

Welcome!

To the District of Barriere's Official Community Plan Refresh Open House

The District of Barriere is doing a refresh of its Official Community Plan (OCP) and would like your input. The existing OCP was approved in 2011, and the community has seen several changes since then:

- **Changes Since 2011:**

- Growth in Barriere's population and economy (job opportunities).
- Increasing challenges related to housing supply, diversity, and affordability.
- Rising cost of living, including housing, food, and energy.
- Intensified extreme weather conditions and the effects of climate change.

- **Purpose of the Refresh:** The District is updating specific aspects of the OCP to ensure it remains relevant and effective in response to social, demographic, environmental, and economic trends, as well as changes in community values.

- **Background Research:** The Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD) is currently conducting research on housing, which includes:
 - A contextual analysis of Barriere's housing market.
 - Identification of existing and projected housing supply gaps.
 - 5- and 20 - year projections for housing needs.
 - A review of federal, provincial, and external influences on housing affordability.

By updating the OCP, the District aims to create a comprehensive plan that addresses current challenges and positions Barriere for sustainable and resilient growth.



Please visit the various stations around the room that are of interest to you, review the materials at the stations, and provide your feedback.

Several engagement opportunities will be available throughout the project. Once our survey is complete, stay tuned for our What We Heard Report which will summarize community feedback.

Your input is essential in shaping the future of our community!



What is an Official Community Plan?

An Official Community Plan (OCP) is a comprehensive document that states a community's vision for future growth and development. Feedback from residents and interest groups is an important foundation to ensure that the needs of a community are reflected in the OCP. In turn, this document serves as a guiding policy tool for local government, helping to inform decisions on key areas such as:

- **Land Use and Growth Management:** The OCP defines where and how development should occur within the community.
- **Housing Needs:** It addresses the availability, diversity, and affordability of housing.
- **Infrastructure:** It outlines plans for essential services and facilities that support community needs.
- **Transportation and Mobility:** It addresses transportation networks and accessibility for residents.
- **Parks and Recreation:** It identifies areas for recreational spaces and community amenities.
- **Arts, Culture, and Heritage:** It promotes the preservation and enhancement of local cultural assets.
- **Environmental Protection:** It includes strategies for protecting natural areas and promoting sustainability.
- **Climate Change:** It outlines approaches to mitigate and adapt to climate change impacts.

Ultimately, the OCP serves as a crucial resource for citizens, developers, and the District council in guiding future development and enhancing quality of life.

How does the Official Community Plan Affect Me?

The Official Community Plan (OCP) has a direct impact on you by shaping the future of your community. Here's how:

- **Land Use and Development :** If you're thinking about subdividing your land, the OCP will outline what is permissible and how it fits into the overall community plan.
- **Housing :** If you believe there's a lack of suitable housing, your input can help prioritize new developments that meet local needs.
- **Access to Services :** Your views on access to businesses and services are crucial. The OCP can influence where amenities such as shops and healthcare facilities are located, affecting your daily convenience.
- **Greenspaces and Trails :** If you'd like to see more parks and trails, your feedback can guide the creation of these spaces, improving your community's livability and recreational options.
- **Environmental Protection :** If you're concerned about protecting natural areas or farmland, your voice can advocate for sustainable practices and conservation efforts in the plan.



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Getting involved in the OCP Refresh process is essential. It ensures that your concerns are heard and that the plan reflects the needs and aspirations of your community.

Your participation helps shape a future that benefits everyone.



Did You Know?

Population Growth

| Year | Population | Change |
|------|------------|--------|
| 2011 | 1,773 | |
| 2016 | 1,713 | -3.4% |
| 2021 | 1,765 | 3% |

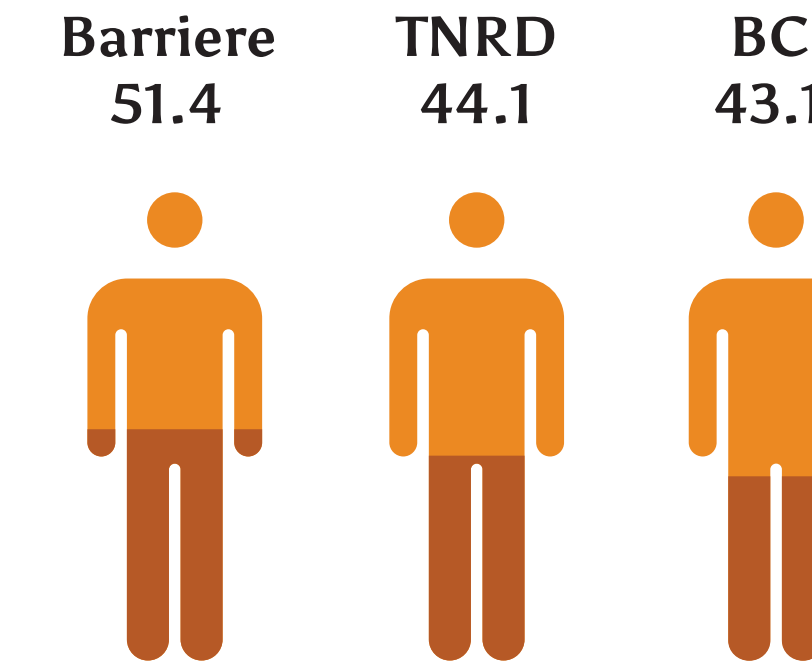
Population Density per Sq. KM = 164.5



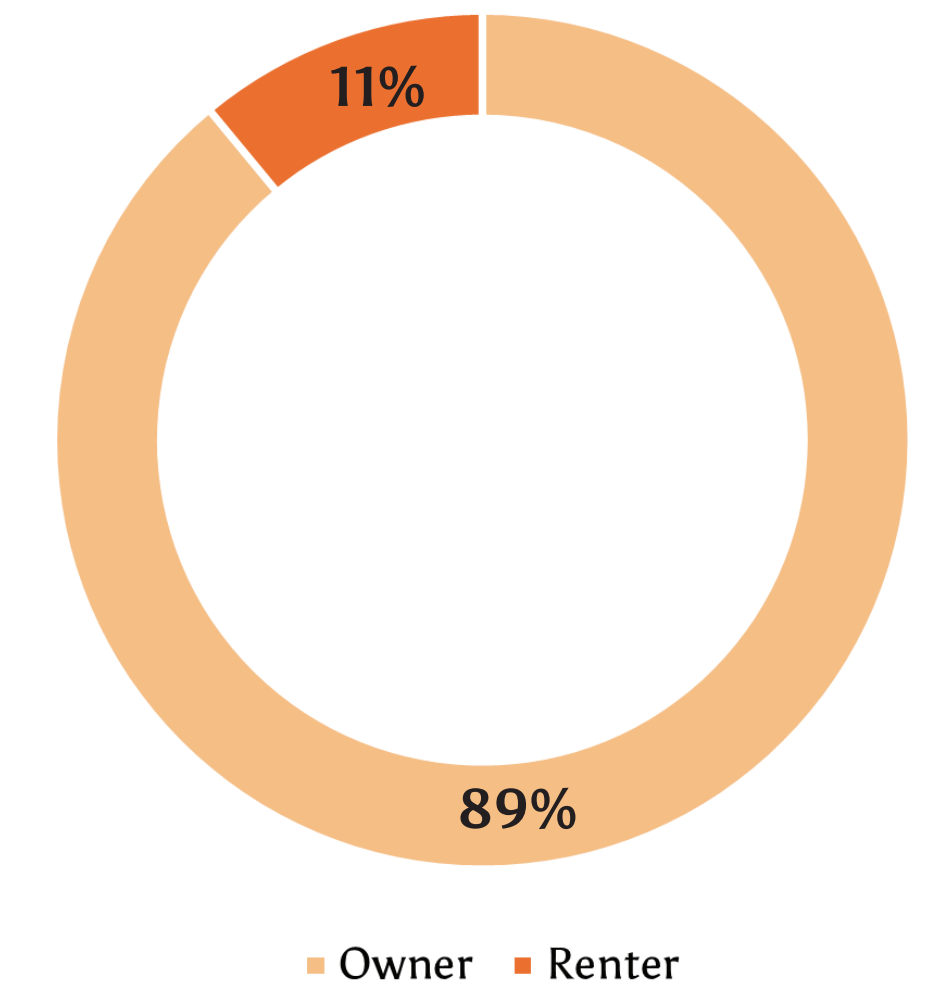
Population Characteristics

| Age | Barriere | TNRD | BC |
|-------------------|----------|------|-----|
| 0 to 19 years | 15% | 20% | 19% |
| 20 to 39 years | 15% | 25% | 27% |
| 40 to 64 years | 36% | 33% | 33% |
| 65 years and over | 34% | 23% | 20% |

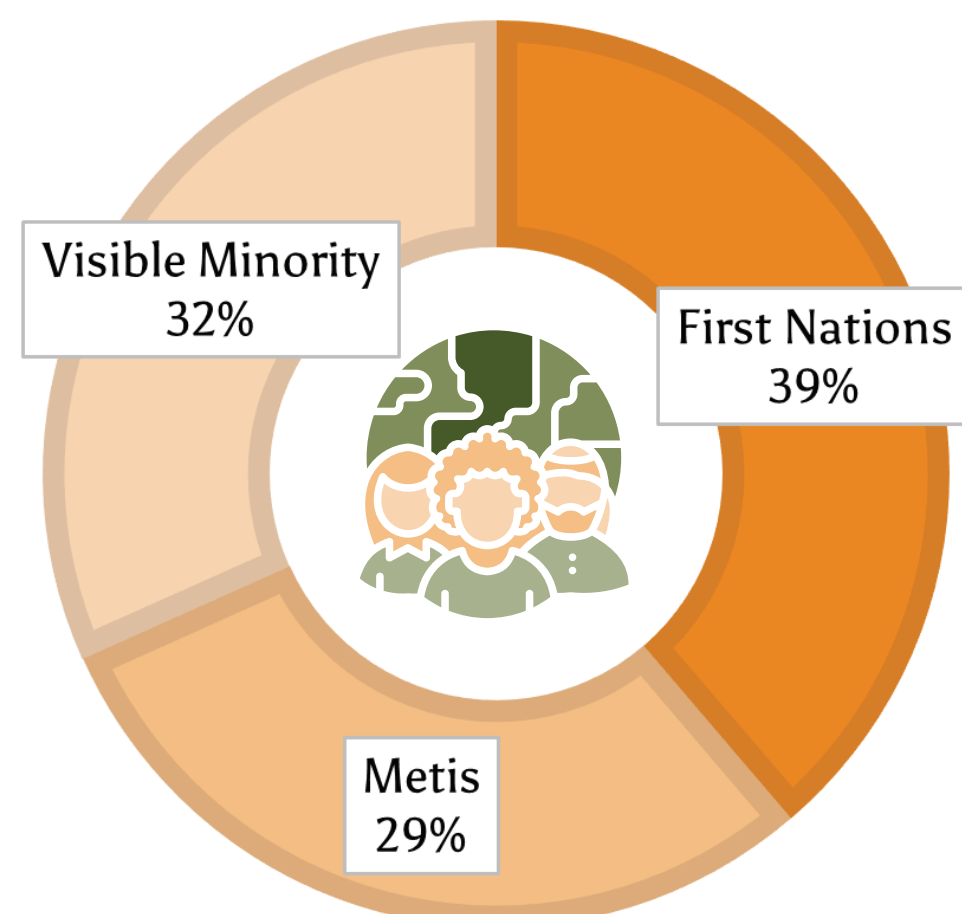
Average Age



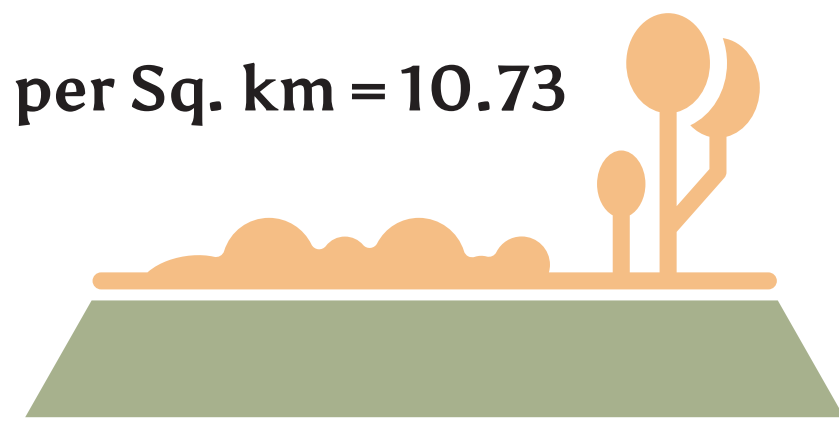
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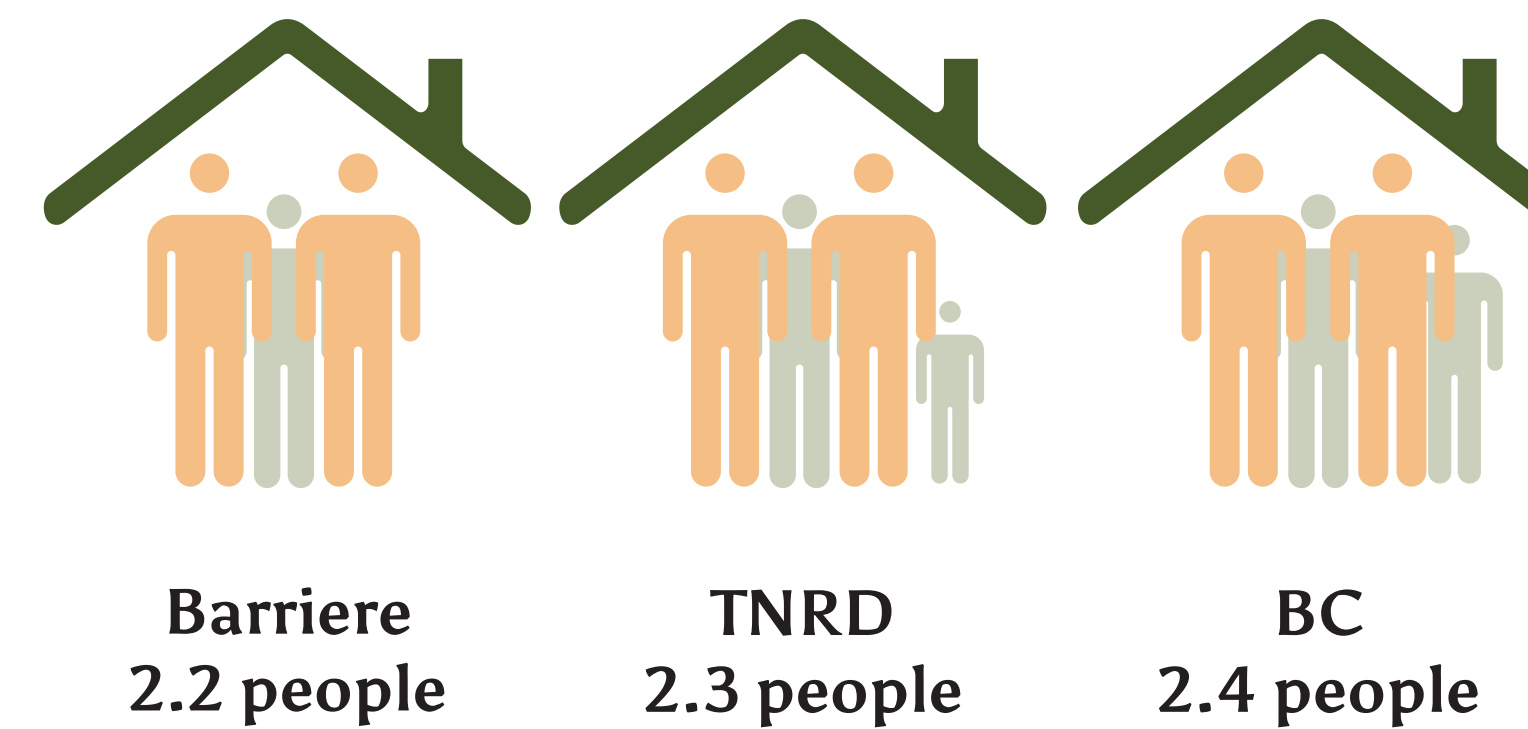
Ethnic Diversity



Land Area per Sq. km = 10.73



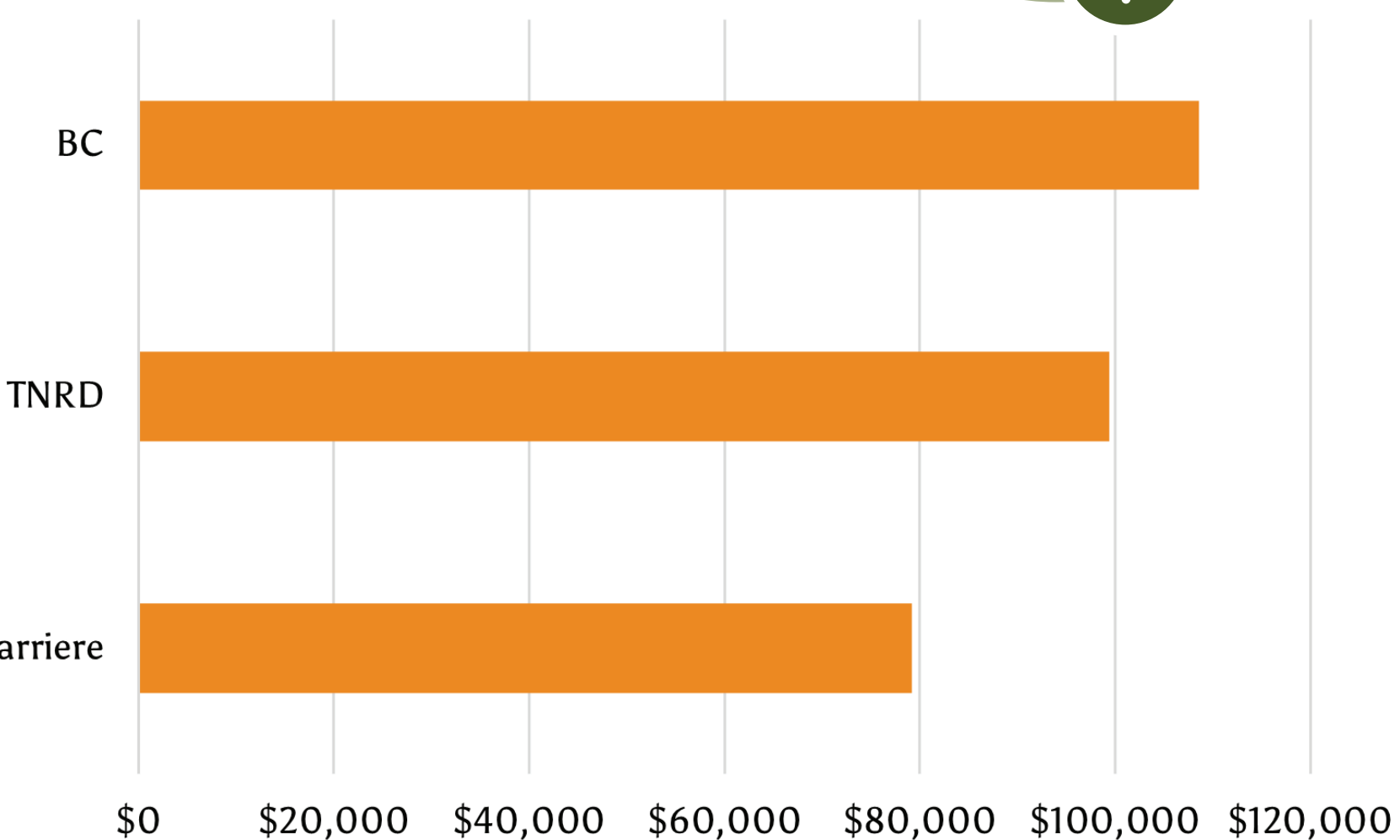
Average Household Size



Occupied Private Dwellings by Bedrooms

| Bedroom Type | No. | Percentage |
|--------------------|-----|------------|
| 1 bedroom | 50 | 7% |
| 2 bedrooms | 260 | 34% |
| 3 bedrooms | 280 | 37% |
| 4 or more bedrooms | 170 | 22% |
| Total dwellings | 760 | 100% |

Average Total Household Income in 2020

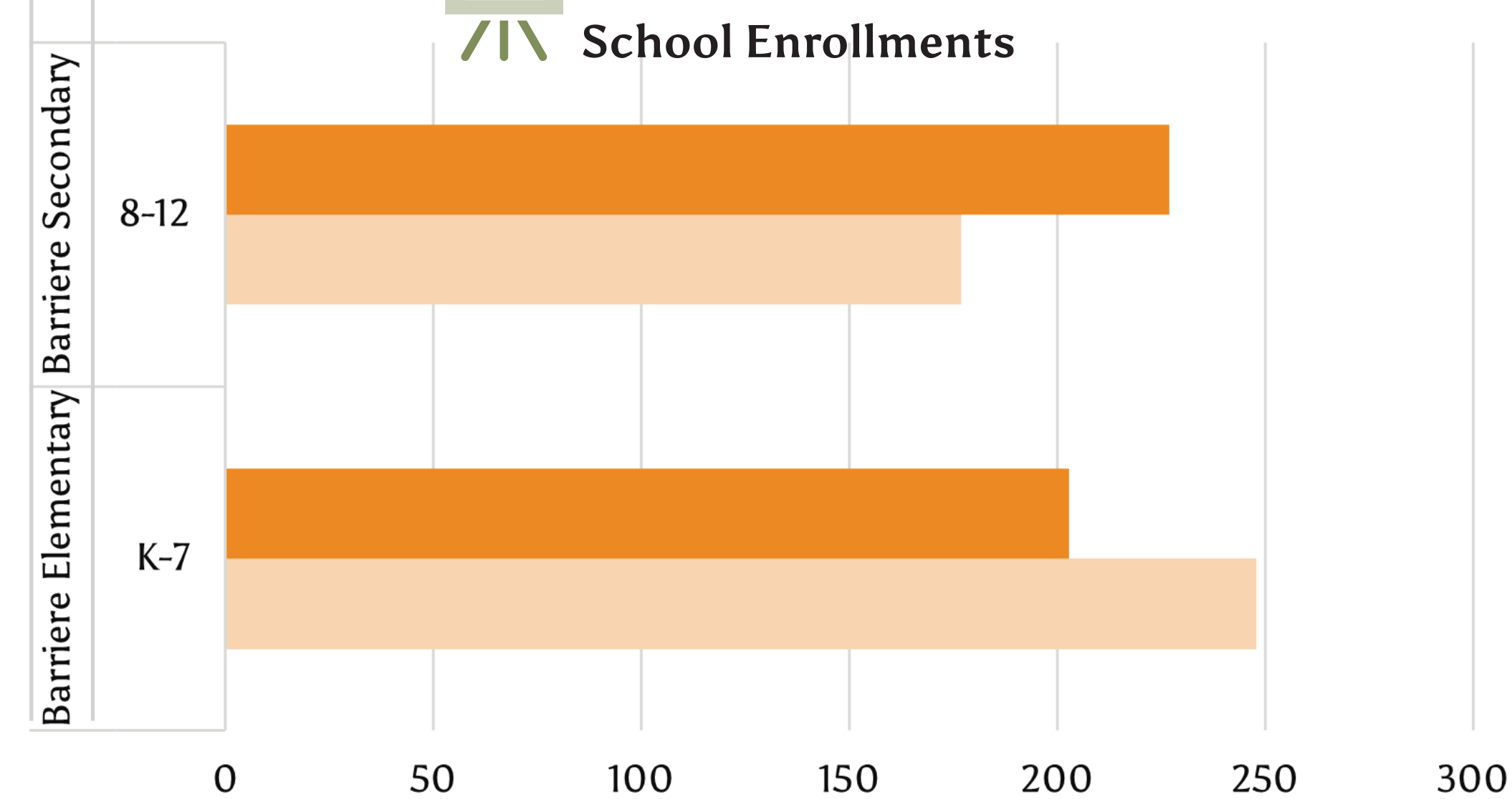


Major Industries

| Major Industries | Percentage |
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| Construction | 14% |
| Retail trade | 13% |
| Manufacturing | 9% |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | 7% |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 7% |
| Health care and social assistance | 7% |
| Accommodation and food services | 7% |
| Other | 34% |



School Enrollments

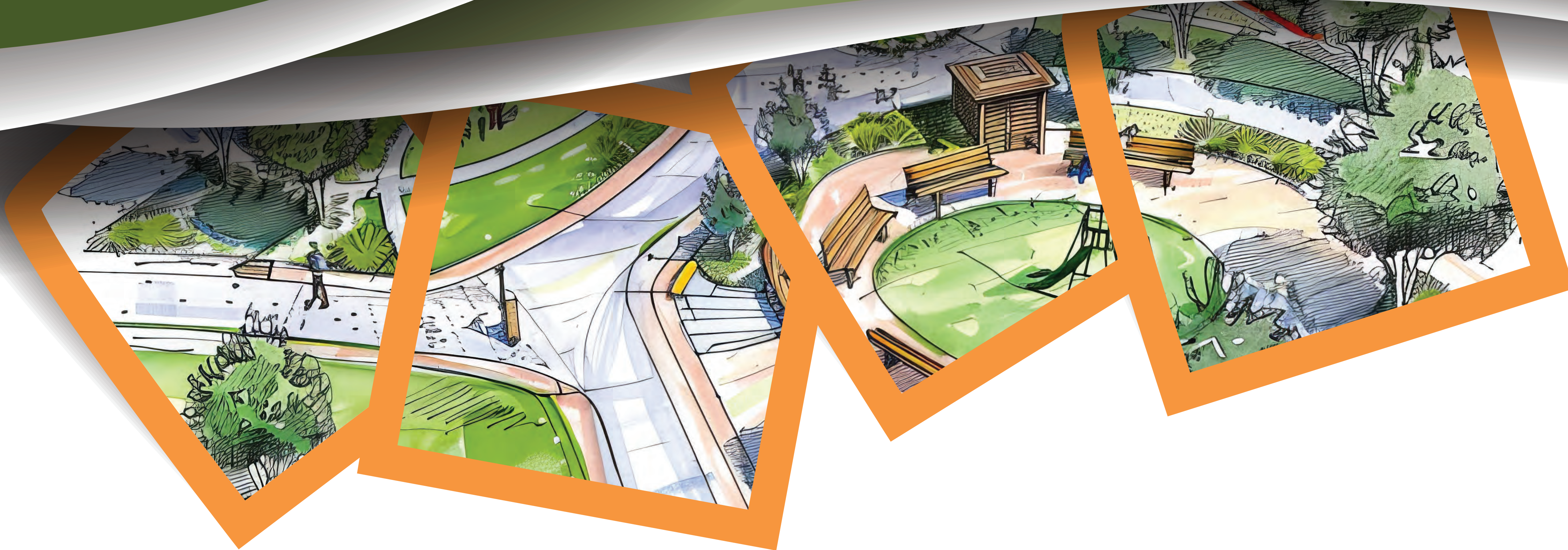


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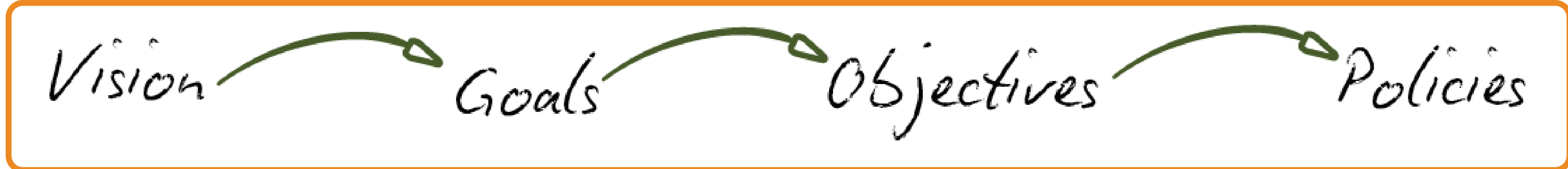


Community Vision

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In 2030, the District of Barriere provides a unique and memorable experience for residents and visitors. A District gateway announces your arrival in Barriere, the entrance to the North Thompson Valley’s outdoor playground. Take a trip along Barriere Town Road and you will be tempted to stop, picnic, and listen to the music emanating from the band shell while your children play in the water park or take in a ball game at one of the diamonds located in the large expanse of green space that has been preserved in the heart of the community. Continuing on, you will probably pass cyclists and scooters heading downtown for a friendly cup of coffee. The downtown is easily identifiable with its memorial benches, decorative lighting and well- kept storefronts. It is bustling with activity as people walk from store to store exploring specialty shops and doing their weekly grocery shopping. Take one of Barriere’s many pathways and you will be able to explore the Simpcw First Nation’s Cultural Centre and traditional nature walk along the river. From the heart of Barriere you can begin to explore the wilderness of the beautiful North Thompson Valley.





How much do you agree with the following goals?
(Place dots in the area you feel most appropriate)

STRENGTHENING SMALL COMMUNITY CHARACTER

Barriere is a vibrant, family-oriented community that blends a rural atmosphere with regional appeal. Ideal for raising families, growing businesses, and retiring, Barriere's rich arts, culture, and activities strengthen its welcoming small-town charm.

AGREE SOMEWHAT AGREE

SOMEWHAT DISAGREE DISAGREE



Stick your comments here

CREATING A VIBRANT DOWNTOWN

Barriere's mainstreet is vibrant and welcoming, with community activities and businesses at its heart. Its unique, well-defined streetscape and moderate-scale development make it accessible and inviting for everyone.

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PROMOTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & DIVERSIFICATION

Barriere's strong business and industrial base supports a thriving economy, meeting local needs and attracting service enterprises along the highway.

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MOVING AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Active transportation like cycling and walking is common in Barriere, connecting residents through pathways. Vehicles are used for trips outside town, with community transport providing access to Kamloops.

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BUILDING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

Barriere's roads, sewer, and water infrastructure are well-maintained and reliable, with a focus on high-value services.

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Official Community Plan Refresh



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ENHANCING QUALITY & AESTHETICS
Barriere is a beautiful place to live and visit, nestled in a valley surrounded by breathtaking mountains and pristine lakes. The streets are clean, and the buildings have character. The community collaborates with the Simpcw First Nation to foster mutually beneficial partnerships.

ACTIVE LIVING
Barriere is a year-round destination for active living, offering activities for all ages. With safe trails for walking, skiing, and riding, nature is easily accessible. Residents can enjoy leisurely visits to nearby rivers and tranquil lakes, along with various indoor and outdoor sports that promote lifelong activity.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
Barriere offers community services for all life stages, supporting its growth as a diverse and well-rounded community.

GROWING GREEN
Barriere is a green community with fresh air, clean water, low energy use, and rich biodiversity. Residents and local businesses contribute to sustainable development, making Barriere a leader in environmental practices.

PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY
Barriere is a safe community where residents feel protected from crime and natural hazards. The preserved local ecosystem ensures that future generations can enjoy nature and a healthy environment.

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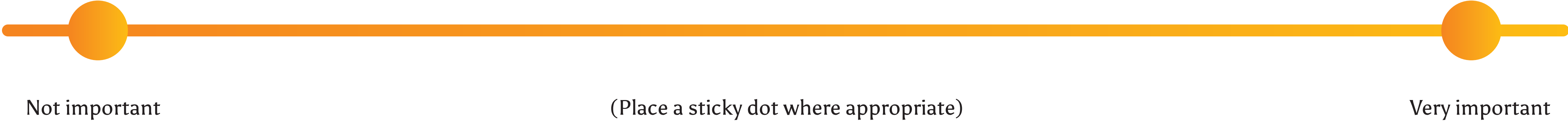
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HOUSING

When we consider housing and residential land use, we need to think about things such as: maintaining neighbourhood character, improving connectivity, providing access to amenities, promoting sustainable land practices, and ensuring diverse and affordable housing options.

In 2045, what does your neighbourhood look like in terms of housing type and density?

How important is it for Barriere to focus on housing in the next 20 years?

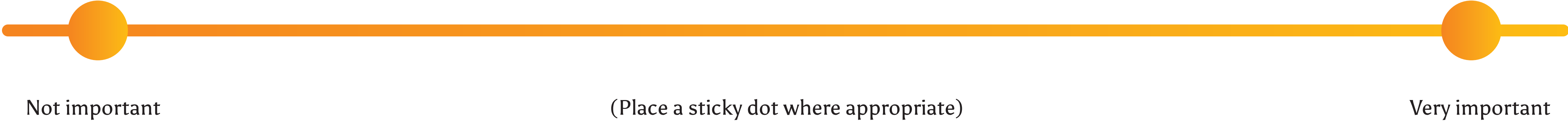


EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMY

Employment and economy focuses on thriving local businesses and offering a variety of services to meet community needs. This can include economic diversity, attracting a skilled workforce, tourism and business innovation.

What does our economy look like in 2045?

How important is it for Barriere to focus on employment and economy in the next 20 years?

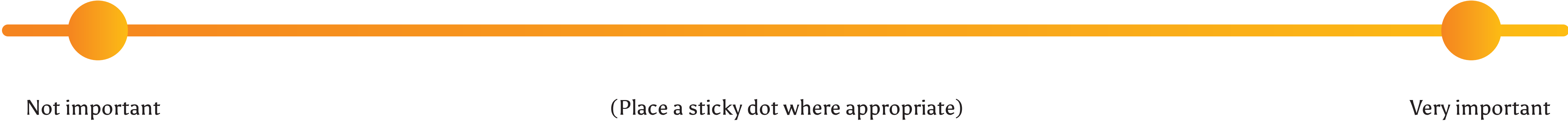


COMMUNITY & WELL-BEING

Community well-being includes our physical, mental and spiritual health, along with strong social connections, inclusivity, safety, and affordability.

What does community well-being look like in 2045?

How important is it for Barriere to focus on community well-being in the next 20 years?

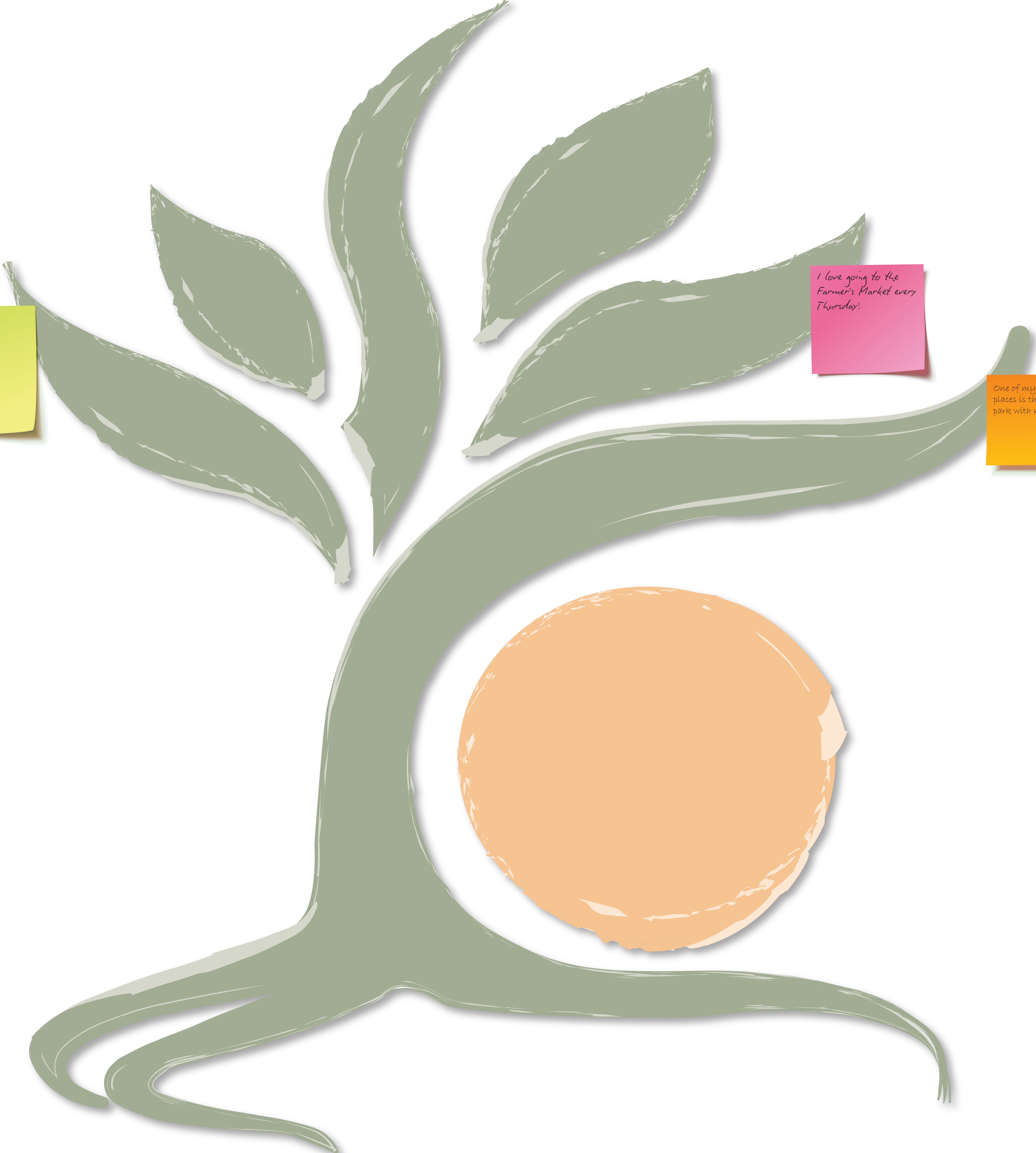


What do you
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Barriere?



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I SEE Barriere as a place where...



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