

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.

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



Scan the QR code to
visit the OCP Refresh
website

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



Community involvement in this process is essential, as it ensures that the OCP reflects the collective priorities and goals of the community.

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?

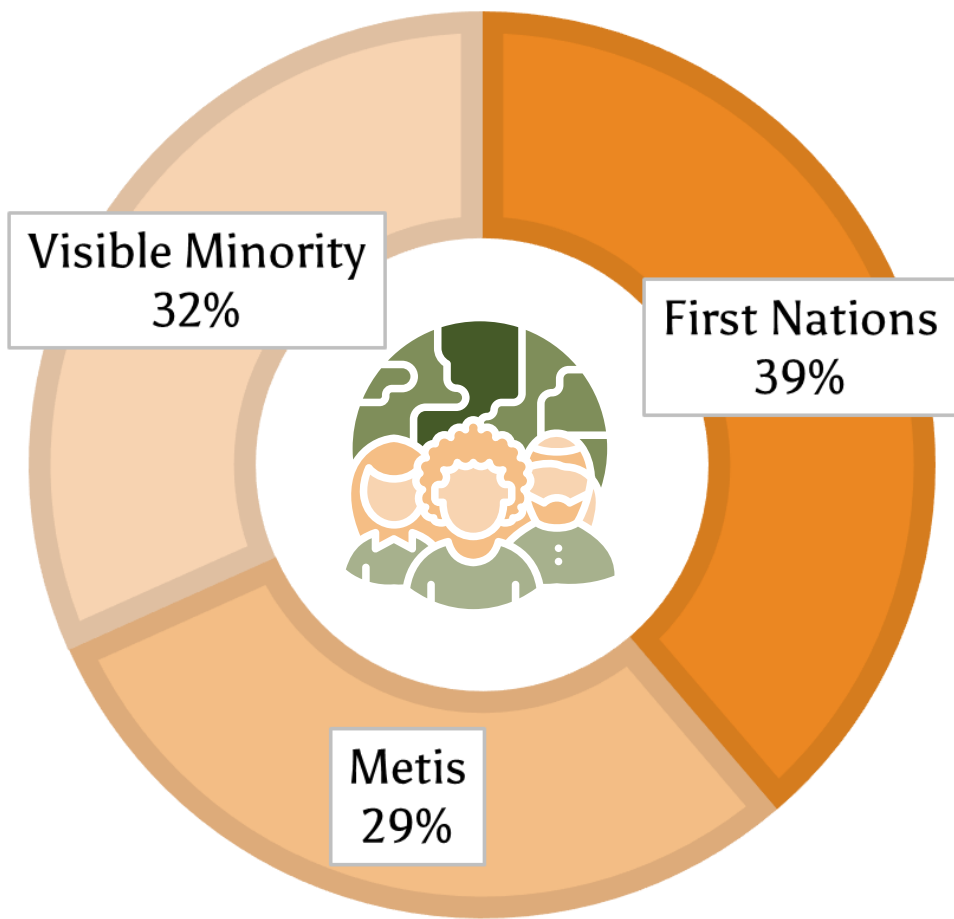
Population Growth

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

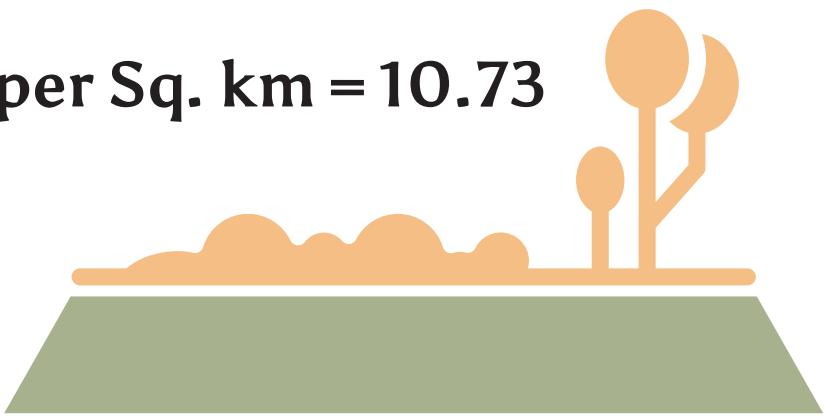
Population Density per Sq. KM = 164.5



Ethnic Diversity



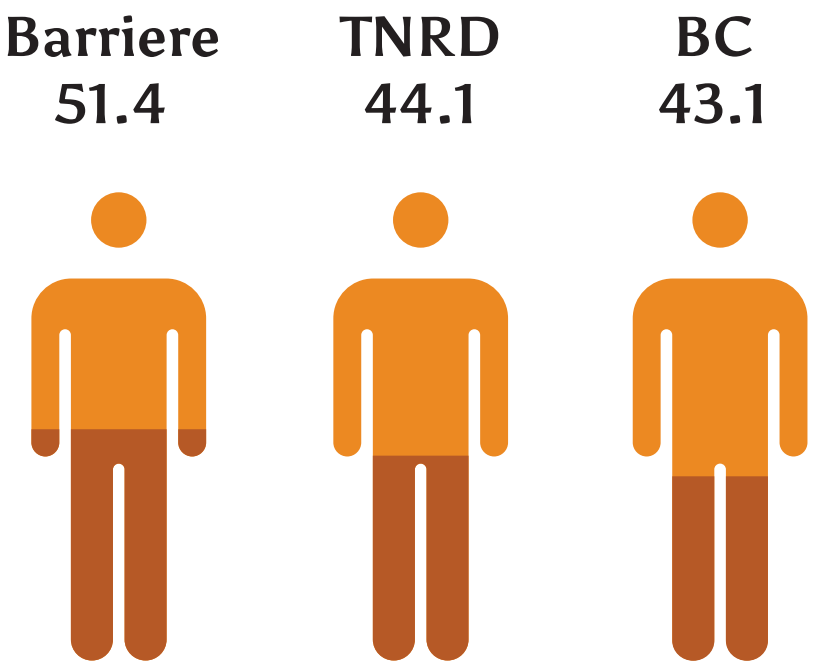
Land Area per Sq. km = 10.73



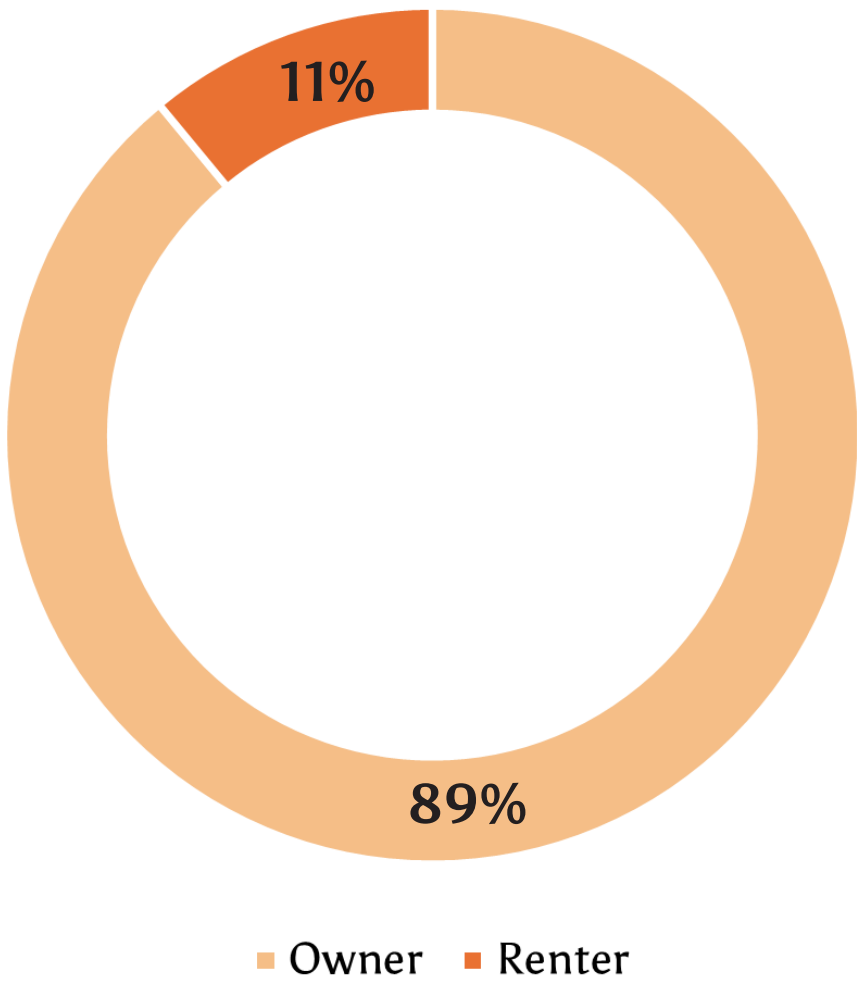
Population Characteristics

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%

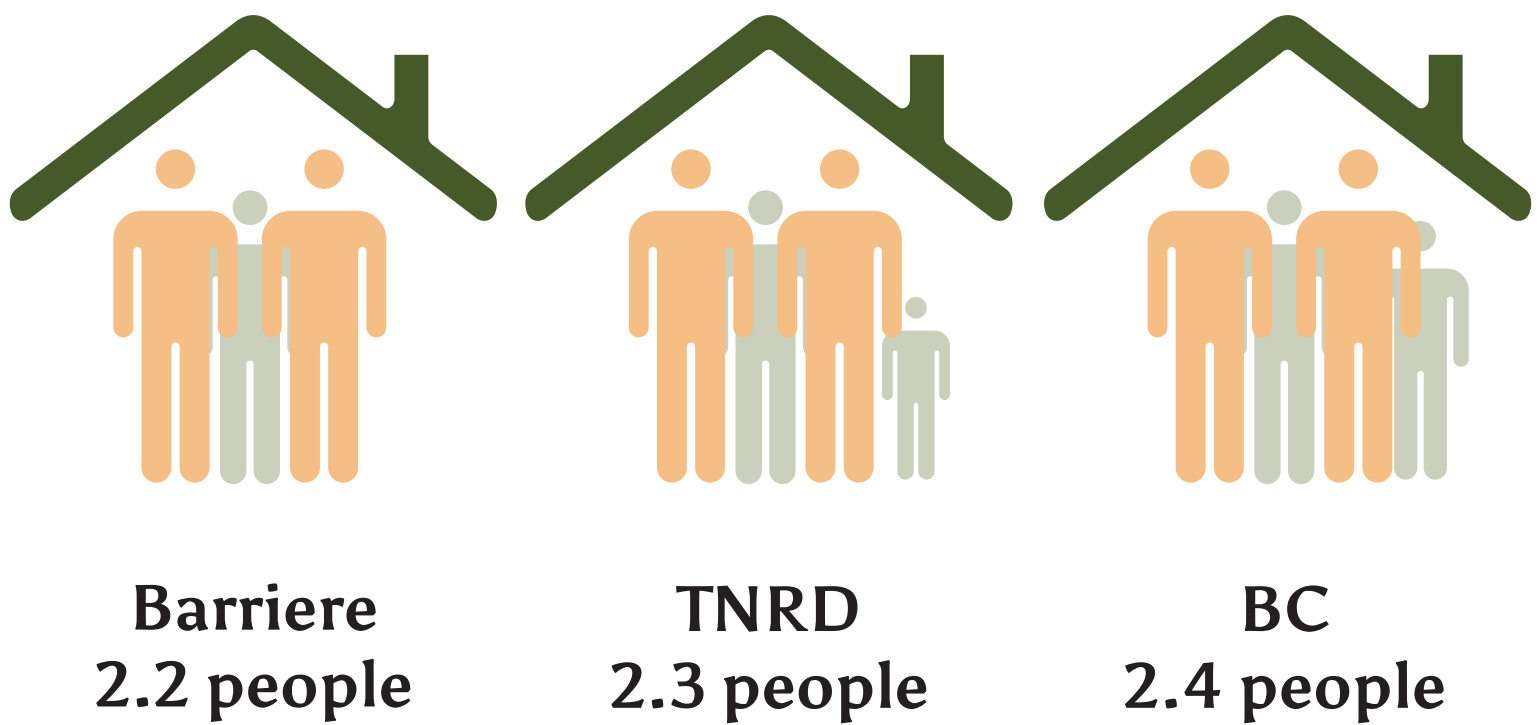
Average Age



Home Ownership



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%

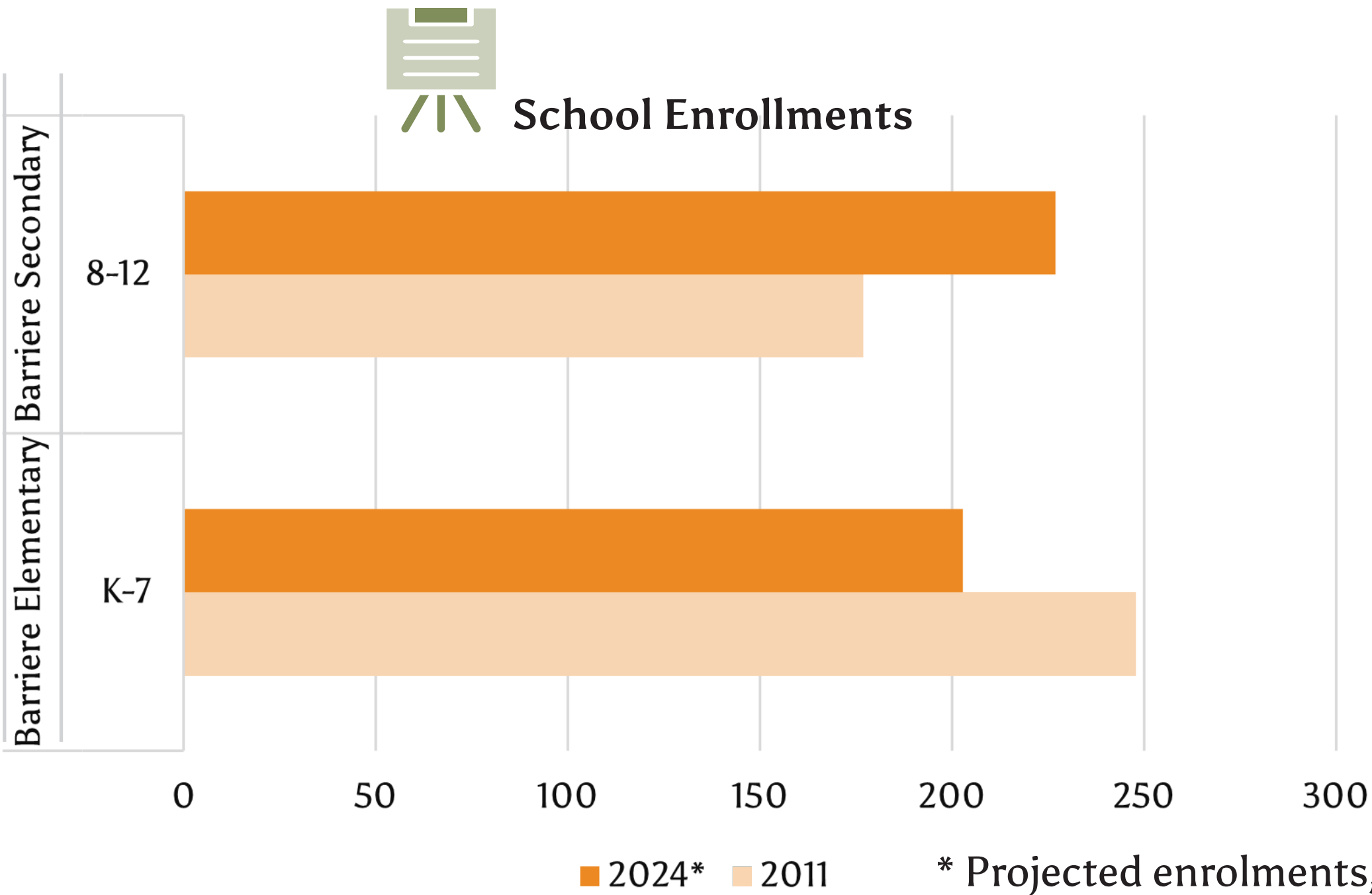
Average Total Household Income in 2020



Major Industries

Major Industries	Percentage
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



Total Private Dwellings = 760



Data source: 2021 Census Profile, Statistics Canada

2024* 2011 * Projected enrolments, 2023-24 Facilities Report

Draft Vision

In 2045, Barriere is a thriving, inclusive, and connected community at the heart of the North Thompson Valley. Its vibrant downtown, scenic parks, and pathways support healthy, active living and a resilient local economy. With diverse housing, quality healthcare, modern infrastructure, and recreational spaces for all ages, Barriere offers a high quality of life rooted in community pride. Balancing innovation with small-town charm, Barriere is a welcoming place to live, work, and play year-round.

Draft Guiding Principles

1. Celebrating and Strengthening Small-Town Character

Barriere proudly maintains its distinct small-town charm while positioning itself as a welcoming regional destination. The community fosters a rural atmosphere that supports families, entrepreneurship, and retirement living. Through vibrant arts, cultural initiatives, and community events, Barriere continues to cultivate a sense of identity and belonging that defines its unique character.

2. Providing for Affordable and Diverse Housing

Barriere recognizes that access to safe, affordable, and appropriate housing is essential to the health, resilience, and inclusivity of the community. As housing needs continue to evolve—driven by demographic shifts, economic pressures, and changing household structures—the district is committed to supporting a variety of housing forms, tenures, and price points.

3. Cultivating a Vibrant and Inclusive Downtown

Barriere’s downtown serves as the civic and commercial heart of the community—a place that is lively, attractive, and accessible to all. Thoughtfully scaled development, cohesive streetscape design, and active public spaces create a dynamic and inclusive corridor that supports business, social interaction, and cultural expression.

4. Investing in Sustainable Infrastructure

Reliable, efficient, and well-maintained infrastructure—such as roads, water systems, and wastewater services—is fundamental to Barriere’s livability. The District remains committed to ensuring long-term value and service excellence through thoughtful investment, innovation, and sustainable asset management. Investments into current assets will be prioritized.

5. Advancing Economic Development and Diversification

Barriere is home to a resilient and evolving local economy supported by a mix of small businesses, tourism, and industrial activity. The community actively encourages innovation and entrepreneurship, while highway-adjacent lands provide strategic opportunities for service-based enterprises and investment. Diversification remains central to long-term economic sustainability.

6. Fostering Beauty, Quality, and Cultural Collaboration

Barriere is a visually appealing and culturally rich community, set within a picturesque valley and surrounded by natural beauty. Clean streets, well-designed buildings, and

attention to aesthetics enhance community pride. A strong, respectful partnership with the Simpcw First Nation contributes to shared stewardship, cultural exchange, and mutual prosperity.

7. Enhancing Mobility and Connectivity

Barriere prioritizes active and sustainable transportation. A connected network of safe, multi-use pathways supports walking, cycling, and other forms of non-motorized movement throughout the community. Regional transit options ensure accessibility to Kamloops and surrounding areas, strengthening connections beyond the community while reducing vehicle dependency.

8. Promoting Active and Healthy Lifestyles

Barriere offers year-round opportunities for active living, from serene nature trails to well equipped parks and recreational facilities. Residents of all ages and abilities enjoy easy access to outdoor and indoor activities that support well-being, lifelong fitness, and a strong connection to the natural environment. Life here moves at a thoughtful pace—balanced, engaging, and fulfilling.

9. Supporting Health and Social Well-Being

A strong network of health and social services ensures that residents—whether young families, individuals, or seniors—are well supported throughout all stages of life. Accessible, reliable services contribute to a healthy, inclusive, and socially connected community.

10. Leading with Environmental Stewardship

Barriere is committed to sustainable development and environmental leadership. The community embraces green practices that promote clean air, water conservation, biodiversity, and low-impact living. Residents, businesses, and local government work together to reduce environmental footprints and preserve the region’s ecological health for future generations.

11. Ensuring Community Safety and Environmental Resilience

Barriere is a safe, secure, and prepared community. Residents feel prepared for natural hazards, and environmental degradation. The protection of local ecosystems is valued to ensure health, resilience, and enjoyment for current and future generations.

Do you like the draft Vision & Guiding Principles?

USE YOUR DOTS TO VOTE

YES

NO

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What We've Heard

Community Feedback Summary – Official Community Plan Refresh

Through a series of engagement events that included an open house, online survey, Council and staff workshop, and meetings with six community groups, we were able to identify several key areas of discussion that emerged through our conversations with the community.

A Community for Everyone - Affordable & Diverse Housing

Residents support more housing choices for all ages and incomes — affordable options for youth, families, and seniors.

- Openness to increased density and new housing types

Building for the Future - Investment in Infrastructure

Water and sewer systems need expansion to support growth and reliable service.

- Strategic investment is a top priority

Revitalizing Our Heart – Downtown Core Renewal

Residents envision a vibrant downtown with new and existing businesses, improved pedestrian areas, and welcoming spaces for locals and visitors alike.

- A lively, walkable downtown that builds community pride

Connecting Our Community - Walkability & Active Transportation

Sidewalks, trail links, and safer crossings are important for mobility and local vitality.

- Better connections make for healthier and more vibrant residents

Healthy & Supported Living - Access to Health Care

Residents want better access to doctors, facilities, and health services within the community.

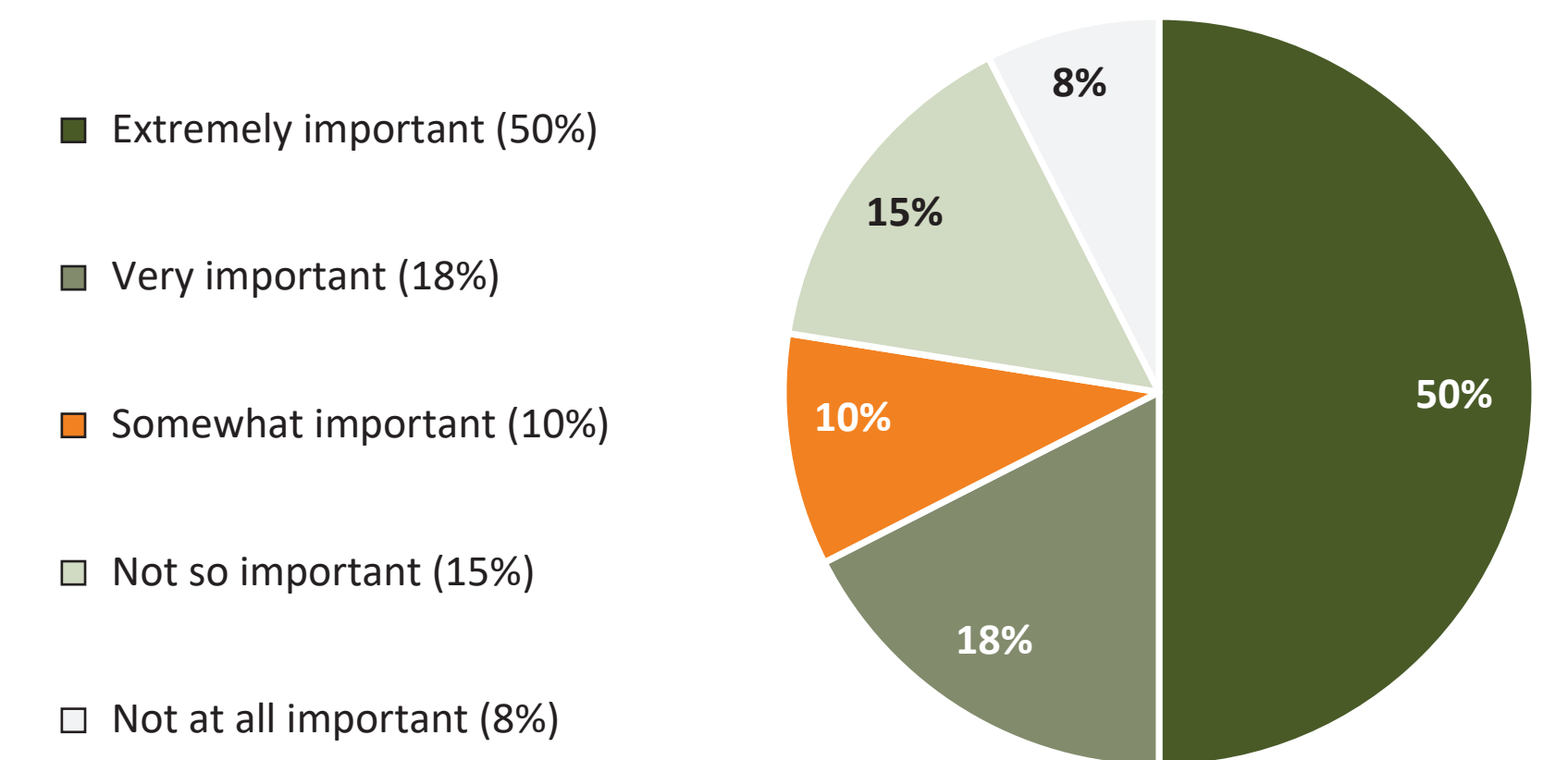
- Accessible health care is essential to community resilience

Places to Play and Gather - Amenities & Recreation

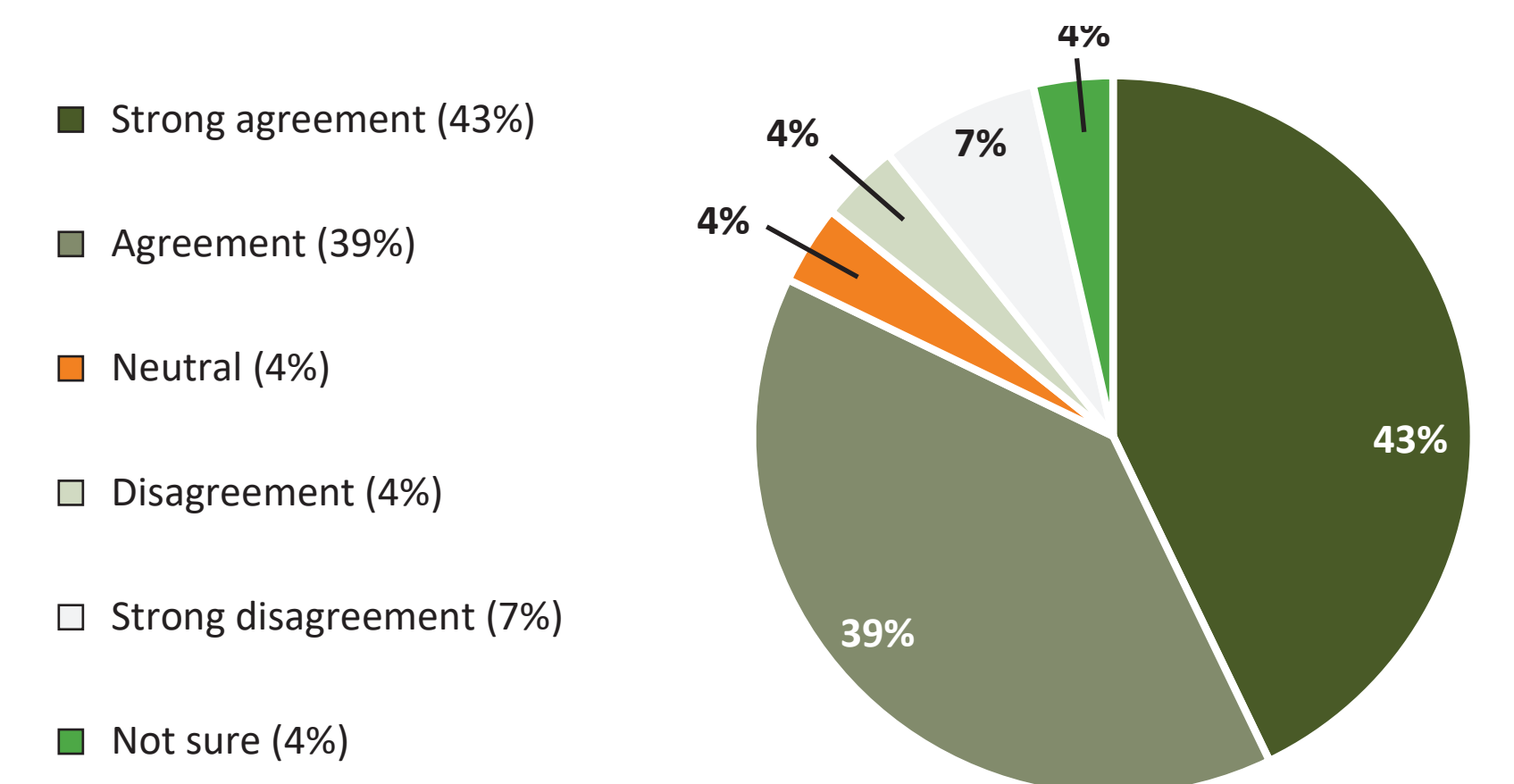
People want more opportunities to play, socialize, and stay active — from youth spaces to a recreation centre.

- Recreation builds wellness, community pride, and economic vitality

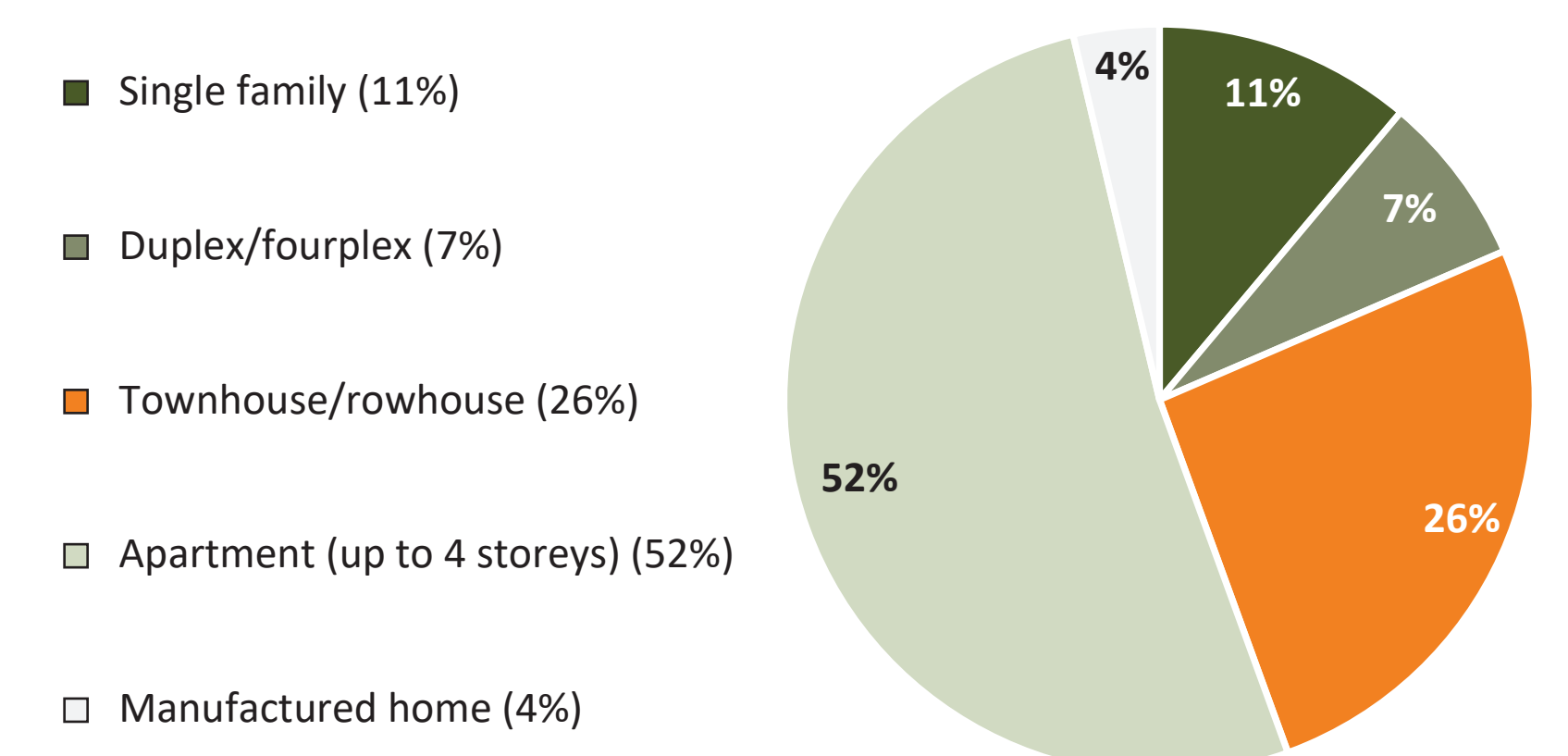
How important is it that infrastructure (water/sewer) be extended throughout the town to ensure less reliance on wells and septic systems?



Do you support mixed-use (commercial / residential) development in the Downtown?



Which type of housing do you think is currently under-supplied in Barriere?



In 20 years, Barriere will be...



Housing Policies

The new Official Community Plan (OCP) Refresh document introduces several housing policies that are more detailed and strategically targeted than those found in the current OCP . These new policies are largely driven by the findings of the 2024 Housing Needs Assessment.

The OCP Refresh structures its housing policies across five main areas: **Supportive Housing, Rental Diversity, Addressing the Aging Population, Streamlining Approvals, and Enabling Density**

1. Focus on Non-Market and Supportive Housing

Draft Policies:

- **Making Public Land Available and Providing Financial Incentives:** The District endeavors to **make municipally-owned land available** for affordable and supportive housing projects (Sec. 3.4.1.a.i).
- It will also **explore opportunities to reduce municipal property taxes or fees** for qualifying developments (Sec. 3.4.1.a.i).

2. Expanding and Diversifying Rental Housing Options

Draft Policies:

- **Purpose-Built Rental and Alternative Forms:** The OCP Refresh encourages **purpose-built rental buildings**, alongside secondary suites, and also highlights alternative housing forms like **carriage homes, garden suites, and modular housing** (Sec. 3.4.1.b.ii).
- **Infrastructure Investment Linked to Densification:** A policy is introduced to specifically link the District's commitment to **investing in water and wastewater infrastructure to support densification** (Sec.3.4.1.b.iv).

3. Responding to the Needs of an Aging Population

Draft Policies:

- **Universal Design and Accessibility:** The plan promotes the **integration of universal design and accessibility features** in all new residential development (Sec. 3.4.1.c.ii). Universal design is defined as creating environments accessible to people of all ages and physical abilities.
- **Specific Supportive Housing Expansion:** It specifically calls for the **expansion of supportive housing options, including assisted living for seniors** (Sec. 3.4.1.c.iv).
- **Walkable Proximity Priority:** It prioritizes **senior-friendly housing within walkable proximity to downtown shops, services, and community amenities** (Sec. 3.4.1.c.iii).

4. Streamlining Development Approval Processes

Draft Policies:

- **Review and Simplify Processes:** The OCP Refresh commits to **reviewing and simplifying planning and permitting processes** to reduce delays and costs for residential construction (Sec. 3.4.1.d.i).
- **Fast-Track Approvals:** Implement policies for **fast-track approvals or pre-zoning for targeted housing forms** (Sec. 3.4.1.d.ii).

5. Enabling a Broader Range of Housing Forms and Densities

Draft Policies:

- **Smaller Lot Sizes:** Support adequately serviced **smaller lot sizes** and flexible subdivision regulations to enable compact housing forms (Sec. 3.4.1.e.i).
- **Targeted Intensification:** Support the redevelopment or replacement of underutilized residential properties into **higher-density forms such as multi-unit dwellings** (Sec. 3.4.1.e.v).

What do you like about the policy directions?

Share your thoughts on a sticky note

What do you dislike about the policy directions?

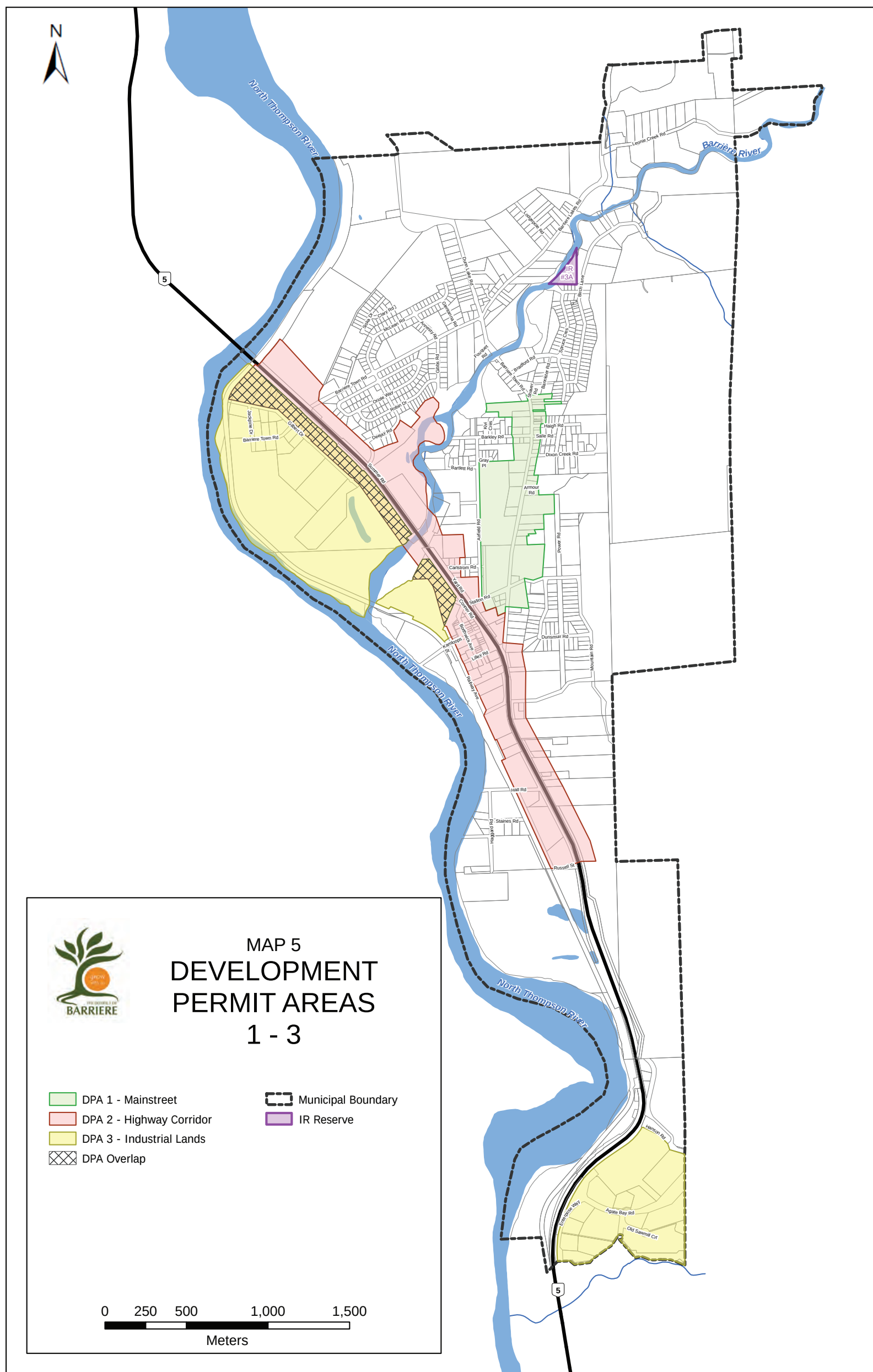


Development Permit Areas

What is a DPA?

A **Development Permit Area (DPA)** is a designated part of the community where special guidelines apply to new development. These guidelines help make sure that growth happens in a way that fits the community's vision. This could include increased environmental protection, encouraging attractive building design, or reducing wildfire risk.

Before building, subdividing, or making major changes to land within a DPA, a **Development Permit** may be required to show how the project meets these guidelines.



Downtown Core DPA

The **Downtown Core Development Permit Area (DPA1)** sets design guidelines for new buildings and sites in the heart of Barriere. Its purpose is to encourage a vibrant and attractive downtown that includes a mix of shops, dwellings, and community spaces.

Development in this area should reflect Barriere's small-town character, create a welcoming atmosphere, and contribute to a lively, people-friendly streetscape.

Notable Guidelines

- Alignment with accessibility legislation: i.e. barrier-free use
- Clear sight triangles at driveway entrances, road intersections and pedestrian crossings.
- Emphasis on quality craftsmanship and cohesive materials palettes in keeping with the intended character of the area.
- Ensure developers integrate materials with high fire resistance in accordance with BC FireSmart guidelines.

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Yellowhead Corridor DPA

The **Yellowhead Corridor Development Permit Area (DPA 2)** has been established to create a visually appealing and functional entrance to Barriere. This area plays a vital role in shaping first impressions for visitors, encouraging highway traffic to stop.

Development within this corridor should reflect Barriere's character, support commercial activity, and promote safe, accessible movement for all users.

Notable Guidelines

- Design buildings and surrounding spaces to contribute to a vibrant, service-oriented corridor.
- All parking areas should be hard surfaced.
- Enhance pedestrian and vehicular connections between the highway corridor, downtown, and surrounding neighbourhoods.
- New guidelines that promote native plants and clear rules for landscape quality.

Industrial Lands DPA

The **Industrial Lands Development Permit Area (DPA 3)** is intended to guide the form and character of development within Barriere's two designated industrial areas. The purpose is to ensure that industrial activities are well-integrated with the broader community by minimizing negative impacts on adjacent land uses.

Particular attention must be given to managing noise, air quality, and visual appearance, while supporting economic development.

Notable Guidelines

- Strengthening the requirements for unsightly elements, specifically visibility from the highway.
- Require developers incorporate stormwater mgmt. features, garbage collection, and water collection systems as part of site design.
- Encourage renewable energy systems on-site, including solar panels and other clean energy technologies.

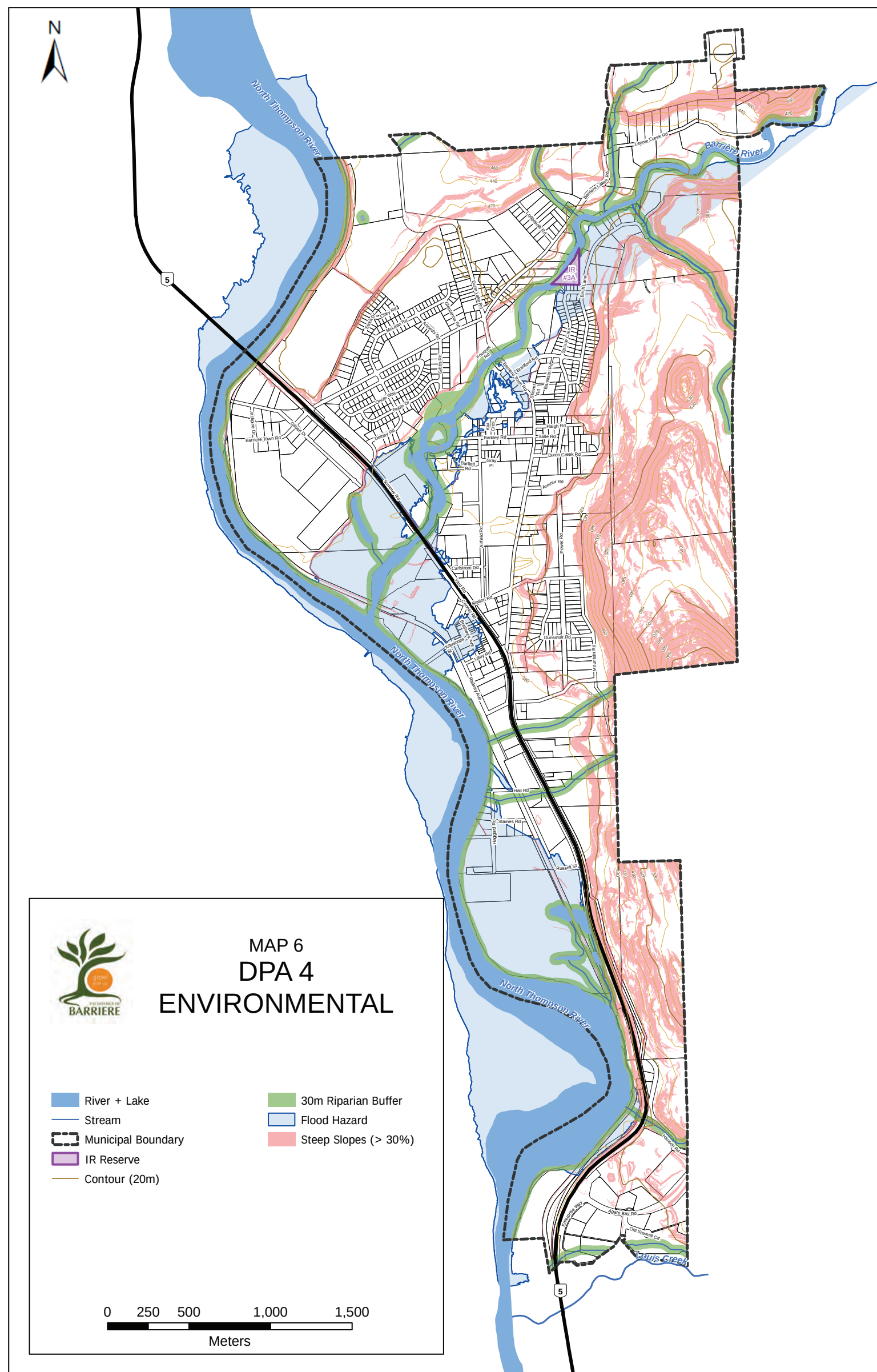


Development Permit Areas

Environmental DPA

The new OCP Refresh document establishes a **new Development Permit Area (DPA 4)** focused entirely on **Environmental protection and hazard mitigation**. The creation of this DPA formalizes policies that address risks such as flooding, steep slopes, and environmental sensitivity, which were previously covered by general policies, specific regulations like Riparian Area Regulation (RAR), and geotechnical requirements in the current OCP.

The purpose of DPA 4 is to protect the ecological integrity and function of environmentally sensitive areas, minimize risks to human health and property, promote water conservation, and contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and the resilience of natural systems.



Notable Guidelines

- **Floodplain and Steep Slope Management**
 - The District commits to preparing a **Floodplain Management Plan** to inform future regulatory frameworks.
 - Where steep slope conditions would otherwise render a property undevelopable, development may be permitted only with the support of a **Qualified Professional (QP)**.
 - Lands with natural slopes **exceeding 30%** must remain in their natural condition.
- **Riparian Protection**
 - No development is permitted within **30 metres** of the natural boundary of a stream, river, or watercourse.
 - A **reduced setback may be considered** with supporting evidence from a Qualified Professional (QP).
- **Stormwater and Drainage Management**
 - A site-specific stormwater management plan, prepared by a Qualified Professional (QP), is required for any development within the Environmental DPA.
 - The plan must ensure that post-development runoff **does not exceed** pre-development levels.
- **Site Contamination and Technical Studies**
 - Where there is evidence or history of **potential site contamination**, the District may require submission of an Environmental Site Assessment or Environmental Impact Assessment prepared by a Qualified Professional (QP).
- **Landscaping and Restoration**
 - A landscape plan must be submitted with the Development Permit application, identifying existing and proposed landscape features.
- **Exemptions to a DPA:**
 - FireSmart Tree Removal – deemed to pose wildfire risks
 - Ecological Works – restoration or ecological enhancement works
 - Farm Practices – lands within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)
 - Reconstruction or Repair – if it remains on its existing foundation
 - External Alterations – if entirely within the existing building footprint

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Thank You!

For joining us today and providing your feedback!

HOW WILL YOUR FEEDBACK BE USED?

The results of the open house, along with other feedback received during this phase of engagement will be analyzed to understand the level of support for the draft vision, guiding principles, and policy directions.

An engagement summary report that captures your feedback will be posted online later this month. The report will document the engagement process including who participated, what we heard and how the feedback will be used to shape the draft OCP.

STAY INFORMED

If you would like more information about the OCP refresh and to download a copy of the draft OCP, please visit: www.barriere.ca/p/official-community-plan-refresh

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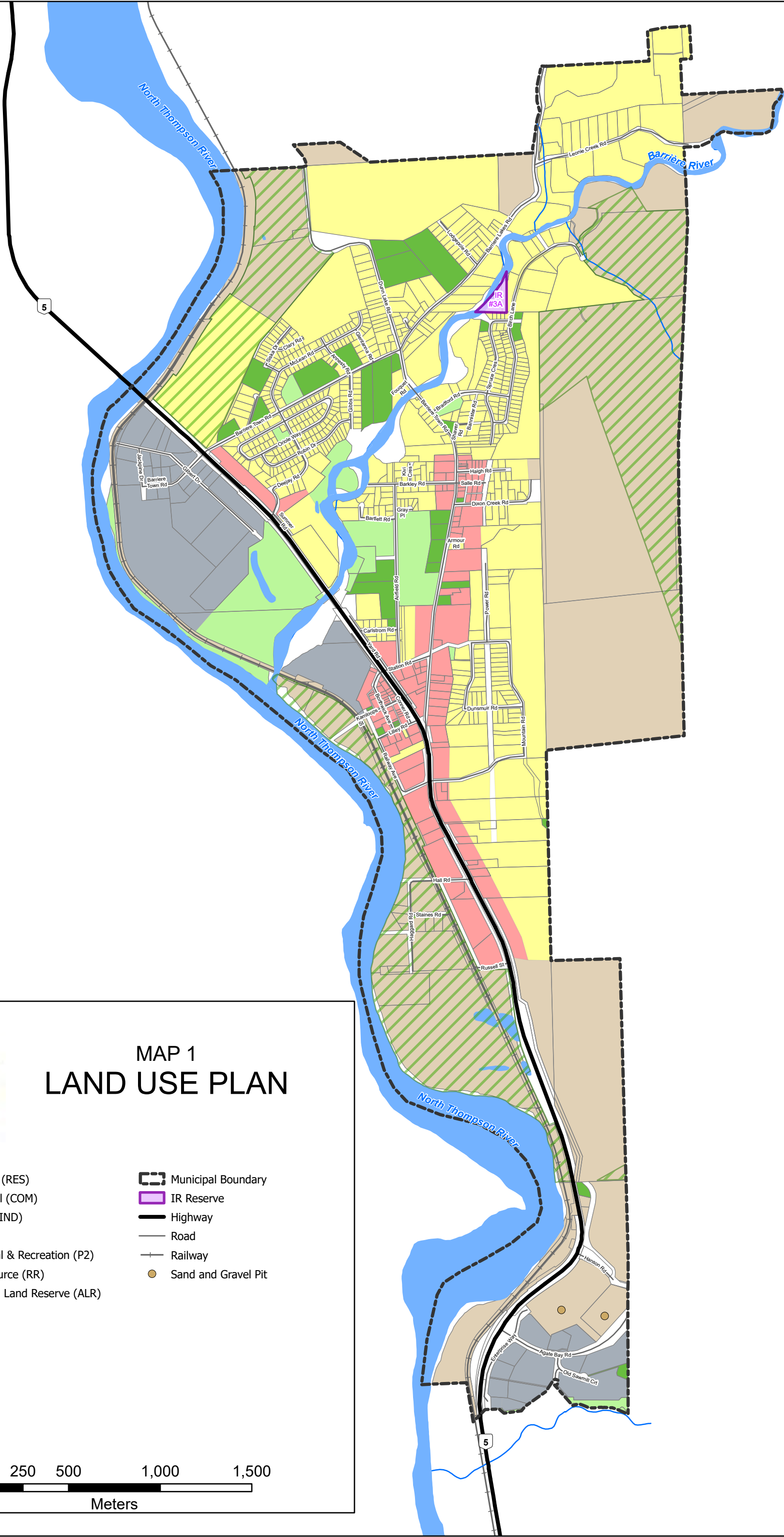
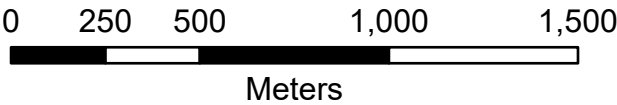


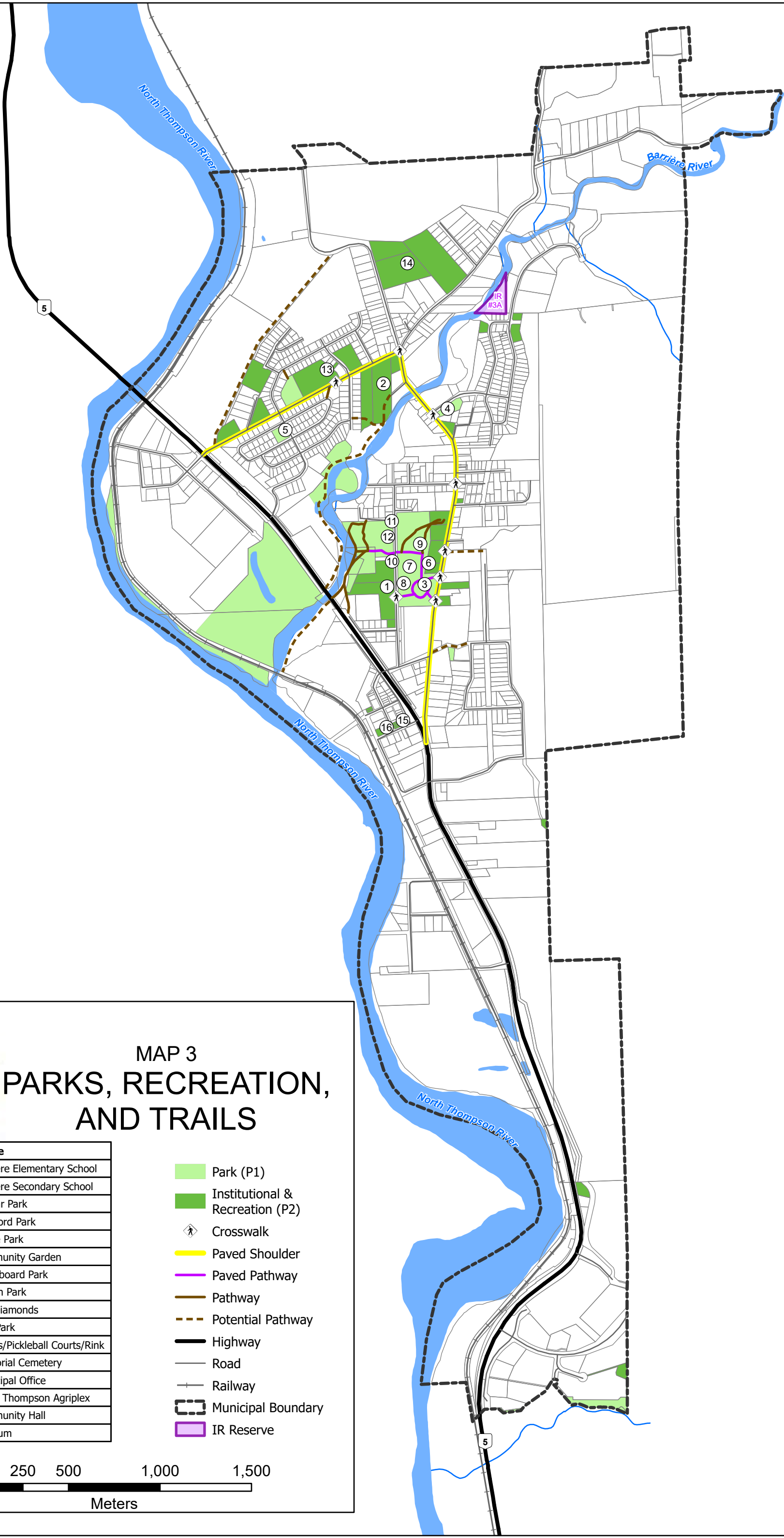
MAP 1 LAND USE PLAN



- Residential (RES)
- Commerical (COM)
- Industrial (IND)
- Park (P1)
- Institutional & Recreation (P2)
- Rural Resource (RR)
- Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)

- Municipal Boundary
- IR Reserve
- Highway
- Road
- Railway
- Sand and Gravel Pit

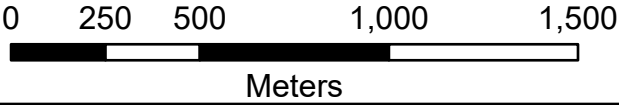




MAP 3 PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAILS

Number	Name
1	Barriere Elementary School
2	Barriere Secondary School
3	Fadear Park
4	Bradford Park
5	Oriole Park
6	Community Garden
7	Skateboard Park
8	Splash Park
9	Ball Diamonds
10	Dog Park
11	Tennis/Pickleball Courts/Rink
12	Memorial Cemetery
13	Municipal Office
14	North Thompson Agriplex
15	Community Hall
16	Museum

- Park (P1)
- Institutional & Recreation (P2)
- Crosswalk
- Paved Shoulder
- Paved Pathway
- Pathway
- Potential Pathway
- Highway
- Road
- Railway
- Municipal Boundary
- IR Reserve





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North Thompson River

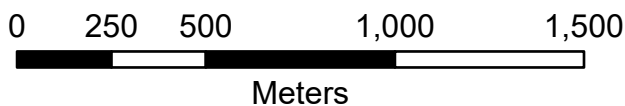
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MAP 5 DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AREAS 1 - 3

-  DPA 1 - Mainstreet
-  DPA 2 - Highway Corridor
-  DPA 3 - Industrial Lands
-  DPA Overlap

-  Municipal Boundary
-  IR Reserve



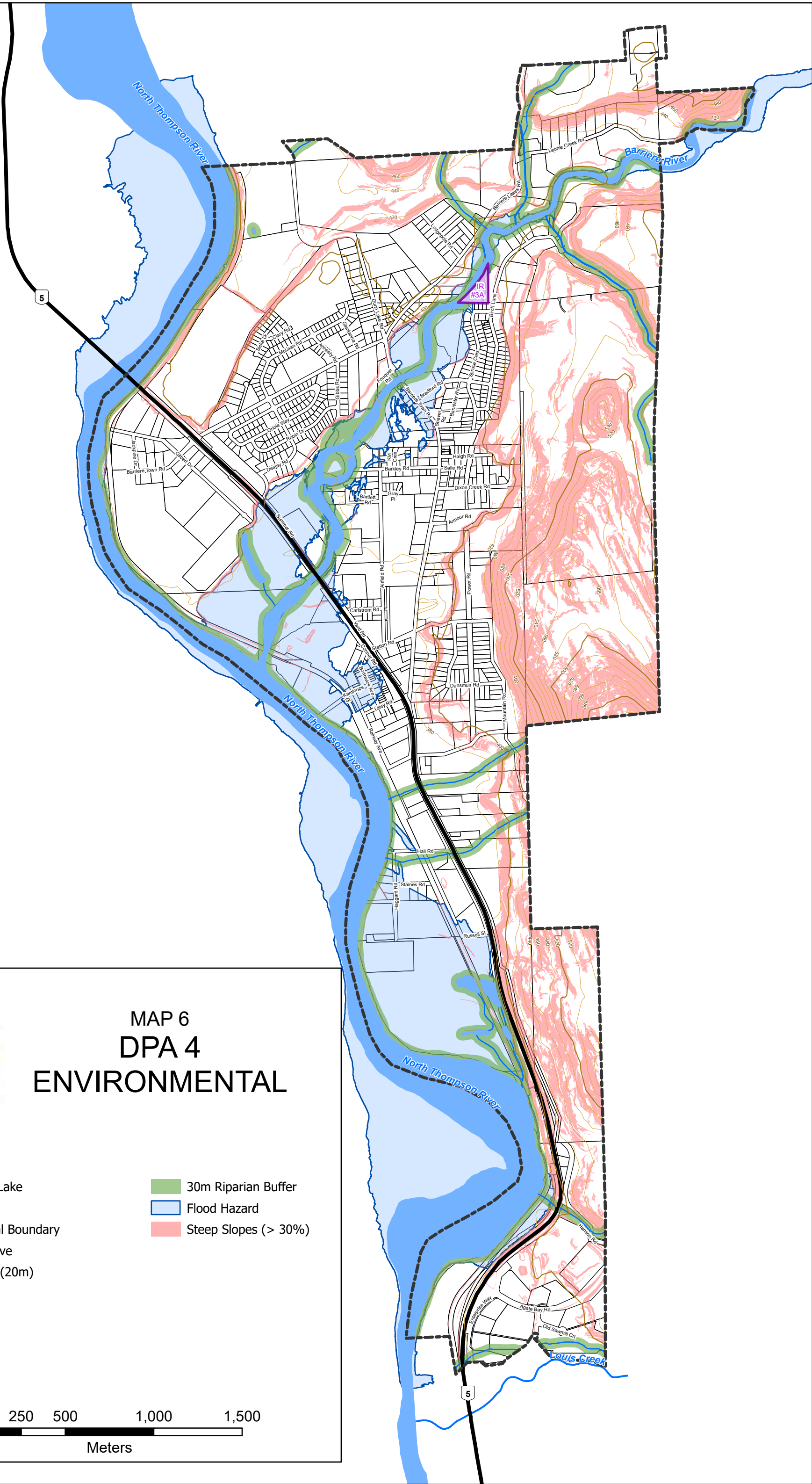
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Hanson Rd

Erilapine Way

Agate Bay Rd

Old Sawmill Crt



MAP 6 DPA 4 ENVIRONMENTAL

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|  River + Lake |  30m Riparian Buffer |
|  Stream |  Flood Hazard |
|  Municipal Boundary |  Steep Slopes (> 30%) |
|  IR Reserve | |
|  Contour (20m) | |

