

District of Barriere

# REPORT TO COUNCIL

<b>Date:</b> Nov 6, 2023	<b>File:</b> 530.20/Rpts
<b>To:</b> Council	<b>From:</b> Bob Payette, CAO
<b>Re: Administrative Updates</b>	

## **CAO UPDATE:**

### **Development Projects:**

Leonie Lake Dam - The Leonie Lake Dam breach assessment was conducted back in Feb 2023, resulting in the *High Consequence* category remaining in place.

The current dam Decommissioning Study was funded under the CEPF program for 100% of project costs. Given the unique expertise that is required to complete this project, TRUE has hired a subconsultant to complete the majority of this project. Interior Dams of Penticton, BC will lead this project.

Interior Dams Work Program consists of the following key activities:

1. Consultation with regulator, background review (Interior Dams - Phase 1)
2. Societal assessment (Interior Dams - Phase 1),
3. Economic assessment (Interior Dams - Phase 1),
4. Hydrology and hydraulic assessment (Interior Dams - Phase 1)
5. Environmental and geotechnical assessment (Interior Dams - Phase 1)
6. Preliminary design report (Interior Dams - Phase 1),
7. Public Consultation, agency referrals and First Nations consultation (True Consulting – Between Phase 1 and Phase 2),
8. Ministerial Decision to Proceed (True Consulting – Between Phase 1 and Phase 2),

The Preliminary Design Report will contain all information listed in the “Decommissioning Plans Checklist” found in Dam Decommissioning Guidelines developed by the Ministry of Forests. The report will be structured and written in a manner that is easily understood by the general public, but it will still include the necessary details to address questions that may arise.

Preliminary recommendations will also be provided; however, these preliminary recommendations will be subject to the input and feedback from the public consultation, agency referrals, and First Nation consultation activities (Activities 7 and 8 outlined above). As such, these preliminary recommendations are intended to be a primer for discussion and evaluation, and once feedback is received and evaluated by all parties, a ministerial decision to proceed with one of the options will be acquired.

Once the preferred decommissioning option has been chosen, the District can make a second application under the CEPF program for design services and the actual decommissioning of the structure (if desired).

The schedule associated with this project is as follows:

1. Consultation with regulator, background data collection and review and site investigation survey – March 31, 2024
2. Preliminary design assessments – April 30, 2024
3. Preliminary design report – May 31, 2024
4. Public consultation, Agency referrals, and First Nation Consultation – August 31, 2024

#### Other projects -

- Staff completed and submitted the application for LCIP Phase 3 buildout of the water system including potential water to the eco depot, and bulk water station.
- CAO completed the revised application for the crown land tenure in partnership with Simpcw, continue waiting for Simpcw Council resolution on the initiative and a letter of support from the Seniors' Society.
- Dixon Creek Development, with rezoning awaiting final approval, staff continue to work with developers to complete the servicing strategy as part of the rezoning approval.
- 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 installation is completed
  - Electrical installation for all spaces is well underway
  - Framing is completed
  - Contract for insulation & drywalls is under review (approx. cost 80K)
  - Doors, windows, flooring, lighting, all in progress
  - Office leases, legal reviews are completed, execution of leases in progress
  - Budget is attached for Council's eminent review
  - Next steps: develop communication plan

#### **PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER:**

##### Roads & Parks

- Reviewed condition of Dunn Lake Road with MOTI and Dawson Construction. Before and after footage to be reviewed by MOTI engineers and our consultant for recommendations.
- Barriere River Bridge inspection has been completed. Awaiting report.
- Crack sealing has been completed on Barriere Lakes Road.
- Christmas lights will be ready to go in Fadear Park for mid-November turn on.
- Two solar lights (in stock) and a shade structure were installed at the Dog Park.

## Utilities

- LCIP Reservoir controls to be completed this week. Hydrants soon to be operational. Manganese levels have decreased with the addition of the reservoir.
- More vegetation control has been completed at Leonie Lake Dam. Continuing to lower lake levels for winter.

## Solid Waste Services

- A routine Recycle BC audit was conducted November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- As scheduled within the budget, staff have begun looking at options to replace the F-550 diesel powered garbage truck. A staff report will be forthcoming, including asset disposal options for the truck being replaced.

## **RECREATION COORDINATOR:**

- Halloween Fireworks – took place at KP Park on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Concession/BBQ opened at 6:30pm with the fireworks starting at 7:30pm. The Recreation Committee provided candy bags for the children and the Fire Department ran the fireworks. It was well attended.
- Breakfast with Santa will be Sunday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 12pm at the Lions Hall.
- The Christmas Tree Light-Up is also happening on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> in the evening – the Barriere Firefighters Association is planning this event.
- December 10<sup>th</sup> is now being called “Barriere Winterfest.” Businesses and community groups are being approached to host their own activities throughout the day and an Event Brochure will be included with event timing. This includes the Airfield Rd. closure as mentioned at the previous meeting for a street hockey tournament. Any Councillors who are interested in putting in a hockey team or volunteering for the day would be greatly appreciated.
- Next meeting is November 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am



## **CORPORATE OFFICER:**

- An appreciation luncheon with staff was held for Gerald Allgaier to commemorate his retirement. A certificate signed by both the Mayor and CAO was also presented. Mr. Allgaier expressed his sincerity in his enjoyment of working with the people of Barriere, staff & Council for the last 12 years.
- Barriere Secondary Grade 9 students partake in ‘Take Your Kid to Work Day’ in November each year. Riley Buchanan and Tyson Matthews spent the day learning about general administration of a local government and the enthralling details of park & dam maintenance.
- The next SILGA Convention is being held in Kamloops the week of April 30 – May 3, 2024. A block of rooms has been reserved at the convention hotel (Coast Convention Hotel). Attendee names do not need to be confirmed until early next year.

*\*submitted for information*

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