The Leonie Creek Dam review has started with TRUE Engineering. Staff have visited the site to keep an eye on the water levels. This is ongoing.
- LCIP Water Reservoir Project - TRUE has initiated the procurement process and pending a concrete cost on the reservoir. We can review the funding available and at that point consider the remaining buildout of the water system.
- Initiated a meeting with Crown Lands Regional Manager to discuss the process for applying for tenure of the 12 acre parcel in the down town core. Staff met with planning consultant from TRUE to start the Master Planning process of the lands around the parks in town, including the crown lands, and the HYL Building. The next steps in this process will be Council review and public consultation scheduled for the Council meeting in August.

## **Protective Services:**

- An emergency tabletop exercise for staff has been organized with Clearwater and Simpcw staff for July 23<sup>rd</sup>, to be facilitated by TNRD Manager of Emergencies.
- Effective at 12:00 pm (noon) on Friday, July 15, 2022, Category 2 open fires as well as other equipment and activities will be prohibited throughout the Kamloops Fire Centre which includes Barriere & Area. These prohibitions are in addition to the Category 3 open fire prohibition implemented on June 30, 2022 and are being enacted to help prevent human-caused wildfires and protect public safety.  
These prohibitions will remain in effect until noon on Oct. 15, 2022, or until the orders are rescinded. Anyone conducting Category 2 open fires within the Kamloops Fire Centre's jurisdiction must extinguish those fires by the July 15 deadline.

A map of the affected area is available online at: <http://ow.ly/z37730snVtQ>

As of noon on Friday, July 15, specific prohibited open fires and equipment and activities will include:

- Category 2 open fires;
- Category 3 open fires;
- Fireworks;
- Sky Lanterns and,
- Burn Barrels or Burn Cages of any size or description, except when used for a campfire as defined by the Wildfire Regulation.
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Campfires, as defined in the [Wildfire Regulation](#) are not being prohibited at this time. Responsible campfire use follows the campfire regulations. More information can be found on the home page of the District's website as well as on the Fire Department's social media.

## **Utilities:**

- The new truck and vehicle shelter is under construction and is 90% done.
- New lawn mower arrived on Friday.
- Continuing to run Bradford well weekly, 300 gpm into distribution with no adverse effects on water quality. Total water output went up to 1700 cubic meters per day,
- 80 percent complete on the RIB rehab.
- Back up generators, transfer switches are on order for end June with install slated for early July.
- On going cross training of PW staff in Utilities.

## **FINANCE OFFICER:**

- Bank investments were completed.
- The annual SOFI reporting will be presented to Council on Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **CORPORATE OFFICER:**

- Canada Day: This year's Canada Day Event was well attended and an overall success giving to the fact that all live music entertainment had to be cancelled at the last minute. Saving the day was Dustin Doherty who provided sound services and background music for the event. Thanks again to Mayor Stamer and Councillor Fortin who provided hot dogs at no charge to attendees. Over 9 dozen hot dogs were made. Riley Buchanan oversaw a lawn game for prizes which was a lot of fun.
- The first of three *Bandshell Fridays* took place on Friday July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 7-9pm with the band "Patchwork". The next Bandshell Friday event is scheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 7-9pm in which

Gordie West and Bill Fowler will be playing. The final event for the season will take place on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 7-9pm.

- Interior Savings Credit Union is hosting its annual Moonlight Movie Madness event on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the main ball field.
- Nomination Packages for this year's General Local Election will be available for pick-up at the office and online, as per Legislation, on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. Nomination packages can not be turned in until 9am on August 30<sup>th</sup>. The closing date for Nomination Package submission is September 9<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

*\*submitted for information*

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