

District of Barriere
REPORT TO COUNCIL

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To: Council	From: Bob Payette, CAO
Re: Administrative Updates	

CAO UPDATE:

Community Relations:

- Road right of way and surveying location behind Chevron property, nothing new on negotiations at this time.
- Met with Greg Smith regarding the cross connection issue which remains outstanding, with ongoing dialog and a second time extension due to parts shipping delays. As soon as the pump arrives they have a contractor waiting to install.
- Met with new NTAC coordinator, Candice Kruger to discuss updating their funding agreement for 2022 and reviewing their financial situation and processes.
- Met with owner of Monty Carlo Motel to discuss water, sewer and subdivision options.

Development Projects:

- Ongoing dialog and discussions regarding options for the HY Louis building (sell, lease, partnerships, options etc.). 3k expense for an appraisal of the building, 4-5 week delivery on the appraisal report, appraisal process was started this past week.
- Received confirmation from our realtor, Ken Maher has deposited his final payment for Lot 2 LCIP, final purchase completion set for Jan 15th.

Utilities:

- DW 3 construction – Spooner Industrial waiting for the delivery of the control panel, shipping delays.
- Started the process for costing, water and sewer main on Barriere Town Road, including upgrades to Septage Receiving with a projected cost = 2.5M. This project involves the extension of the District of Barriere's wastewater collection system to service commercial,

single and multi-family residential properties in the downtown core that are currently on private septic systems. The scope of work includes approximately 750m of new sanitary sewer main along Barriere Town Road. The project will enable the District to expand the area serviced by its downtown community wastewater treatment plant. Approximately 18 new connections, serving households/businesses, can potentially be added to this sewer system, including the affordable housing project that is being considered off of Barkley Road.

Since the roadway will be completely impacted by this construction project, the District has wisely included as part of this project the replacement of a critical watermain known to be undersized and in poor condition that parallels the proposed sewer system extension. This waterline is of AC construction and is nearing the end of its useful life. The condition of this main is of concern as evidenced by failing water service saddles and examination of pipe coupons at time of system tie-in by Public Works staff. The existing watermain is 150mm diameter, which severely restricts the fireflow availability within the community. The existing main is to be replaced with a 250mm diameter watermain which will immediately enhance the District's firefighting capabilities within the downtown core.

PARKS & ROADS MANAGER:

Roads

- The Barriere River truss bridge project was completed without delays or incidents. The traffic detour through Barriere was successful. It is averaged that approximately 6000 vehicles per day came through town during the detour.
- The Barriere Town Road bridge inspection was completed on November 19th. No visible structural damage was noted by our bridge inspector following the additional traffic volume from the detour. There was some progressive deterioration in the soffits, however the rate of deterioration appears to have slowed since the last inspection. It is still recommended to complete the repairs next year. The RFP will be issued in January.
- A new drywell was installed on Connor Road and has effectively alleviated water pooling on and over the road.
- The *Welcome to Barriere* highway sign installation is progressing and should be completed in the coming week.

Parks

- New LED lighting is operational at the multi-purpose court.
- Skatepark site plan has been finalized and will be going out to tender for a spring construction start-up.
- Wildfire Monument carvings and story board have been removed from LCIP and are being securely stored.

FINANCE OFFICER:

- In reference to the letter submitted from a resident about the water meter charges and consumption allotment (*attached in the Correspondence for Information Package*), it was determined as per the District of Barriere Fees & Charges Bylaw that this property owner would require the second meter. However, the property owner has decided to disconnect from the DOB water system with the understanding that water utility fees still apply.
- Outside of my role with the District of Barriere, I, personally, am working with Lianne Hamblin of the Barriere Chamber office in organizing a downtown Christmas light-up competition. We are encouraging all businesses to decorate for the holidays in an effort to brighten the downtown core and the spirits of our residents. For participating businesses, there will be prizes for 1st and 2nd as well as bragging rights for best residential streets. Judging will take place on December 17th and we are currently seeking donations for the 1st and 2nd prizes.

CORPORATE OFFICER:

- Met with various property owners who are exploring options for potentially developing their properties to accommodate increased density, including a possibility of another moderately sized multi-family development.
- The electronic meeting equipment has been ordered but may be delayed due to the many delivery issues the Province is facing at the moment. However, it is anticipated that installation should be completed early in the new year.
- As we all know, 2022 is an election year. Workplan development is already underway as there are many tasks that must be completed early in the year. Over the coming months, Council will be tasked with setting the election budget, Officer appointments, and any Election Bylaw Amendments that *may* be required or desired.
- Bylaw updates remain ongoing with the most daunting being a comprehensive Development Servicing Bylaw. As per Council direction, feasibility research continues with a Neighbourhood Golf Cart program. Other bylaw reviews include: Mobile Home Park Regulation, Traffic, and Fees & Charges Bylaws.
- With the recent changes and updates to the *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (FOIPPA)* of BC, online training has been scheduled for office staff.
- Reminder: The annual office closure for the holidays is as follows:
 - Closed at 2pm Friday, December 24th and reopens on Tuesday, January 4th at 8:30am.

**submitted for information*

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