

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – 2024 BUDGET

Held on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 5:30pm 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 Rob Kerlake
Councillor Scott Kershaw
Councillor Louise Lodge
Councillor Colin McInnis

Regrets: Councillor Donna Kibble

Staff: Tasha Buchanan, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Chelsea Young, Finance Officer
Jamie Mosdell, Recreation Coordinator

Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 5:34pm

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Kershaw
Seconded by Councillor Kerlake
That Council approve the February 26, 2024 SPECIAL Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. 2024 BUDGET DISCUSSION (2nd Review) – C. Young, Finance Officer

The Finance Officer provided an overview of the 2024 draft budgets that were originally presented for review at the previous Council Meeting:

a. LCIP BUDGET

- The proposed line item in wages is slightly higher for the additional staff time anticipated for expected development work in the area.
- The Health & Safety line-item increase is for the required WorkSafe policy and procedure development for the new infrastructure.

b. RIVERWALK BUDGET

- Repairs & Maintenance line item includes a lift pump replacement part that was required as Siska’s lift pump failed in previous years and that had been borrowed from the Riverwalk system and will be held in inventory.

c. WATER BUDGET

- Increased R/M water breaks line item for any potential water leak repairs that may result after the planned leak detection assessment and the hydrovac of the lines.
- North Reservoir roof replacement can be done in-house but as only one employee remains on staff that has undertaken the chain-link fence installation training, this planned work will be contracted out.
- It was noted that Confined Space safe-work program update has been spread out in all the budgets and is based on the number of members in each department.

d. SISKA BUDGET

- The data/ cloud server system will be put in place with a communication upgrade which will also include small monthly fees for the service.

e. GENERAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET.

- The purchase of an electronic advertisement board for the Bandshell was proposed to be considered. Staff will research options.
- The accurate revenue for the contract with the province for highway rescue in 2023 was corrected at \$14,800.
- It was noted there may be a possible error with the School Tax line item and staff will investigate.
- The Recreation Committee is to report back with more information with a breakdown of anticipated costs for each individual event including the addition of the Block Party.
- A rebuild is required for the backhoe cylinder.

Moved by Councillor Armstrong

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

That Staff investigate options and costs of an electronic community events/announcement board for Barriere Town Rd.

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3. **PUBLIC INQUIRIES** – *none presented.*

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Kershaw that the meeting adjourn at 7:03pm

CARRIED

Mayor Ward Stamer

Tasha Buchanan, Acting CAO