

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, August 12, 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
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
Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager

Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 7pm

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Lodge
That Council approve the August 12, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- i. Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw
That Council adopt the minutes of the July 15, 2024, Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS – none scheduled.

4. BYLAWS and POLICIES – none scheduled.

5. STAFF REPORTS

- i. TNRD Municipal Yard Waste Fee Waiver Event – T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer

The written staff report was reviewed by Council and it was indicated that that this event would be better suited for next spring with the encouragement of residents to FireSmart their properties. Staff will develop a communication plan to promote the event early next year.

- ii. Bylaw and Policy Updates re: Transient Population – CAO
**Submitted for information*

The CAO provided an overview of the written report.

- iii. LCIP Budget and Reserve Allocation – CAO

Moved by Councillor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

THAT Council confirms that as part of the 2024 budget process, \$110,660.02 from the L.C.I.P. Reserve was transferred to cover the 2024 extra expenses for the Reservoir Upgrade capital project;

AND THAT Staff be instructed to transfer any remaining necessary funds (current estimate \$25,000) from the L.C.I.P. Reserve to the Reservoir Project budget once the project is complete at the end of September 2024 to cover all remaining expenses; AND FURTHER THAT Staff draft an amendment to the Financial Plan accordingly as part of the 2025 budget process.

CARRIED

- iv. Truck Donation – T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

THAT Council authorizes the Interim CFO to issue a tax receipt in the amount of \$6,988.00 to Dustin Doherty for the donation of a 2005 Toyota Tacoma Pick-up Truck to the District of Barriere.

CARRIED

- v. Department Updates – CAO
**Submitted for information*

The District's Department Heads provided an overview of the written report. It was verbally added that earlier today, the Ministry of Transportation provided their final approval of the Development Permit for the new Card Lock Commercial Truck Station located in the Barriere Industrial Park #DP 24-03 Cool Creek. The Development Permit will now be formally registered on title.

In addition, it was reported that the August 14th Rec Committee Meeting has been postponed with a date to be confirmed.

It was also noted by the CAO that should the Province declare a Level 4 drought for the area, the Public Works Manager and/or CAO has the authority to put on an emergency restriction if it is determined that there is a drop in the District's water supply and if that restriction is expected to continue, a special Council Meeting could be called for a Council resolution to approve an extended restriction.

6. **PROCLAMATIONS** – *none submitted*

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

i. For Information

ii. For Action

i. Invitation to Meet with the Health Authorities of BC during UBCM 2024

Moved by Councillor

Seconded by Councillor

That staff be directed to request a meeting with the Interior Health Authority at this year's UBCM Convention in Vancouver regarding Seniors Care/Housing, Imaging Services at the Barriere Health Centre and BC Ambulance service in rural communities.

CARRIED

ii. Suicide Prevention Support for Indigenous Children Email

Moved by Councillor McInnis

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

That a letter of support to the Minister of Education be sent in support of improved suicide prevention for children in BC municipalities.

CARRIED

iii. UBCM Seeks Membership Feedback on Protocol Agreement with First Nations

It was reported that on Friday, UBCM provided notice that during the recently scheduled, Province-wide C2C Forum being held at this year's Convention a Relationship Protocol will be considered during the forum. UBCM is seeking member feedback on the initiative. Council noted that it is difficult to provide feedback for a Protocol Agreement without having seen the document. It was noted that the document is still in development and will be presented for review at the C2C Forum.

8. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

i. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal update on the following:

- The NTACS Summer Program has had a very successful season.
- Is once again decorating a float for Council to enter into the Fall Fair Parade
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ii. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal update on the following:

- Joined Animal Evacuation Group as part of the area's ESS
- The Museum is doing a presentation on the history of the Fair & 4H at the this year's event.
- The Museum's summer program is going well

- Barriere Blooms is ready for judging by the Barriere Rec Committee. There are 23 entries this year.
- iii. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal update on the following:
- Participated in a UBC Workshop
 - Rec Committee has started the judging process for the Barriere Blooms Contest.
 - Participated in the Legion's ESS Golf Tournament
- iv. Councillor McInnis provided a verbal update on the following:
- Has noticed some petty crime has increased in the community.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Has had discussions with Chief Wohlgemuth, other area Fire responders and staff receiving updates on the Fire Activity of the area.
- In contact with Mayor Harrison of Salmon Arm regarding with the Tree Fruit crop issues that the Okanagan is experiencing.
- Expressed his belief that while he is running in the Provincial election, it would be in the District's best interest that he take an unpaid leave of absence during the campaign.

Moved by Councillor Kibble

Seconded by Councillor McInnis

That Mayor Stamer be granted an unpaid leave of absence from the September 3rd to October 20th, 2024.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Armstrong

Seconded by Councillor Kershaw

That Councillor Kerlake be appointed as Acting Mayor during the Mayor Stamer's leave of absence from September 3rd to October 20th, 2024 and that Councillor Kerlake will be reimbursed at the Mayoral Remuneration rate during the applicable time period.

CARRIED

10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

- a. Wim Houben – Asked for District's assistance in getting the Museum's flag on its flag pole. Council suggested that District staff will see if they are able to assist the Museum with this task. Councillor Kershaw noted that he will be willing to personally donate a new pole to the Museum if needed.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION – *none presented*

12. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

That Pursuant to Sections 90(1)(c)(d)(g) of the Community Charter, that the public interest requires that persons other than Council Members and required staff be excluded from the meeting and that Council continues the meeting in closed session to discuss confidential matters at 8:40pm.

CARRIED

13. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

Council reconvened into open session at 10:15p.m.

14. NEXT MEETING

Regular Council Meeting, Monday, September 9, 2024 @ 7pm

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Kerslake that the meeting adjourn at 10:15pm

CARRIED

Acting Mayor Rob Kerslake

T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer