

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, November 20, 2023 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 lands we are meeting today."*

Present: Mayor Ward Stamer
Councillor Judy Armstrong – *via Zoom*
Councillor Scott Kershaw
Councillor Rob Kerslake
Councillor Donna Kibble

Regrets: Councillor Louise Lodge
Councillor Colin McInnis

Staff: Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
Chelsea Young, Finance Officer
Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager
Paul Amos, Senior Utilities Specialist

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7pm

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

An addition was added to the agenda as item 3b – Cpl. Camalush, RCMP re: Policing Priorities

Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Kibble

That Council approve the November 20, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Moved by Councillor Kershaw
Seconded by Councillor Kibble
That Council adopt the minutes of a November 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a. Presentation – Mayor Stamer

On behalf of Council, Mayor Stamer presented a Certificate to Paul Amos, Senior Utilities Specialist, in recognition of his 15 years of service to the District of Barriere.

“This community knows it can rely on Paul to provide the safe, reliable utility services they depend on, including essential drinking water.” – Mayor Stamer

b. Cpl. Camalush, RCMP re: Policing Priorities –

Cpl. Camalush reported to Council that as a result of the detachment’s recent “Community Policing Survey” the following three key priorities were identified:

- Fraud/Scams
- Traffic Safety
- Property Crime/Theft

In response, the Barriere RCMP has:

- ✓ held approximately four Fraud/Scam seminars in the community this year;
- ✓ increased police visibility in town and on Hwy 5 for traffic safety;
- ✓ increased communication with local media; and
- ✓ been working together with neighbouring detachments.

Key statistics from the survey noted that:

- 83% of people said they feel very safe in Barriere – slightly less so at night;
- 52% said there are too few detachment members in Barriere;
- 66% said they feel very comfortable approaching Barriere RCMP – his team is working on increasing this number; and
- 83% said they were very satisfied with the contact availability of the detachment.

4. **BYLAWS and POLICIES**

a. Water & Wastewater Improvements Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 234 – adoption

Council was informed that the draft bylaw has received Statutory Approval from the Inspector of Municipalities and can now proceed with final adoption. It was noted that the proposed loan has a fixed interest rate of 4.73%.

Moved by Councillor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor Kibble

That Water & Wastewater Improvements Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 234 be adopted.

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b. Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 235 – adoption

Moved by Councillor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor Kibble

That Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 236 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. CAO Update – B. Payette, 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. Karen Smith & Julie Biller Emails re: Street Light Modification Request

An additional email from Ron and Debbie Hall supporting Karen Smith's email, was distributed to Council. The three emails are requesting that Council resolve their complaint of light pollution and glare from the two streetlights located on Barriere Town Road at the rear of their Oriole Road property were discussed.

The Public Works Manager reported that BC Hydro has relayed that any type of shielding or re-directing of the lights is not possible. The LED lights, installed by BC Hydro approximately 18 months ago, adhere to their own guidelines and that the MOTI guidelines, as quoted by Ms. Smith in her correspondence, are not relevant to municipal lighting installed by BC Hydro. The lights meet BC Hydro guidelines for kelvin/wattage and reach along main roadways such as Barriere Town Road. BC Hydro has explained that safety of pedestrians and vehicular traffic are the priority considered in establishing these guidelines. Replacing the lamps in question with a lower kelvin recommended for low-traffic, neighbourhood streets to 3,000k from the current 4,000k, would cost the taxpayers approximately \$1,500 per installation, as well as a precedent. This precedent could ultimately result in up to 80 streetlights being asked for similar modifications, against BC Hydro guidelines, totaling up to a cost to the taxpayer of \$120,000.

It was agreed that the issue continue to be recognized and if any other feasible options are found by staff that they be brought forward to Council for further discussion.

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Kerslake provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Construction at the Flume Business Centre is moving along.
 - Attended the Barriere Legion Remembrance Day Ceremony

- b. Councillor Kershaw provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended the Barriere Legion Remembrance Day Ceremony
- c. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Barriere Heritage Society is looking for any information regarding the 1995 Incorporation attempt.

9. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Offered condolences to retired employee, Doug Borrill, who lost his wife Sam Borrill last week.
- Attended a number of TNRD Board & Committee Meetings
- Attended the Barriere Legion Remembrance Day Ceremony

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

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

12. **NEXT MEETING**

- a. Regular Council Meeting, Monday, December 11, 2023 @ 7pm

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Kerslake that the meeting adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Ward Stamer

Bob Payette, CAO