

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, March 14, 2022 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 Al Fortin
Councillor Judy Armstrong – *via Zoom*
Councillor Scott Kershaw
Councillor Rob Kerlake
Councillor Donna Kibble
Councillor Amanda Sabyan

Staff: Bob Payette, Chief Administrative Officer
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager

Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**Special Note: The Public Hearing previously scheduled to take place within this agenda, had been cancelled due to application withdrawal.*

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Sabyan
Seconded by Councillor Kerlake
That Council approve the March 14, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Moved by Councillor Sabyan
Seconded by Councillor Fortin
That Council adopt the minutes of a February 28, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None scheduled.

4. BYLAWS and POLICIES

- a. Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 73, Amendment Bylaw No. 214 – adoption.
Amendment to increase utility fees and add Cannabis Business Licence designation fee

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan
Seconded by Councillor Kerlake
That Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 73, Amendment Bylaw No. 214 be adopted.**

CARRIED

- b. Subdivision Bylaw No. 216 – 1st reading.
*w/attached staff report and delegation from Mr. Chris Delaney
Bylaw to rescind TNRD Bylaw No. 799 & add hauled water provisions as proof of water

The CAO reported that the TNRD Subdivision Bylaw No. 799, which the District is still utilizing, outlines the parameters for proof of water servicing. Due to the recent discussions the District has been having in regards to the proposed development of DL57 and whether or not bulk/hauled water could be determined to meet the requirement of “proof of water” for development, an amendment to this bylaw that describes the parameters of this type of arrangement, is necessary in order to move forward.

Staff are currently in the process of preparing a comprehensive, modern Development and Subdivision Servicing Bylaw which will ultimately end up rescinding the draft Subdivision Bylaw No. 216 in the near future should it be approved.

**Moved by Mayor Stamer
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw
That Subdivision Bylaw No. 216 be given 1st reading.**

CARRIED

Mr. Delaney provided Council an overview of the most up to date plans for the planned subdivision and proof of water planning which includes hauled water, supplemented with a rainwater catchment system. He provided examples of some communities that are using the same systems such as Golden.

Council expressed interest in hearing more about the treatment requirement standards for these types rainwater collection systems. It was noted that private water collection systems, whether it be a single well, a shared well (with 1-4 homes) or a rainwater catchment system, are the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain the well/system, not the municipality.

5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. 2021 Final Budget Review and Dispersal of Funds – C. Young, Finance Officer

- 1. Moved by Councillor Sabyan
Seconded by Councillor Kerlake
That Council transfer \$94,107.21 from General Surplus to balance the
Downtown Wastewater budget.**

CARRIED

2. **Moved by Councillor Sabyan**
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw
That Council transfer \$1,501.36 from Siska Surplus to the infrastructure development cost charges reserve to continue to build up the account for future sewer development.

Moved by Councillor Fortin
Seconded by Councillor Kerslake
That the resolution be amended to direct the transfer from Siska Surplus to General Surplus.

The original motion was then put and;

CARRIED

3. **Moved by Councillor Fortin**
Seconded by Councillor Sabyan
That Council transfer \$12,971.20 in the Riverwalk Sewer system surplus to the infrastructure development cost charges reserve to continue building up the account for future sewer development.

CARRIED

4. **Moved by Councillor Sabyan**
Seconded by Councillor Fortin
That Council transfer \$4,522.49 from Water Surplus to cover the 2021 Water budget deficit.

CARRIED

5. **Moved by Councillor Sabyan**
Seconded by Councillor Kerslake
That Council transfer \$9,706.80 from the provincial wildfire reserve to cover the extra expenses from the 2021 wildfire season, \$4,254.83 to highway rescue reserve for their surplus and transfer the remainder of \$98,276.89 to General Surplus.

CARRIED

6. It was noted that the LCIP Reserve Budget balance is approximately \$570,000
Moved by Councillor Sabyan
Seconded by Councillor Kerslake
That Council transfer \$109,131.03 from the Louis Creek Reserve to balance the LCIP budget.

CARRIED

b. Draft 2022 Budget Discussion – 4th review

**Moved by Councillor Fortin
Seconded by Councillor Kerlake
That the 2022 Downtown Wastewater System Budget be approved.**

CARRIED

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan
Seconded by Councillor Kerlake
That the 2022 Siska Wastewater System Budget be approved.**

CARRIED

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw
That the 2022 Riverwalk Sewer Budget be approved.**

CARRIED

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan
Seconded by Councillor Kerlake
That the 2022 Water Budget be approved.**

CARRIED

**Moved by Councillor Fortin
Seconded by Councillor Sabyan
That the 2022 General Operations Budget be approved.**

CARRIED

**Moved by Councillor Sabyan
Seconded by Councillor Kerlake
That the 2022 Louis Creek Industrial Park Budget be approved.**

CARRIED

Chelsea Young, Finance Officer, left the meeting at 7:46pm.

c. Proposed Backhoe Purchase – B. Payette, CAO

**Moved by Councillor Kerlake
Seconded by Councillor Kibble
That Council direct staff to negotiate a reasonable purchase price with the District of Clearwater for the Backhoe described in this report.**

CARRIED

d. COVID Relief Grant Related Projects for 2022 – C. Matthews, Public Works Manager

1. **Moved by Councillor Kibble**
Seconded by Councillor Sabyan
That Council approve up to \$110,000 plus taxes of COVID Relief funds for the construction of a multi-purpose court washroom/changeroom facility.

CARRIED

2. **Moved by Councillor Sabyan**
Seconded by Councillor Kerslake
That Council approve up to \$5,000 of COVID Relief funds for Bandshell/Fadear Park electrical upgrades.

CARRIED

3. It was suggested that staff look into the feasibility of utilizing chain-link slats to cut down on cold wind that may be uncomfortable during the cooler months.

Moved by Councillor Kershaw
Seconded by Councillor Sabyan
That Council approve up to \$56,000 of COVID funds, for the replacement/refurbishment of up to eight ballpark dugouts.

CARRIED

4. **Moved by Councillor Sabyan**
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw
That Council direct staff to obtain detailed pricing and plans for a District Fleet shelter at the septage receiving property and bring it back to Council at a future Council Meeting for consideration.

CARRIED

e. Proposed Recreation Committee and Draft Terms of Reference – B. Payette, CAO

Moved by Councillor Sabyan
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw
THAT Council direct staff to advertise for interested residents to volunteer their names to serve on a Recreation Committee to be formally approved and appointed by Council at a future Meeting.

CARRIED

- f. CAO Update – B. Payette, CAO
**Submitted for information*

The CAO provided an overview of the written report.

Discussion ensued surrounding the Leonie Creek Dam and the desire for a detailed engineering report regarding the options and consequences of each option available to Council going forward was noted.

6. PROCLAMATIONS

None scheduled.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. For Information
- b. For Action
- i. Linda Dahn – Provincial Well Licensing Requirements for Non-Domestic Use
**article*

Ms. Dahn provided Council with an overview of her complaint with the Province regarding the new legislation surrounding non-domestic well licensing.

- ii. TNRD – Regional Growth Strategy re: Request for Comment

Moved by Councillor Kershaw

Seconded by Councillor Sabyan

WHEREAS the Thompson Nicola region has experienced a 30% increase in housing costs in recent years; and

WHEREAS there is a lack of affordable housing in the North Thompson Valley; and

WHEREAS the District of Barriere sees a benefit in the development of regional seniors housing, recreation, flood mitigation, shared services and fire protection planning;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That Council support a newly revised Regional Growth Strategy

CARRIED

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Kerlake provided a verbal report on the following:
- BSS Boys Basketball finished 8th in the Province.

- b. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
- Attended this year's Mad-Hatter's Tea Party.
 - Attended a Curling Club fundraising dinner
 - Participated in various NTFRA meetings.
 - Distributed information regarding this year's Barriere Blooms Prize Money.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Participated in a number of TNRD Board Meetings

10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

- a. Wim Houben
- The Barriere Seniors Hall is keeping their mask mandate
 - A total of \$300 was raised for the Food Bank through the Mad-Hatter's Tea Party
- b. Linda Dahn – "Did the Mayor bring up the Provincial Well Licence issue at the TNRD Meeting?" Answer: Yes, but no other Directors seem to have had the issue brought forward by their constituents.
- c. Gail Bugera – "Will you address my request made at the last meeting regarding the disrespect to Councillor Fortin and the residents of Barriere?" The Mayor answered that he responded to a reporter's questions during an interview with the truth, with integrity and does not feel he disrespected Councillor Fortin in that interview. Ms. Bugera stated that she disagrees.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

None presented.

15. NEXT MEETING

- a. Regular Council Meeting – Monday, March 28, 2022 @ 7pm

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Kerlake that the meeting adjourn at 9:05p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Ward Stamer

Bob Payette, CAO