

**DISTRICT OF BARRIERE**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on Monday, July 15, 2024 at 7:00pm 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 traditional lands we are meeting today.”*

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

Staff: Daniel Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer

*Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 7pm*

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

An item titled “SILGA Gift Return” was added to the agenda as Agenda Item 7b iii.

Moved by Councillor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor McInnis

That Council approve the July 15, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

a. Moved by Councillor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

That Council adopt the minutes of the June 24, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

**3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

a. RCMP Community Policing Update – Cpl. K. Camalush, RCMP

Cpl. Camalush provided an update on the Detachment’s current policing statistics and priorities:

- Additional 50 files created in 2023 vs 2022.
- The number of Charge files have doubled due to increase of enforcement
- Current Barriere Detachment accompaniment is 4 FTE and a support staff person.
- Annual Policing Survey was completed and traffic safety, property crime issues were indicated as priorities by way of enforcement.

A breakdown of calls for service file types for 2023 was provided by Cpl. Camalush as follows:

- Assaults (all types) – 13
- Breach of Peace – 14
- Breaks & Enters (business) – 1
- Breaks & Enters (residential) – 3
- Cause a Disturbance – 16
- Sudden Deaths – 8
- False Alarms (including false/abandoned 911 calls) – 42
- Frauds (all) – 18
- Harassing Communications – 6
- Impaired operation of a vehicle – 2
- Mental Health Act calls for service – 16
- Mischief – 20
- Missing persons – 2
- Sexual Assault – 1
- Suspicious Occurrence – 45
- Theft from vehicle – 4
- Traffic Offences (non-alcohol) – 56
- Uttering Threats – 7
- Unspecified – 32

Councillor Lodge reported to RCMP that there has been an increase of children/teens riding dirt bikes at a very high rate of speed in the middle of many roads within the District boundary. Cpl. Advised to call those instances immediately into the RCMP. In addition, he will include the issue in the media.

#### 4. **BYLAWS and POLICIES**

- a. Video Surveillance on District Owned Property Policy No. PS48 *\*w/attached staff report*

**Moved by Councillor Kerslake**

**Seconded by Councillor Lodge**

**That Video Surveillance on District-owned Properties Policy No. PS48 be adopted as presented.**

**CARRIED**

- b. Asset Disposal Procedure Policy No. FN49 *\*w/attached staff report*

**Moved by Councillor Lodge**

**Seconded by Councillor Kerslake**

**That Asset Disposal Procedure Policy No. FN49 be adopted as presented.**

**CARRIED**

- c. Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Activation Wage Reimbursement Policy No. HR50  
*\*w/attached staff report*

**Moved by Councillor Kerslake**

**Seconded by Councillor Kibble**

**That Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Activation Wage Reimbursement Policy No. HR50 be adopted as presented.**

**CARRIED**

## 5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Community Works Fund Agreement (formally 'Gas Tax') – CAO

**Moved by Councillor Kibble**

**Seconded by Councillor McInnis**

**THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Corporate Officer, on behalf of the District of Barriere, to sign the 2024-2034 Community Works Fund Agreement with UBCM.**

**CARRIED**

- b. 2023 Annual Water Report – C. Matthews, Public Works Manager

**Moved by Councillor Lodge**

**Seconded by Councillor McInnis**

**That Council accept the 2023 Annual Water Report as presented.**

**CARRIED**

- c. Department Updates – CAO  
*\*Submitted for information*

The CAO provided an overview of the written report.

## 6. PROCLAMATIONS – none submitted

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. For Information

- b. For Action

- i. Barriere Trails Society re: \$500 Grant Request – H. Waldron, President

It was noted that the submitted grant request was for general start-up and not for a specific event or project which is not in the scope of the grant-in-aid program policy. It was discussed that changes to the existing policy are desired by Council and staff noted that a re-write is in development which should be ready for Council

consideration later this fall. Council asked that staff communicate to the Trails Society that they would welcome a new grant request for consideration in the next year's budget deliberations.

- ii. Barriere Emergency Services Golf Tournament re: Sponsorship Request – T. Young

**Moved by Councillor Kibble**

**Seconded by Councillor Lodge**

**That the District purchase the Eagle Level Advertising Sponsorship of the BES Golf Tournament in the amount of \$250.00.**

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Armstrong left the meeting at 7:50pm*

- iii. Councillor Miller – City of Penticton re: SILGA Gift Return

Penticton City Councillor, Pat Miller, thanked the District of Barriere via written letter for the Chinook Cove golf round tickets won at the 2024 SILGA Convention.

Councillor Miller noted that he doesn't play golf and therefore requested that Council donate the tickets to a local cause or entity.

**Moved by Mayor Stamer**

**Seconded by Councillor Kibble**

**That the 2024 SILGA gift basket golf course tickets be donated to the Legion's 2024 fundraiser.**

**CARRIED**

## 8. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal report on the following:
- Volunteered in the organization of the Canada Day event with Rec Committee Members and participated as a member of Council.
  - Participated in the Rec Committee Meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Barriere Blooms – Rec Committee is serving as the judge for this year's contest.
  - Volunteering at the Fall Fair
- b. Councillor provided a verbal report on the following:
- Two summer students have been hired at the Museum
  - Participated in the July 10<sup>th</sup> Rec Committee Meeting
  - Has seen an increase in youth participation with Barriere Blooms this year.
- c. Councillor Kerslake provided a verbal report on the following:
- Attended the Canada Day Celebration
  - It was reported to him that the Bandshell storage space needs some care. Staff will address.

- d. Councillor Kershaw provided a verbal report on the following:
- Attended the Canada Day Celebration

**9. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor announced that he is giving Council notice that at the next Council Meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, he will be asking for Council's approval to take a leave of absence during the Provincial Election for the months of September and October, 2024. He made the recommendation that Councillor Kerlake be appointed Acting Mayor during those two months as he is already appointed as the TNRD Board Alternate. A formal resolution of Council authorizing this leave as well as the appointment of an Acting Mayor for these two months, will be made at the August 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

10. **PUBLIC INQUIRIES** – *none presented.*

11. **NOTICE OF MOTION** – *none presented.*

12. **CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION** (*if required*)

13. **RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**

14. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION** (*if required*)

15. **NEXT MEETING**

- a. Regular Council Meeting, Monday, August 12, 2024 @ 7pm

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Mayor Ward Stamer

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Daniel Drexler, CAO