

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday March 8, 2021 at 5:15pm
Via audio-conference

Present: Mayor Ward Stamer
Councillor Judy Armstrong
Councillor Scott Kershaw
Councillor Rob Kerslake
Councillor Donna Kibble
Councillor Amanda Sabyan

Regrets: Councillor Al Fortin

Staff: Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
Chelsea Young, Finance Officer
Ian Crosson, Utilities Manager
Chris Matthews, Parks & Roads Manager

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:18pm

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Mayor Stamer
Seconded by Councillor Kerslake
That the March 8, 2021 Budget Meeting Agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. 2020 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Moved by Mayor Stamer
Seconded by Councillor Kerslake

- a. **THAT Council approve the transfer of \$102.35 from General Surplus to cover the balance left over from 2020 adjustments on Solar Aquatics Wastewater System; and**
- b. **THAT Council approve the transfer of \$5,360.02 from General Surplus to cover the balance left over from 2020 adjustments on Operational budget; and**
- c. **THAT Council approve the transfer of \$5,199.73 from Water Surplus to cover the balance left over from 2020 adjustments on Water budget.**

CARRIED

3. 2021 DRAFT BUDGET DISCUSSION:

a) Potential Tax Implication Comparison Figures

The Finance Officer provided an overview of the Potential Tax Implication Comparisons as follows, noting that the 2020 figures from BC Assessment have not yet been received:

2021 Tax Revenue \$940,430.00	2014 Muni Taxes at 2.5 Multiple Bus Class	2015 Muni Taxes 2.5 Multiple Bus Class	2016 Muni Taxes 2.5 Multiple Bus Class	2017 Muni Taxes 2.5 Multiple Bus Class	2018 Muni Taxes 2.5 Multiple Bus Class	2019 Muni Taxes 2.5 Multiple Bus Class	2020 Muni Taxes 2.5 Multiple Bus Class	2021 Muni Taxes 2.5 Multiple Bus Class	Difference
Property #1 1215162									
2014 Assessment 293,400.	1,012.26	1,075.99	1,092.75	1,120.79	1,205.44	1,087.31	1,150.19	1,186.36	36.17
2015 Assessment 306,800.									
2016 Assessment 297,000.									
2017 Assessment 315,200.									
2018 Assessment 312,200.									107.99347
2019 Assessment 338,700.									7.99347% Increase in Value
2020 Assessment 367,800.									
2021 Assessment 397,200.									
Property #2 1470262									
2014 Assessment 188,500.	650.35	689.95	704.59	759.52	1,041.51	1,281.86	1,308.12	1,400.22	92.10
2015 Assessment 196,800.									
2016 Assessment 191,500.									112.07
2017 Assessment 213,800.									12.07% Increase in Value
2018 Assessment 290,100.									
2019 Assessment 371,600.									
2020 Assessment 418,300.									
2021 Assessment 468,800.									
Property #3 1390048									
2014 Assessment 95,300.	328.80	360.77	352.48	367.67	355.07	379.11	348.81	343.48	-5.32
2015 Assessment 102,800.									
2016 Assessment 95,800.									102.95434
2017 Assessment 103,400.									2.95434% Decrease in Value
2018 Assessment 98,900.									
2019 Assessment 109,900.									
2020 Assessment 111,700.									
2021 Assessment 115,000.									
Property #4 Industrial 1245462	21,936.73	27,386.50	29,047.86	37,923.59	36,556.76	38,880.85	37,327.72	32,214.97	-5,112.76
2014 Assessment 1,742,000.									
2015 Assessment 2,138,000.									97.267939
2016 Assessment 2,163,000.									97.267939% Decrease in Value
2017 Assessment 2,922,000.									
2018 Assessment 3,098,000.									
2019 Assessment 3,088,000.									
2020 Assessment 3,038,000.									
2021 Assessment 2,955,000.									
Property #5 Business 1245642	2,337.44	2,253.05	2,412.70	2,292.60	2,455.72	2,414.70	2,406.89	3,085.22	678.33
2014 Assessment 271,000.									
2015 Assessment 256,800.									98.951049
2016 Assessment 262,300.									98.951049 Increase in Value
2017 Assessment 257,900.									
2018 Assessment 276,000.									
2019 Assessment 280,000.									
2020 Assessment 286,000.									
2021 Assessment 283,000.									

b) Draft Riverwalk Wastewater Budget

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Kerslake

That the 2021 Riverwalk Wastewater Budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

c) Draft Siska Wastewater Budget

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Kibble

That the 2021 Siska Wastewater Budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

d) Draft Aquatics Wastewater Budget

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Kershaw

That the 2021 Aquatics Wastewater Budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

e) Louis Creek Industrial Park Water System Budget

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

That the 2021 Louis Creek Industrial Park Water System Budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

f) Draft Water System Budget

Moved by Mayor Stamer

Seconded by Councillor Kerslake

That the 2021 Water System Budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

g) Draft General Operational Budget

The CAO reported that Community Futures and the Barriere Chamber of Commerce are undertaking a Recreational Programming Umbrella Study. In the meantime, a projected budget to include taking on a new contract for services - recreation, has been added to the budget for consideration.

The Finance Officer noted that as presented, the draft 2021 Budget reflects a resulting 5% tax increase.

It was inquired as to what the “actual” revenue items are and it was answered that in most cases, revenues are only estimated as it is impossible to project exactly what services will be purchased in any given year. It was also inquired as to where the audited balance sheets are and it was answered that what is presented at this time is a draft budget for the 2021 year and the year-end financial statement audits of actual revenue and expenses for the previous year are conducted in the spring by an independent auditor and presented by that independent auditor to Council as per legislation once complete.

Deputy Fire Chief Ive, reported that the new fire truck is delayed for approximately another 2 months. He also reported that the BC Fire Chiefs Association has granted the Department an airbag kit.

4. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

None presented.

5. NEXT MEETING

Special Council Meeting – Budget on March 22, 2021 @ 5:15pm

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Kerslake that the Special Council Meeting adjourn at 6:15pm.

CARRIED

Mayor Ward Stamer

Bob Payette, CAO