

NOTICE: That a Regular Meeting of the District of Barriere Municipal Council will be held at District Hall, 4936 Barriere Town Road, in Barriere, B.C. on October 26, 2026 at 5:30pm for the transaction of business listed below.

Daniel Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer

AGENDA

*"We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples of Simpcw First Nation
within whose lands we are meeting today."*

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

That Council approve the October 26, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. That Council adopt the minutes of the October 5, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

3. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – none scheduled.

4. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Capital Update Report – J. Mosdell, DCO
**submitted for information*
- b. Quarterly 3 Report – K. Abel, Chief Financial Officer
**submitted for information*
- c. Asset Management Software Early Budget Approval – D. Drexler, CAO
Recommendation: THAT Council provides early budget approval for a 3-year subscription to an Asset Management Financial Forecasting software for up to \$24,000 in total.
- d. 2026 Election Report and Upcoming Important Dates – Corporate Officer
**submitted for information*

5. BYLAWS and POLICIES – none scheduled

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. For Information
- b. For Action
 - i. Transmountain – Mainline Optimization re: Opportunity to Comment

7. COUNCIL REPORTS

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

- a. Presentation to outgoing Councillor, Scott Kershaw

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

10. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Sections 90(1)(e)(i)(k) of the Community Charter, that the public interest requires that persons other than Council Members and required staff be excluded from the meeting and that Council continues the meeting in closed session to discuss confidential matters.

11. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

12. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION *(if required)*

13. NEXT MEETING – *Inaugural Meeting – November 9, 2026 @ 7:00pm*
Regular Council – December 14, 2026 @ 5:30pm

14. ADJOURNMENT

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, October 5, 2026 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 Rob Kerslake
Councillor Judy Armstrong
Councillor Louise Lodge
Councillor Brody Mosdell
Councillor Donna Kibble
Councillor Colin McInnis – *via zoom*
Councillor Scott Kershaw

Staff: Daniel Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer
Jamie Mosdell, Deputy Corporate Officer
Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager
Alexis Hovenkamp, Fire Chief

Mayor Kerslake called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw
That Council approve the October 5, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Moved by Councillor Kershaw
Seconded by Councillor Kibble
That Council adopt the minutes of the September 21, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – *none scheduled.*

4. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Department Updates – Department Heads
**submitted for information*

Council was provided an overview of the written report. In addition, it was noted that the Memorial Wall project has run slightly over-budget by \$3,450.00. As previously reported, Derek Stamer and his family are the main benefactors of this project by covering \$40,000.00 towards its completion.

Moved by Councillor Armstrong

Seconded by Councillor Kershaw

THAT Council authorize an additional \$3,450.00 from Council's Legislative budget to cover the project overage for the Memorial Wall.

CARRIED

5. BYLAWS and POLICIES

- a. DRAFT Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 281 – K. Abel, CFO

Moved by Mayor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

THAT Council adopt Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 281.

CARRIED

- b. DRAFT Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 282 – K. Abel, CFO

Moved by Councillor Mosdell

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

THAT Council adopt Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 282.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. For Information
- b. For Action - *none submitted*

7. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal report on the following:
- Attended and supported events at the Barriere Legion and Senior Society.
- b. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal report on the following:
- Attended the Neil Diamond Event at the Barriere Legion.
 - On behalf of the Legion, extended an invitation to Council and the public to gather the Legion on October 17th to await the Election results.
 - North Thompson Communities Foundation hosted a Non-Profit Stakeholder Event in Clearwater which was very well attended. Will be hosting a roundtable in the future as a follow-up event.
 - The No Host Bazaar is scheduled for November 28th
 - Raised concerns regarding a local doctor and his family, who are still awaiting permanent residency. It was noted that the family is currently paying international tuition rates for their two children attending university. Councillor Lodge is suggesting Council provide financial assistance while they await permanent residency.

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Mosdell

THAT Councillor Lodge and Staff arrange a one-on-one meeting with a local doctor to discuss options for how Council may provide assistance or support.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

THAT based on the outcome of the meeting with a local doctor, the Mayor and Staff be directed to connect with the TNRD and Simpcw Staff to explore opportunities for additional support, if warranted.

CARRIED

c. Councillor Mosdell provided a verbal report on the following:

- Attended the Candidates Forum
- Discussed the Patient Partner Committee as a possible Council initiative
- Mentioned Leonie Lake Rd repairs are needed

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Reflected on Council's past four-year term and thanked Council, Staff and the Community.
- Recognized and thanked Councillor Kershaw for his past 8 years of service on Council.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION – *none presented*

10. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION (*if required*)

12. NEXT MEETING – *October 26, 2026 @ 5:30pm*

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Lodge that the meeting adjourn at 6:37p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Rob Kerslake

J.Mosdell, Deputy Corporate Officer

District of Barriere

Capital Projects Update
October 2026



Project Outline

- **Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP)**
 - **Paving Program**
 - **Winter Roads Department**
 - **Turnout Gear**
- **Emergency Repair Contingency**



Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP)

Status: In Progress – Construction Began on August 10th

Next Steps:



Total Approved Project Budget	Total DoB Funding - Committed	Total Other Funding (Grant, etc.) - Committed	Total Costs To Date	Total Costs Remaining	Other Funding Received To Date
\$7,100,000.00	\$1,886,624.00	\$5,213,376.00	\$2,086,339.20	\$5,013,660.80	\$745,139.41

WWTP – Building Location Layout



WWTP – Progress Pictures



SBR Tanks Location

Date: September 2025



WWTP – Progress Pictures



SBR Tanks Location

Date: October 5, 2026



WWTP – Progress Pictures



SBR Tanks Location

Date: October 8, 2026



WWTP – Progress Pictures



SBR Tanks Location

Date: October 16, 2026



WWTP – Progress Pictures



Filter Building Location

Date: October 2, 2026



WWTP – Progress Pictures



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Date: October 8, 2026



WWTP – Progress Pictures



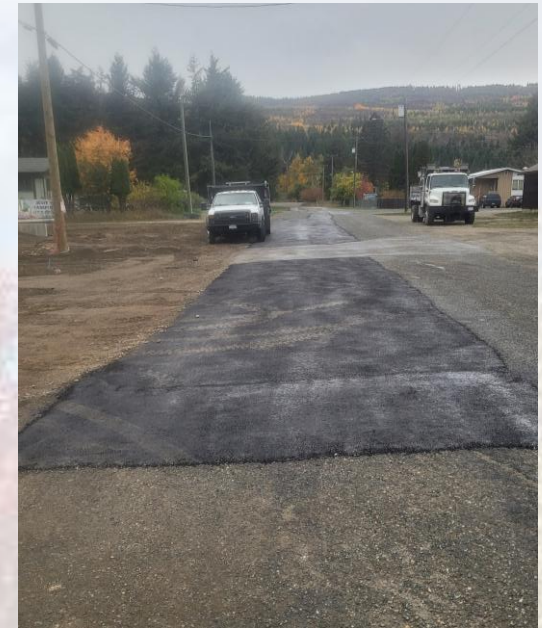
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Date: October 16, 2026



Paving Program

Status: Completed in October –Sand Storage Pad & Lilley Rd



Total Approved Project Budget	Total DoB Funding - Committed	Total Other Funding (Grant, etc.) - Committed	Total Costs To Date	Total Costs Remaining	Other Funding Received To Date
\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	0	\$35,798.00	\$39,202.00	0

Winter Roads Department

Status: In Progress – Work commenced on Sand Storage Shed in October

Next Steps:

In Progress  Build sand storage shed

2026 Q4  Operational

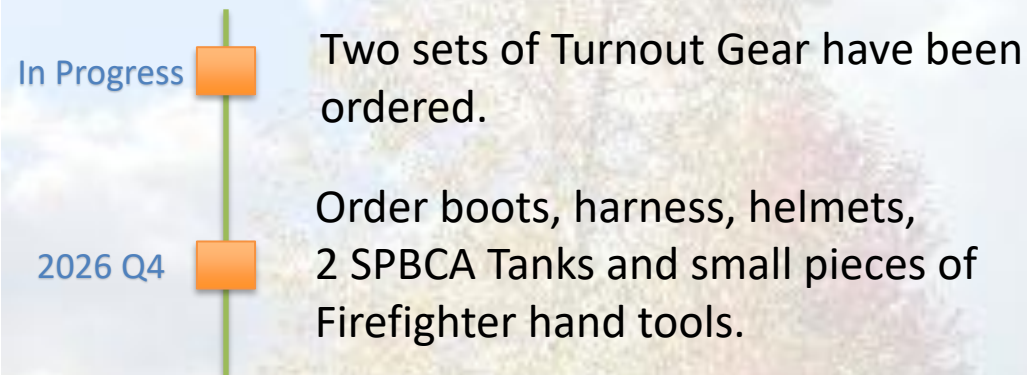


Total Approved Project Budget	Total DoB Funding - Committed	Total Other Funding (Grant, etc.) - Committed	Total Costs To Date	Total Costs Remaining	Other Funding Received To Date
\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0	\$106,183.00	\$43,817.00	\$150,000.00

Annual Firefighter Gear (Turnout Gear)

Status: In Progress

Next Steps:

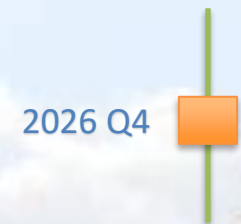


Total Approved Project Budget	Total DoB Funding - Committed	Total Other Funding (Grant, etc.) - Committed	Total Costs To Date	Costs Remaining	Other Funding Received To Date
\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$413.00	\$24,587.00	\$15,000.00

Emergency Repair Contingency – DW 3 Rehab

Status: In Progress – Contractor on site week of October 26th

Next Steps:



- DW3 rehabilitation scheduled due to ongoing sediment issues
- Repair costs expected to be under \$50,000.00

Total Approved Project Budget	Total DoB Funding - Committed	Total Other Funding (Grant, etc.) - Committed	Total Costs To Date	Costs Remaining	Other Funding Received To Date
\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$100,000.00	\$0



Capital Plan

Project	Total Project Budget	Costs To Date	Costs Remaining	% Project Complete
Waste Water Treatment Plant	\$ 7,100,000.00	\$2,086,339.20	\$5,013,660.80	30%
Bandshell Washroom Upgrades	\$ 5,000.00	\$3,708.82	\$0.00	100%
Traffic Calming	\$ 7,500.00	\$7,644.18	\$0.00	100%
BBC Storage Room - Energy Retrofit	\$ 7,500.00	\$6,031.24	\$0.00	100%
Paving Program	\$ 75,000.00	\$35,798.00	\$39,202.00	99%
CN Rail - Hall Road	\$ 25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	99%
Winter Roads Department	\$ 150,000.00	\$106,183.00	\$43,817.00	75%
Pump Replacement	\$ 40,000.00	\$33,523.03	\$0.00	100%
Turnout Gear	\$ 25,000.00	\$413.00	\$24,587.00	45%
Office Equipment & Technology	\$ 20,000.00	\$14,257.99	\$5,742.01	75%
Wayfinding Program Study	\$ 20,000.00	\$7,750.00	\$12,250.00	99%
Emergency Repair Contingency	\$ 100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	0%
	\$ 7,575,000.00	\$2,301,648.46	\$5,264,258.81	



THANK YOU



District of Barriere

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Memorandum

Date: October 26th, 2026	File: 530.20/Rpts
To: Council	From: Chief Financial Officer
Re: Financial Update – Q3 2026	

Purpose

To provide Council with a Financial Update for Q3 2026. – *Report submitted for information.*

Background

The attached financial reports are based on available information up until Oct 8th, 2026. The package consists of operating revenues and expenditures for General Operations and the Utilities, a summary of the Capital Projects progress, as well as a summary of Special Operating Grant related projects.

The timing of receipts or invoices may be a factor in whether certain revenues and expenses have been captured to date. The budget amounts used in these reports are those of the approved budget adopted by Council as part of the Financial Plan Bylaw in March 2026.

The following summary includes some highlights and additional information regarding the financial results.

Operating Revenue Highlights:

- Tax notices were mailed out in mid-May. As of October 8th, 2026, the following tax amounts are outstanding.
 - \$201,958.59 outstanding for current taxes
 - \$102,169.93 outstanding for 2025 taxes (Arrears)
 - \$63,096.89 outstanding for 2024 and prior taxes (Delinquent)
- The above totals do not include preauthorized payments that some residents are making towards the 2027 tax levy.
- No municipal tax sale was held because all at-risk property owners paid their delinquent balances by the deadline. Staff continue to develop contact strategies and send reminder notices about outstanding tax balances and the annual homeowner grant application process for eligible residents. As we approach the end of 2026, the window is closing for residents to claim retro homeowner grants for 2025.

- **Revenue from all sources** is reported at 100% including tax amounts billed for all taxing authorities. When results are broken down to Municipal taxes, without the other taxing authorities, the overall revenue result from all sources is 98% of budget. It should be noted that although taxes are showing at 100% that is what was billed not necessarily what has been collected. Given the outstanding amount reported above, we have collected approx. 93% of the 2026 amounts levied.
- **Revenue from own sources** includes cemetery services, business licences, building and planning services, deposit interest, tax penalties, and revenue from District-owned facilities. As previously reported, business licence fees, building permits, and building information requests have met their annual targets, while cemetery revenue remains on target. Return on investments is ahead of budget as a result of interest being paid on the anniversary dates of our term deposits; however, deposit interest is below budget due to tighter cash flow and large expenditures that have reduced savings account balances. Additional information on the District's investments appear later in this report.
- **Grants in Lieu of Taxes** are reporting at 95%, Our payment from BC Hydro this year was slightly less than budgeted due to the decrease in BC assessed value after an appeal was approved dating back to 2023 for one of their properties.
- **Transfer from Other Government** has been captured at 83% at this time. As mentioned previously, the Small Communities Grant payment was \$5000 less than anticipated and we have no control over the amount we receive. We are still awaiting our 2026 Community Works Fund payment of approximately \$143,000. Once our 2025 audit is complete, payment should be received shortly after financial statements are submitted to the province.
- **Contract with Other Governments** is reporting at 392% however this is a result of the revenue earned by our Fire Department for Wildfire Deployments and Highway Rescue calls. As of the end of September, the additional revenue because of Wildfire Deployments has been received and totals approximately \$267,000. Approximately 50% of this is captured as expenses in the Fire Department budget lines below. Also contributing to this section is our service agreement with the TNRD for Fire Protection and our Cemetery. We will be invoicing the TNRD once our audit is complete for 2026 payments.

Operating Expense Highlights:

- Overall expenses are reported at 93%, however if taxes paid to other governments are removed from the results, operating expenses are 89%. Contributing to the results, the wildfire expenses incurred while our Fire Department team members supported provincial wildfire fighting efforts in the summer months. As reimbursement is provided by the provincial government for these expenses, if they are removed from the results our operating expenses are tracking at 83%
- After adjustments, expenses are tracking ahead of budget, compared with the 75% target for this point in the year. Annual expenses incurred early in the year continue to contribute slightly to the variance, while the remainder is largely due to unforeseen costs. Because our annual budget is very lean, it leaves little flexibility for one-time expenses, additional maintenance on our aging fleet, and higher fuel and utility costs. Together, these unbudgeted pressures have caused expenses to exceed the target. Specific departments are highlighted below.

- **General Government** is reported at 97%, in addition to front loading annual vacation entitlement and paying annual insurance cost early in the year, the main contributors to the higher results are audit expenses, mileage, freight and postage expenses and payments for annual IT subscriptions including our finance software and website support services. For the 2027 budget, Staff is working on separating Finance, Administration, and Information Technology into individual categories which in return will provide a cleaner look on the various budget items.
- **Fire Services** are reporting at 125%, however this includes the expenses incurred because of the wildfire deployments this year. With these expenses excluded from the results the Fire Services department reports at 80%. The annual insurance costs for fire vehicles, front-loaded vacation expenses and increased fuel prices are contributing to the slightly higher than budget results for Q3.
- **Fleet and Equipment** are slightly ahead of target at 79% the main contributors are the increasing cost for fuel and insurance coverage. A couple of our vehicles have required some maintenance which was more than originally budgeted for.
- **Parks** are above budget at 88%. Mileage expenses exceed the budget along with insurance costs. Most expenses for our parks have been incurred by this point in the year. The budget should remain on target by the end of the year.
- **Taxes Paid to Other Governments** – All remittances to the other taxing authorities were completed in the month of July. As a reminder, it should be noted that full remittances are required by the other taxing authorities regardless of the amount collected by the district. Thus, if taxes remain unpaid, those other taxing authority amounts are remitted from district funds.

Investments

- As per Policy 53FI – Investment of District Funds, staff is providing a summary on the investment activities of the District. For 2026, the District had an investment portfolio of roughly \$1.945 Million, distributed across Credit Union Term Deposits, and a separate wealth investment firm.
- The renewals for the various accounts are staggered throughout the year to allow the possibility of closing out (instead of renewing) some of the accounts if needed to cover capital expenditures.
- In September 2026, one \$520,000 term deposit was not renewed to allow for cash to be available for the Wastewater Treatment project. Further, at least one more term deposit will most likely not be renewed in the later part of 2026 for the same reason.
- At present, the interest rate spread for the term deposits is between 2.5% and 3.6% for our accounts.
- The District also maintains a High Interest Savings Account (HISA) with the Credit Union that provides a reasonable interest rate (1.8%) for having cash readily available compared to the locked in term deposits.

- Interest is paid upon term maturity, in total, the district will realize approx. \$52,300 in interest from the investments which have come due in 2026. There are currently 5, 18-month terms, in which the accrued interest will be paid in 2027. As of now, there is approximately \$55,450 which will be realized in 2027, if no prior changes are made.

Utilities Revenue and Expenses Highlights

- 3 out of 4 utility billing periods have been completed. As such, the billed amounts are on budget; however, as outlined below, not every customer has paid their bill.
- For Utility Bills, the District issues invoices at the beginning of each quarter. Q3 billing was issued on October 6th, 2026. As of the time of writing this report, the following amounts are outstanding.
 - \$169,183 current billing, penalties will apply after November 9th.
 - \$39,979 Q2 2026 billing.
 - \$21,475 Q1 2026 billing.
 - \$15,548 Q4 2025 billing.
- Water and wastewater utility expenses are generally on track. However, higher insurance, plant utility, and vehicle fuel costs, along with pumping and effluent-trucking costs that continue to exceed budget, have slightly increased overall wastewater utility expenses. A significant repair to a utility department vehicle also exceeded the anticipated maintenance estimate.

Capital Projects and Grant Funded Operational Projects

- Capital projects have been selected through the 2026 budget process. It has been a busy year with only 1 quarter remaining, many projects have been completed, and work continues with those remaining. In some cases, work has been started or completed but invoicing has not been received yet. This results in a variance between project complete and budget used percentages.
 - Winter Roads Equipment – Required winter roads equipment has been purchased. The construction of the sand storage shed is well underway and is expected to be completed by early November at the latest.
 - Hall Road – Both parties are working through a settlement and release document for the amended invoice.
 - Wastewater Treatment Plant – Process equipment has been received; Construction of the facility is underway.
 - Emergency Repairs – There has been no need to utilize this budget. However, we may need to access funds for well rehabilitation work.
 - Turnout Gear- 2 sets of Turnout Gear have been ordered but not yet received. No invoice has been received yet.
- The other projects are progressing as expected.

Attachments

- Budget /Actual report items:
 - General Operating Summary
 - Utilities Summary
 - Capital Projects Summary
 - Operating Grant Projects

Prepared by:
K. Abel, Chief Financial Officer

District of Barriere - Financial Summary

07-Oct-26

Revenue				
	Approved Budget	Actuals	Variance	% of Budget
Taxes*	\$ 2,890,948	\$ 2,890,846	\$ 102	100%
Grants in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 42,500	\$ 40,389	\$ 2,111	95%
Sales of Service	\$ 274,369	\$ 213,020	\$ 61,349	78%
Revenue from Own Source	\$ 177,749	\$ 199,700	\$ 21,951	81%
Transfer from Other Gov't	\$ 855,000	\$ 709,779	\$ 145,221	83%
Contract with Other Gov't	\$ 70,405	\$ 275,880	\$ 205,475	392%
	\$ 4,310,971	\$ 4,329,614	\$ 436,209	100%

*Excluding Other Taxing Authorities, Overall Revenue is 98%

Expenses				
	Approved Budget	Actual	Variance	% of Budget
Legislative	\$ 124,825	\$ 78,793	\$ 46,032	63%
General Govt	\$ 670,846	\$ 648,383	\$ 22,513	97%
Facilities	\$ 143,050	\$ 111,441	\$ 31,609	78%
Recreation	\$ 52,200	\$ 36,941	\$ 15,259	71%
Highway Rescue	\$ 6,250	\$ 3,726	\$ 2,524	60%
Fire Services*	\$ 300,335	\$ 375,710	\$ 75,375	125%
Fleet & Equipment	\$ 66,650	\$ 52,832	\$ 13,818	79%
Roads Services	\$ 419,968	\$ 325,013	\$ 94,955	77%
Solid Waste Services	\$ 237,288	\$ 183,860	\$ 53,428	77%
Development-Building	\$ 35,750	\$ 17,904	\$ 17,846	50%
Development-Planning Zoning	\$ 14,000	\$ 7,003	\$ 9,789	50%
Parks	\$ 232,589	\$ 204,250	\$ 24,028	88%
Cemetery	\$ 18,849	\$ 14,150	\$ 4,699	75%
Taxes Paid to Other Gov't *	\$ 1,504,676	\$ 1,499,435	\$ 5,241	100%
	\$ 3,827,276	\$ 3,559,441	\$ 417,116	93%

*Not a true District expense, if removed overall expenses are 83%

Transfers				
	Approved Budget	Actual	Variance	% of Budget
Trans from Surplus	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Trans from Reserves	\$ 1,562,000	\$ 1,320,000	\$ 242,000	85%
Transfer to Reserves	\$ 320,697	\$ 143,779	\$ 176,918	45%

District of Barriere - Utilities Summary**07-Oct-26**

Revenue				
	Approved Budget	Actuals	Variance	% of Budget
WATER	\$ 565,637	\$ 469,425	\$ 96,212	82.99%
WASTEWATER	\$ 152,775	\$ 115,374	\$ 37,401	75.52%
	\$ 718,412	\$ 584,800	\$ 133,613	81.40%

Expenses				
	Approved Budget	Actuals	Variance	% of Budget
WATER	\$ 414,685	\$ 328,398	\$ 86,287	79.19%
WASTEWATER	\$ 279,476	\$ 225,484	\$ 53,992	80.68%
	\$ 694,161	\$ 553,883	\$ 140,278	79.79%



District of Barriere
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES
YTD Ending Oct 7th, 2026

		APPROVED BUDGET 2026	YTD Q3 2026	% OF BUDGET 2026	% OF PROJECT COMPLETE	FUNDING SOURCE
GENERAL OPERATIONS						
Winter Roads Equipment	Roads	150,000	106,183	71%	80%	MFA Loan
Roads Program	Roads	75,000	35,798	48%	100%	Reserve
BBC Storage Rooms - Energy retrofit	Admin	7,500	6,031	80%	100%	Reserve - Climate Action
Bandshell Washrooms Door Locks	Parks	5,000	3,709	74%	100%	Reserve
Traffic Calming	Roads	7,500	7,644	102%	100%	Grant - ICBC
CN - Hall Road	Roads	25,000	-	0%	98%	Reserve
IT Equipment	IT	20,000	14,258	71%	85%	Reserve
Turnout Gear	Fire	25,000	413	2%	50%	Reserve
Pump Replacement	Fire	40,000	35,592	89%	100%	Reserve
Wayfinding Program Study	Admin	20,000	7,750	39%	85%	Reserve
WATER/WASTEWATER						
Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater	4,600,000	1,473,291	32%	20%	Grant / Reserve - GCF
Emergency Repairs	General	100,000	-	0%	0%	Reserve- Water
TOTAL CAPITAL		\$ 5,075,000	\$ 1,690,669	33%		



District of Barriere
OPERATING PROJECT EXPENDITURES
YTD Ending Oct 7th, 2026

		APPROVED BUDGET 2026	YTD Q3	% OF BUDGET 2026	% OF PROJECT COMPLETE	FUNDING SOURCE
2025 Carry Forward Projects						
Indigenous EMCR - Year 2	Corp/Fire	40,282	37,553	93%	100%	Grant
LGHI - Housing Legislation Fund	Planning	54,426	-	0%	100%	Grant
CEPF - Leonie Lake Dam Study	PW	51,962	45,980	88%	100%	Grant
TNRD - Bulk Water Station	TNRD	2,500	-	0%	15%	Grant
E911 - TNRD until 2027	TNRD	21,000	12,000	57%	75%	Grant
Flood Mitigation Plan	PW	38,099	33,197	87%	100%	Grant
CEPF - EOC & Training	Fire	28,399	13,526	48%	85%	Grant
CEPF - Fire Dept Equipment & Training	Fire	12,800	7,834	61%	60%	Grant
Subtotal 2025 Carry Forward Projects		249,468	150,090	60%		
2026 New Projects						
Firesmart Phase 2	Fire	200,000	119,616	60%	60%	Grant
Canada Day	Events	1,200	2,410	201%	100%	Grant
Asset Management Investment Plan	CAO		-	0%	0%	Grant/Reserve
BC Hydro Regreening	Parks	10,000	9,095	91%	100%	Grant
Subtotal 2026 Projects		211,200	131,121	62%		
TOTAL OPERATING PROJECTS						
		\$ 460,668	\$ 281,211	61%		

District of Barriere

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Request for Decision

Date: October 26, 2026	File:
To: Council	From: Chief Administrative Officer
Re: Asset Management Financial Forecasting	
Recommendation: THAT Council provides early budget approval for a 3-year subscription to an Asset Management Financial Forecasting software for up to \$24,000 in total.	

Purpose

For Council to consider utilizing a financial forecasting software to assist the District with critical and informed decision making in regards to asset replacements and corresponding user rates and taxation levels for the 2027 budget and future years.

Background

As part of the Strategic Plan in 2024 (and any subsequent updates thereof) Council established Priority #1 - Implement an Organizational Asset Management Program which included the following Goals:

1. Assess Current Practices and State of Our Assets
2. Develop Asset Management Policies
3. Communication of Asset Management Program to Public

Several key projects underneath Priority 1 have been completed over the last few years. This included an updated Asset Management Policy/Strategy, a Tangible Capital Assets Policy, and enhancing our levels of Communications (by onboarding a full-time Deputy Corporate Officer and enabling Social Media as an information sharing tool). Overall, the intent has been to get ourselves into the position to provide continuous information to the community in regard to assets, levels of service, corresponding capital investment needs for replacements, and to better understand our reserve balance requirements and the total financial investment into the community.

Council already established a budget brochure that provides the District's budget in an easy-to-use format. This brochure also includes valuable data on key Capital projects currently in progress and remaining District reserves projected at year end. However, no long range forecasts are available in this brochure.

Recently, Council also implemented a Reserve Contribution Policy (No. 64FI) to guide staff in preparing annual reserve contributions or investment into infrastructure with a current goal of roughly \$505,000 to lay the foundation of a formal capital program for the community. This Policy was intended as an immediate stop gap while we await a more holistic Asset Management Investment Plan (AMIP) and corresponding policy.

Grant Funding

To fund this work, based on Council direction, Staff have so far primarily reviewed grant funding options for the AMIP and policy; however, so far, the District has been unsuccessful in securing grant funds to support the project.

In prior years, UBCM offered an Asset Management Fund with up to \$25,000 for 50% of the project. FCM equally had a Sustainability Fund program at up to \$25,000 for 50%. Together, municipalities used to be able to get roughly \$50,000 towards a \$75,000 project through both funds by leveraging them against each other. So, the municipal portion would have been around \$25,000. The last time the District utilized this program was in 2022 to undertake a Road Condition Assessment which provided us with engineering reviewed data for all our road infrastructure. It highlighted for example the need to invest roughly \$250,000-\$300,000 annually in our roads, while also recognizing that the District has roughly \$1.5Million in work that is needed to catch up on the maintenance/replacement gap of the roads assets.

Sadly, the FCM program was discontinued at the end of 2022, while the UBCM program's last intake was in early 2025. (Note: there used to be two intakes for the UBCM program each year) As such, this funding was no longer an option to complete part of this work within these grant programs.

In the fall of 2025, the District also applied for the Strategic Priorities Fund (SPF) to complete the Water Master Plan, the Wastewater Master Plan, and then also utilize the information gained to complete an AMIP and policy under one large umbrella grant application. In total, the project was valued at roughly \$250,000. UBCM, who administers the SPF, requested that the District select only one item instead of all three, and subsequently the application was amended to focus on the AMIP and policy only, valued at roughly \$120,000. However, UBCM unfortunately was not able to support the project for the District as the program was severely oversubscribed.

Next Options to Consider

As the next phases of the Asset Management Program implementation heavily rely on forecasting of asset replacement data which the AMIP would have been able to provide, Staff have considered two main options to move forward with the Program in 2027 without waiting for a grant program to become available.

Option 1 – self funding the AMIP

This option would require at least \$120,000 of District funds to hire a consultant to review the District's infrastructure data, update information where feasible, and create a document that ties all our information together to provide Council an engineer-reviewed model by end of 2027 to support the 2028 budget cycle. The costs for this approach are prohibitive considering the District's current financial position and in progress capital projects, but would come with a 3rd party review of our critical data.

Option 2 – utilize a forecasting software

This option would require roughly \$24,000 in total for a 3-year subscription term. Our current asset data would be uploaded, along with known upcoming capital projects (Fire Hall, Fire Engine, watermain replacements, etc.), current utility rates, current tax rates, current reserve levels, etc. Staff have engaged with a supplier that has staffing available to support data entry so that some models could most likely be used for the 2027 budget already (instead of using an engineering consultant and waiting until the end of 2027 before we have a usable model).

The vendor has a high level of confidence that the software will be usable by January 2027, and as such can aid the 2027 budget process and education of the public in 2027.

The software can dynamically analyze all parameters and forecast the reserve levels over time (see sample images attached to the report) to allow Council (and the community) to get a better understanding of the financial needs of the District on our path to being a sustainable community. The challenge with this approach is that no engineering consultant will update the current data; however, as we become aware of new or additional information on our assets over time, we will be able to update the data within the software as needed and the software will update the models accordingly without involving a holistic engineer review.

Option 3 – Status Quo

Continue to review grant opportunities, delay projects further, and use in-house best estimates for future planning. This would not be a recommended option.

Options – Recommendation

Staff are recommending proceeding with Option 2 at this point. The costs are reasonable for a 3-year term and at \$24,000 roughly the same costs as the District portion of the grant applications under UBCM and FCM would have been. The drawback is that the engineering review of our asset data would be delayed and not the most up to date information would be entered into the software. However, the software will most likely be usable to utilize for the 2027 budget and as such should be usable for educational purposes for the community throughout 2027, 2028, and 2029.

Further, looking at the Strategic Planning Goals that Council wanted to see, this would meet (or exceed) or advance most of the following items within the Results and/or Actions categories envisioned by Council:

- Complete review of Current Practices and make recommendations on how to address any gaps by the end of 2027. (Goal 1)
- Provide a review of our Assets and long-term annual investment needs for Council and Public Information by the end of 2027. (Goal 1)
- Provide a list of immediate critical renewal needs as part of the annual budget with a 5 year forecast. (Goal 2)
- Information is readily available to the public through various channels. (Goal 3)
- At least one Open House on Asset Management has been held before the end of 2027. (Goal 3)
- Reasonable efforts have been made to educate the public on the purpose of Asset Management. (Goal 3)

In addition, the information gained by the software can then be used to complete the following:

- Present Asset Management Framework Policies and Plans for Council consideration, including (Goal 2):
 - Asset Management Investment Plan (AMIP)
 - Asset Management Financial Investment Policy
- In the Policies and Plans, consider the current State of Our Assets (from Goal 1.) and Asset Deficits. (Goal 2)

Summary

In summary, Council is asked to consider whether to provide early budget approval for a 3-year asset management financial forecasting software.

Benefits or Impact

General

Implementing this software will enable Council to make informed decisions while equally providing Council and the community with a dynamic dashboard highlighting the District's asset investment needs.

Finances

The costs for a 3-year subscription are roughly \$24,000. However other options that were considered such as self-funding the AMIP through an engineering consultant would cost up to \$120,000. Grant funding for Asset Management is not readily available any more as the focus of grant support from various levels of government were mainly available through the 2010's and were phased out in 2022 and 2025 respectively.

Strategic Impact

Priority #1: Implement an Organizational Asset Management Program

Goal 1. – Assess Current Practices and State of Our Assets

Results:

- a. Complete review of Current Practices and make recommendations on how to address any gaps by the end of 2027.
- b. Provide a review of our Assets and long-term annual investment needs for Council and Public Information by the end of 2027.

Goal 2. – Develop Asset Management Policies

Results:

- a. Present Asset Management Framework Policies and Plans for Council consideration, including:
 - a. Asset Management Investment Plan (AMIP)
 - b. Asset Management Financial Investment Policy
- b. In the Policies and Plans, consider the current State of Our Assets (from Goal 1.) and Asset Deficits.
- c. Provide a list of immediate critical renewal needs as part of the annual budget with a 5 year forecast.

Goal 3. – Communication of Asset Management Program to Public

Results:

- a. Information is readily available to the public through various channels.
- b. At least one Open House on Asset Management has been held before the end of 2027.
- c. Reasonable efforts have been made to educate the public on the purpose of Asset Management.

Risk Assessment

Compliance: Asset Management Policy No. 55FI, Tangible Capital Asset Policy No. 57FI, Reserve Contribution Policy No. 64FI

Risk Impact: Low – outside of the 3-year commitment there is no risk to the District. Staffing resources will be needed in November and December to provide data to the consultant and enter future known projects.

Internal Control Process: Staff have reviewed potential paths to proceed with the Asset Management strategic priority of Council.

Next Steps / Communication

- As listed above, data entry will be a first step
- Intent is to utilize the data for Council during the 2027 budget process at the Workshops

Attachments

1. Sample images of the software – no District data was used for these.

Recommendation

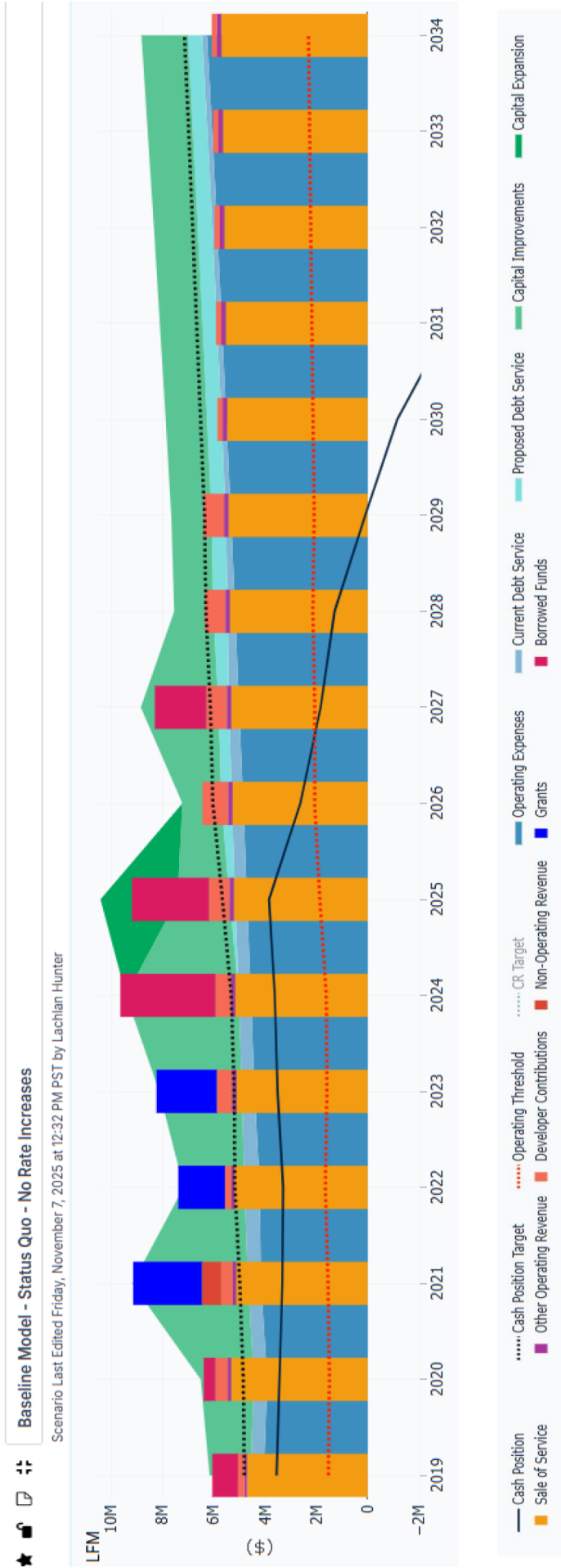
THAT Council provides early budget approval for a 3-year subscription to an Asset Management Financial Forecasting software for up to \$24,000 in total.

Alternative Options

1. Council could choose not to approve the recommendation at this time and rather wait until the Strategic Planning process or budget process to consider the software.
2. Council could choose a different option provided in the report.

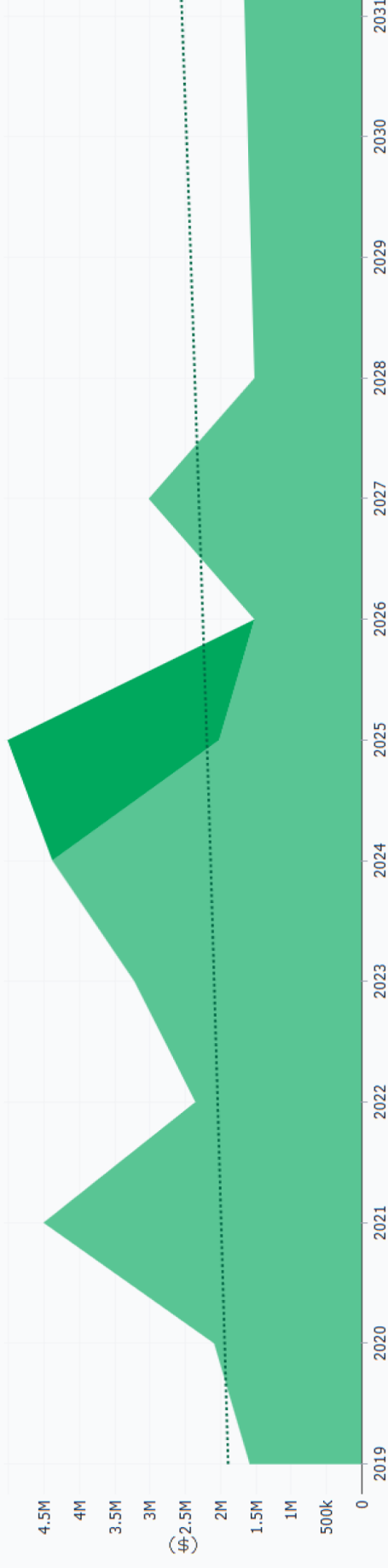
Prepared by:

Chief Administrative Officer, D. Drexler



Sample Images – No District Data was used.

CapEx Chart



Id	Item Descriptor	Category	Inflation	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
1	GENERAL CAPITAL REPLACEMENTS (Audited)	Capital Improvements ▼	0.00%	1,587,446	2,089,263	4,512,789	2,357,010	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	EMERGENCY WATER SYSTEMS FUNDS	Capital Improvements ▼	1.00%	0	0	0	0	20,000	20,200	20,402	20,606	20,812	21,020
3	TRAVERSE MOUNTAIN PUMP CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS	Capital Improvements ▼	3.00%	0	0	0	0	284,300	300,000	0	0	0	0
4	NEW PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING (Design)	Capital Improvements ▼	3.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,500,000	0
5	TRAVERSE RIDGE MAINLINE VAULT REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	Capital Improvements ▼	3.00%	0	0	0	0	2,000,000	1,750,000	0	0	0	0
6	FIXED BASED UTILITY BILLING COMMUNICATION SYSTEM	Capital Improvements ▼	3.00%	0	0	0	0	0	450,000	500,000	0	0	0
7	CULINARY WATER MASTER PLAN	Capital Improvements ▼	3.00%	0	0	0	0	20,000	30,000	0	0	0	0
8	DEER RIDGE TRANSMISSION WATER LINE	Capital Improvements ▼	3.00%	0	0	0	0	600,000	0	0	0	0	0
9	FREEWAY WATER PUMP STATION	Capital Improvements ▼	3.00%	0	0	0	0	0	190,000	0	0	0	0
10	PUMP STATIONS AND WATER TANK ROOF & FENCING REPAIRS	Capital Improvements ▼	3.00%	0	0	0	0	0	945,000	0	0	0	0
11	SUNCREST PRV REPLACEMENT DUE TO CORROSION	Capital Improvements ▼	3.00%	0	0	0	0	300,000	700,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	0
12	FUTURE CAPITAL REINVESTMENT BUDGET	Capital Improvements ▼	3.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,500,000

Sample Images – No District Data was used.

District of Barriere

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Memorandum

Date: October 26, 2026	File: 530.20/Rpts
To: Council	From: Corporate Officer/Chief Election Officer
Re: 2026 Election Report and Upcoming Important Dates	

Purpose

This report is submitted for Council information. Under Section 158(1) of the *Local Government Act*, the Chief Election Officer must submit a report of the election results to the local government within 30 days after the declaration of the official election results.

Additionally, a number of post-election dates of orientation and various other sessions tailored to elected officials have been scheduled. This report provides these upcoming dates for Council to note.

Attachments

1. 2026 Election Result Report and Official Declaration by the CEO
2. Important Upcoming Dates for Members of Council

Prepared by: T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer

Reviewed by: D. Drexler, CAO

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE

**DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS
GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION - 2026 COUNCIL**

I, Tasha Buchanan, Chief Election Officer, do hereby declare elected the following candidates, who received the highest number of valid votes for the office for the office of COUNCILLORS:

1. JUDY ARMSTRONG
2. STEVE BOYLAN
3. DONNA KIBBLE
4. LOUISE LODGE
5. COLIN MCINNIS
6. BRODY MOSDELL

Dated at the District of Barriere, BC this **19th** day
of **October, 2026**.



Chief Election Officer

I, Tasha Buchanan, Chief Election Officer for the District of Barriere, do hereby declare, pursuant to section 98 of the *Local Government Act*, the following candidate elected by acclamation for office of MAYOR:

ROB KERSLAKE

Given under my hand at Barriere, British Columbia, this **19th** day of
October, 2026.



Chief Election Officer



DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
DETERMINATION OF ELECTION RESULTS
GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION – 2026

	ARMSTRONG	BOYLAN	HOUSTON	KIBBLE	LODGE	MCINNIS	MOSDELL
Advance Voting Opportunity: October 3,2026	75	74	11	76	79	71	78
Advance Voting Opportunity: October 7, 2026	88	84	25	88	103	88	98
General Voting Day October 17, 2026	170	158	61	161	193	181	187
TOTAL NUMBER OF VALID VOTES CAST	333	316	97	325	375	340	363
ELECTED	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓

Mayor –Rob Kerslake - Elected by Acclamation

Estimated Eligible Electors <i>(per Civic Info BC)</i>	1614
Total Ballots Cast	422
Voter Turnout	26.15%

This determination of official election results was made by the Chief Election Officer on October 19th, 2026 at 2pm and is based on ballot accounts as amended or prepared by the Chief Election Officer.



Chief Election Officer

UPCOMING DATES FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Thurs. Oct. 29, 2026	DoB Orientation Session	5:00pm – Council Chambers <i>please attend</i>
Fri. Nov. 6, 2026	TNRD Elected Officials Orientation	8:30am – 4:00pm Delta Hotel Kamloops <i>please attend</i>
Mon. Nov. 9, 2026	DoB Inaugural Council Meeting	7:00pm – Ridge Gym (<i>Dress Nice for Pics!</i>)
Fri. Nov. 13, 2026	Lidstone – Elected Officials Seminar (<i>free online</i>)	8:30am – 3:15pm (<i>registration required – see below</i>)
Fri. & Sat. Nov. 27 & 28	Strategic Planning (<i>dates to be confirmed by Daniel</i>)	Fri: 5pm – Sat: 9am. Council Chambers
Mon. Dec. 14, 2026	Regular Council Meeting	5:30pm – Council Chambers
Fri. Dec. 18, 2026	DoB Holiday Party	Time to be determined – Lions Hall
Jan. 20 – 22, 2027	Local Gov't Leadership Academy (LGLA) Training	Delta Grand – Kelowna (<i>registration req'd. See Tasha</i>)
Jan. 25, 2027	Council Workshop	Presentation of Draft Budget #1 by Management
Jan. 26, 2027	Council Workshop	2 nd workshop (<i>if required</i>)
Feb. 16, 2027	Special Meeting	Public Presentation of Draft Budget

Mainline Optimization Project – CER Hearing Order MH-004-2026 and Intervenor Registration Deadline

From Ollek, Bhanesha <Bhanesha_Ollek@transmountain.com>

Date Mon 2026-10-19 10:19

To Ollek, Bhanesha <Bhanesha_Ollek@transmountain.com>

 2 attachments (415 KB)

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Good Morning,

Please see attached letter and Hearing Order MH-004-2026 from the Canada Energy Regulator (CER) related to Trans Mountain's August 27, 2026 application for approval of its proposed Mainline Optimization Project.

The Hearing Order outlines the CER's review process and provides information about how to participate in the process. The deadline to apply to participate as an Intervenor is **Thursday, October 22, 2026**.

Copies of the documents are also available at <https://apps.cer-rec.gc.ca/REGDOCS/Item/View/4740659>

Attachments:

- CER letter to Trans Mountain – Mainline Optimization Project
- CER Hearing Order MH-004-2026 – Mainline Optimization Project

Please visit Trans Mountain's website for more information about the proposed Mainline Optimization Project at engage.transmountain.com/mainline-optimization

If you have questions for Trans Mountain, please contact info@transmountain.com or call 1.866.514.6700.

Kind regards,
Bhanesha

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File 7133491
16 October 2026

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Dear Polina Kireyeva:

**Trans Mountain Pipeline ULC
Application for the Mainline Optimization Project
Decision on process and registration to participate
MH-004-2026 Hearing Order**

**Before: M. Watton, Presiding Commissioner; S. Luciuk, Commissioner;
L. Bell, Commissioner**

A. Background

On 27 August 2026, Trans Mountain Pipeline ULC (**Trans Mountain**) filed an application ([C40659](#)) for approval to construct and operate the Mainline Optimization Project (**Project**), pursuant to section 214 of the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act*.

On 25 September 2026, the Commission of the Canada Energy Regulator (**CER**) issued a letter ([C40982](#)) communicating its determination that Trans Mountain's application was sufficiently complete to proceed to the assessment process, confirming a 200-day legislated time limit for the Commission to reach a decision on the Project.

The Commission initially received 26 Statements of Concern (**SOC**) regarding the Project. Of these, 18 raised concerns about the Project. Some of the SOC's also included requests for additional process steps in the Commission's assessment process. As directed by the Commission, Trans Mountain responded to the SOC's on 8 October 2026 ([C41186](#)). The Commission subsequently received late SOC filings, which are addressed below.

B. Decision regarding process steps and timing

Having considered all submissions received to date, the Commission has decided to hold a public hearing to assess the Project. The Commission is issuing the MH-004-2026 Hearing Order (attached), which provides process guidance and sets out the hearing steps and deadlines. The **Timetable of Events** is found in Section 3, at page 5 of the Hearing Order.

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Recognizing the importance of meaningful participation, the Commission designed its process to provide participants with fair and effective opportunities to understand the case to be met, ask questions and present evidence and argument, while respecting the legislated 200-day time limit for its decision on the Project. In establishing the process, the Commission considered all comments raised in the SOC's, including comments about the scope, timing, and adequacy of the assessment process and requests for oral hearing steps.

The steps and measures to support meaningful participation include:

- Intervenors may file evidence
- Trans Mountain may file evidence in reply
- Trans Mountain and Intervenors may submit information requests to each other regarding evidence filed
- Trans Mountain and Intervenors may provide oral argument (virtually or in person in Calgary)
- Process Advisors will be available to answer process-related questions and assist with process matters
- Participant funding will be available to facilitate the participation of eligible Intervenors

C. Registering in the hearing

The next step is registration of Intervenors. Should any party who filed an SOC wish to participate in any additional steps, they must file their registration no later than 22 October 2026. While the Commission may permit late registrations, late Intervenors will not be permitted to participate in completed steps.

Information on becoming an Intervenor and registering to participate in the hearing is provided in the attached Hearing Order. Registration will be available from **16 October 2026 – 22 October 2026**.

Given what will be an expedited hearing process, those who intend to participate as an Intervenor are **strongly encouraged to start preparing any additional evidence immediately**.

D. Late SOC's

On 14 October 2026, the Commission received late SOC's from Coldwater Indian Band (C41240) and Lheidli T'enneh First Nation (C41231). The Commission will accept these SOC's given the justification provided, the early stage of the hearing, and minimal prejudice to other parties.

Lheidli T'enneh First Nation submitted that a section 214 exemption is not appropriate for this Project because criteria for previously disturbed land, federal lands, and environmental effects are not met. The Commission notes that these criteria are applied to identify negligible-risk projects that are approved by the Commission under Streamlining Order XG/XO-100-2025, as amended. The Commission confirms that this Project is not a negligible-risk project that falls under the Streamlining Order. Instead, the Commission is holding a hearing to assess the application and decide whether to approve the Project.

In a section 214 assessment, the Commission considers all relevant factors including effects on the rights of Indigenous Peoples¹, environmental and socio-economic impacts, safety, and economic feasibility to determine whether the Project is in the public interest.

Coldwater Indian Band and Lheidli T'enneh First Nation may participate in the hearing if they register as an Intervenor in accordance with the instructions in the attached Hearing Order.

E. Serving the Hearing Order

The Commission directs Trans Mountain to serve a copy of this letter and Hearing Order on all potentially affected stakeholders, landowners and Indigenous communities that it served the Notice of Application on, additional Indigenous communities from the initial Crown List, and those who submitted a SOC to date. Notice of the hearing will be published on the CER's website at [Trans Mountain Pipeline ULC – Mainline Optimization Project](#) and in the Project's dedicated folder on the CER's public registry (REGDOCs). The Commission is of the view that those who are potentially affected will have sufficient notice of the hearing through these postings on the CER website, as well as the SOC process and direct service by Trans Mountain. Additional publication of a notice of hearing in newspapers is therefore unnecessary.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by

Ramona Sladic
Secretary of the Commission

Attachment

¹ The use of the term "Indigenous" has the meaning assigned by the definition of "aboriginal peoples of Canada" in subsection 35(2) of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, being Schedule B to the *Canada Act 1982* (UK), 1982, c 11, which states:

In this Act, aboriginal peoples of Canada includes the Indian, Inuit and Métis peoples of Canada.



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**Trans Mountain Pipeline ULC
Application for the Mainline Optimization Project
File 7133491**

Hearing Order MH-004-2026

16 October 2026

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1. OVERVIEW

1.1. Introduction

This Hearing Order sets out the timetable of events for the hearing. In accordance with subsection 31(3) of the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act* (**CER Act**), this hearing will be carried out as expeditiously as the circumstances and considerations of fairness permit, but, in any case, within the time limit imposed by the Lead Commissioner. The established steps and deadlines are important to allow this hearing to be completed within the 200-day time limit and ensuring that it is fair, transparent, and efficient. During the hearing, the Commission of the Canada Energy Regulator (**CER**) may issue **procedural updates** with further or updated information on specific steps so that parties can fully understand what to expect and what is expected of them.

1.2. What did Trans Mountain apply for?

Trans Mountain Pipeline ULC (**Trans Mountain**) is applying to construct and operate new facilities and pipeline infrastructure and modify the existing Trans Mountain Pipeline System to optimize throughput on Trans Mountain Line 2. If approved, work for the Mainline Optimization Project (**Project**) would occur in Alberta and British Columbia and would include:

- modifying or upgrading equipment at 15 existing Trans Mountain facility sites;
- 11 new Line 2 pump stations;
- 30 kilometres of new nominal pipe size 36 pipe within the existing Trans Mountain Pipeline corridor; and
- three new transmission lines, five new substations, modification to three existing substations, and five new distribution lines.

Trans Mountain requests that the Commission:

- issue an order, under section 214 of the CER Act, approving the Project and exempting Trans Mountain from:
 - the leave to open requirements of paragraph 180(1)(b) and section 213 of the CER Act for final tie-in welds, small diameter piping, temporary bypass piping, field fit welds, and minor upgrades and modifications to existing equipment and facilities;
 - the certificate and detailed route process requirements of subsections 180(1), sections 198, and 199 of the CER Act for the Project;
- approve the deactivation of existing facilities under section 44 of the *Canadian Energy Regulator Onshore Pipeline Regulations* (**OPR**)
- approve the decommissioning of existing facilities under section 45.1 of the OPR
- grant any other relief the Commission deems appropriate.

The above is a summary of the Project and the relief requested of the Commission in Trans Mountain's application. See the application for complete details.

1.3. Where to view the Application and hearing record

In addition to the application, the hearing record will include written evidence, responses to information requests (**IRs**), and oral argument. The entire hearing record is found in the Project's dedicated folder ([Canada Energy Regulator - REGDOCS - 2026-08-27 - Application for the Mainline Optimization Project](#)) in the CER's online public registry (known as REGDOCS).

Copies of the application may also be requested from Trans Mountain's representative below:

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1.4. Additional resources and process help

The CER's [website](#) includes additional detailed information on the hearing process. The *National Energy Board Rules of Practice and Procedure, 1995*¹ (**Rules**) also set out hearing procedures. In the event of an inconsistency between the Rules and this Hearing Order, this Hearing Order should be followed.

Outside the public registry, further Project information can be found on:

- the CER's Project webpage ([CER – Trans Mountain Pipeline ULC Mainline Optimization Project](#)), which contains a Project map, the hearing timeline, hearing-related and process information, and CER contacts;
- Trans Mountain's Project website (<https://engage.transmountain.com/mainline-optimization>); and
- the Project page on the [Canadian Impact Assessment Registry](#) pursuant to subsection 86(1) of the *Impact Assessment Act*.

Process Advisors are available to answer questions and provide process information and assistance to help participants effectively participate in the hearing. The role of a Process Advisor is fully described on the CER's [website](#). The Process Advisors can be reached by phone at 1-800-899-1265 or by email at process.help@cer-rec.gc.ca.

2. PARTICIPATING IN THE HEARING

The Commission will consider all SOC's received to date in its assessment of the Project. Those who wish to participate in further hearing opportunities must register online through the CER's Participation Portal to confirm participation as an Intervenor. Registration will be available from **16 October 2026 – 22 October 2026**. The Participation Portal is found at the following link: <http://www.cer-rec.gc.ca/participate>. The Commission will then issue a List of Parties.

Registration includes verifying contact information to ensure that Intervenor's are served with hearing documents on a go-forward basis. Parties that have not yet filed SOC's are required to explain how their interests may be impacted by the project, or if they may not be impacted, the type of relevant information that they would provide to the Commission. Having reviewed each of the SOC's already filed, the Commission does not require Parties who have filed SOC's to provide this explanation.

¹ Pursuant to paragraph 44(g) of the *Interpretation Act*, the *National Energy Board Rules of Practice and Procedure, 1995* are in force and deemed to have been made under the CER Act, insofar as they are not inconsistent with the CER Act, until they are repealed or replaced.

Those who register **after** the deadline would need to support their application by explaining why they could not meet the deadline, whether parties would be disadvantaged if the request were approved, and if so, why approval would outweigh such disadvantages. In the event the Commission approves an application for late registration, participation will be limited to process steps that occur after registration. The Commission encourages early registration to maximize participation opportunities.

An Intervenor may, among other things, file written evidence, ask questions about Trans Mountain's evidence, and provide argument. Parties are encouraged to provide views on appropriate Project conditions – this can be done as early as the written evidence stage. Intervenor's that file written evidence must answer any questions asked about their evidence. The CER website provides further information on participating as an Intervenor.² Intervenor's **may** be eligible for participant funding (see **Section 2.1** below).

Anyone may observe and follow the public hearing process by monitoring participants' filings, the Commission's correspondence, and transcripts as they are posted on the public registry.

2.1. Participant funding

Participant funding may be available to facilitate the participation of eligible intervenors, including:

- Indigenous Peoples;
- individuals (such as landowners); and
- non-industry not-for-profit groups with a direct local interest or expertise on the anticipated effects of the Project.

The CER's Participant Funding Program is administered independently of the Commission. Information on the Participant Funding Program is found on the CER's [webpage](#) and more details will be available when the List of Parties is issued.

3. TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

The hearing steps and deadlines are outlined in the table below. Additional details on the following hearing steps can be found on the CER's [webpage](#):³

- IRs;
- intervenor evidence; and
- argument.

For each deadline, unless directed otherwise, the Commission must receive documents **by 5:00 pm Calgary time**. The CER's [webpage](#) includes information on what to do if a deadline cannot be met.

Parties must raise any question of procedure or substance with the Commission **at the earliest opportunity possible** in fairness to other parties and so as not to disrupt the hearing schedule. If a notice of motion is not filed in a timely way, the Commission may decide to deny it.

² Visit: [CER – How to Participate as an Intervenor](#)

³ The context of this website is for section 183 applications, but the information related to some of the hearing steps and procedures is also applicable to the hearing for this section 214 application.

Process step	Deadline (5pm Calgary time, 4pm Pacific time)
Intervenors register to participate in further steps	22 October 2026
Intervenors file evidence	12 November 2026
Trans Mountain files reply evidence	24 November 2026
Intervenors and Trans Mountain file IRs to all	4 December 2026
Trans Mountain and Intervenors file IR responses from all	18 December 2026
Two-week holiday break	
Trans Mountain and Intervenors participate in oral argument (Calgary, with virtual option)	26-27 January 2027
Legislated time limit	13 April 2027

4. PROCEDURES

For information related to preparing documents, filing and serving documents, notices of motion, confidential filings and other process information, please see the CER's [webpage](#). Also see the Rules for information on hearing procedures.

CANADIAN ENERGY REGULATOR

Signed by

Ramona Sladic
Secretary of the Commission



VIA EMAIL

Ref: 692863

October 21, 2026

His Worship Rob Kerslake
and Members of Council
Mayor of the District of Barriere
4936 Barriere Town Road
PO Box 219
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Email: mayor@barriere.ca

Dear Mayor Rob Kerslake and Council:

On behalf of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, I would like to thank your delegation from the District of Barriere for a constructive meeting during this year's Union of BC Municipalities Convention in Vancouver.

As government is currently in a transition period due to the provincial general election, I am writing to follow up on your discussion with Minister Nina Krieger regarding RCMP staffing and Highway 5 enforcement. Ministry staff will follow up with the RCMP regarding policing and highway safety concerns raised and provide you with an update on the next steps.

I encourage you to build on our discussions by reaching out to Vedrana Covic, Executive Director, Indigenous, Core Policing, and Contract Management Division, Policing and Security Branch, at Vedrana.Covic@gov.bc.ca.

I appreciate these important opportunities to exchange ideas and share information. All topics discussed in your meeting will be shared with the incoming Minister.

Sincerely,

Tara Richards
Deputy Solicitor General

pc: Glen Lewis, Assistant Deputy Minister and Director of Policing and Law Enforcement Services, Policing and Security Branch
Vedrana Covic, Executive Director, Indigenous, Core Policing, and Contract Management Division, Policing and Security Branch
Daniel Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer



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10/19/2026

Mr. Rob Kerslake
District of Barriere
rkerslake@barriere.ca

Dear Mayor Kerslake,

On behalf of CN, it is my pleasure to congratulate you on your return by acclamation as Mayor of Barriere. Thank you for your commitment to public service.

CN is Canada's largest railway. In British Columbia, nearly 2,500 CN railroaders operate 2,797 route miles of track that connects BC's businesses and communities to our tri-coastal, 18,900-mile North American network.

This contributes roughly \$586 million in local spending, in addition to \$538 million in capital investments and \$176 million in taxes paid last year alone. Our operations support over 9,100 jobs in the province and add \$3B to British Columbia's GDP.

We serve both the Port of Vancouver and the Port of Prince Rupert with Surrey playing a key role in the lower mainland as it is home to Thornton Yard, the Vancouver Intermodal Terminal, CNTL Trucking and major repair facilities that help maintain system fluidity.

In Northern British Columbia, Prince Rupert and Prince George are equally strategic to Canada's trade network. Prince George, home to more than 600 CN employees, anchors inland connectivity with an intermodal terminal, forest products distribution facilities, and locomotive and railcar repair shops that keep the network moving.

Safety remains CN's core value. Many communities across our network, including those in British Columbia, have grown alongside the railway, and we take our role as a responsible neighbour seriously.

For your constituents, CN operates a Public Inquiry Line staffed by my colleagues in Montréal. They can be reached during business hours at 1-800-465-9239 (OPTION 2) or at contact@cn.ca. Our 24/7 Emergency Line is 1-800-465-9239.

As Public Affairs Manager for British Columbia, I am available to you and your council on matters involving the railway. I welcome the opportunity to meet with you in the coming months as you settle into your mandate.

Sincerely,

Tyler Banick



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Canada in Numbers

As at December 31, 2025



17,176

railroaders employed



13,210

route miles operated



\$8.0B

local spending



\$2.7B

capital investments



\$1.2B

taxes paid



\$15M

community investments



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British Columbia



BRITISH COLUMBIA IN NUMBERS

As at December 31, 2025

2,489

railroaders employed

\$538M

capital investments

2,797

route miles operated

\$176M

taxes paid

\$586M

local spending

\$1.7M

community investments

TOP THREE COMMODITIES



Intermodal



Coal



Forest Products

Our operations support over 9,500 jobs in the province and add \$2.3B to British Columbia's GDP*

Vancouver and Prince Rupert are dynamic, world-class gateways that give Canada a competitive edge, particularly through shorter transit times to Asia. At the Port of Vancouver, CN serves major coal, grain, and container terminals, supporting some of the country's most critical export flows. Across the Vancouver region—where more than 900 CN employees live and work—CN's footprint includes multiple distribution centres for forest products, metals, and automotive traffic, as well as CN CargoFlo®, a bulk handling facility. Together, these assets support diversified trade moving efficiently through the Lower Mainland. Surrey plays a key role within this corridor, home to Thornton Yard, the Vancouver Intermodal Terminal, CNTL Trucking and major repair facilities that help maintain system fluidity.

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CN delegation at the 22nd annual British Columbia Natural Resources Forum in Prince George.

Network Investments

CN continues to back this corridor with significant investment. In the Lower Mainland, CN is adding approximately four miles of double track near Abbotsford, B.C., unlocking the final segment of single track between Vancouver and the directional running zone, with completion targeted for the end of 2027. CN also moves substantial volumes of steelmaking coal from Elk Valley Resources' four mines for export to Asia and has recently invested more than \$150 million to strengthen the rail corridor between Kamloops and Vancouver to support heavier traffic. CN is also expanding access to the Port of Prince Rupert through a series of major infrastructure projects, including the construction of an additional double-track bridge over the Zanardi Rapids — bringing the total to three tracks — expanded double-track segments in Port Edward, and additional track capacity on the causeway leading to the Port. These projects are scheduled to be completed by the end of 2027.

More broadly, over the past decade, CN has invested more than \$4.7 billion in British Columbia, expanding sidings, adding double track to the Prince Rupert and Vancouver corridors, rehabilitating track, and maintaining critical infrastructure to enhance capacity, safety, and long-term resilience across the network.

Community Investments

In 2025, CN contributed to many B.C.-based organizations, including:

FOUNDATIONS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE CN supported Foundations For Social Change's innovative solutions that address the root causes of poverty and social inequality. The New Leaf Expansion Project is an evidence-based homelessness reduction project that supports people experiencing homelessness to improve their lives and well-being.

MEDICAL AND HUMANITARIAN EQUIPMENT PARTNERSHIP CN partnered with an organization that collects and redistributes medical and humanitarian equipment, including emergency vehicles, to Canadian First Nations communities, helping strengthen healthcare capacity and emergency preparedness.

BEARS' LAIR DREAM CAMPS CN helped advance Bears' Lair Dream Camps, an initiative that inspires and empowers Indigenous youth across Canada through entrepreneurship training, business education, teamwork, and personal development.

COOKS FERRY FIRE DEPARTMENT Support from CN helped equip and sustain the Cooks Ferry Fire Department's newly certified 31-member wildfire crew. This investment strengthens wildfire response capacity in the Nlaka'pamux territory, supports emergency response operations in the canyon, and builds on ongoing partnerships with the community.



YOUR CN CONTACT

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October 2, 2026

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Reference: LGPS-11645

**RE: 2025 CEPF: Emergency Operations Centres Equipment and Training – EOC
enhancement project: shelving, furniture, Introductory EOC training,
tabletop exercise**

Dear Mayor Kerslake and Council,

Thank you for providing a final report and financial summary, dated August 26, 2026, for the above-noted project. We have reviewed your submission and all reporting requirements have been met.

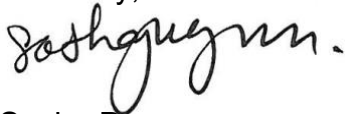
The final report notes a total expenditure of \$23,166.29. Based on this, a payment in the amount of \$23,166.29 will follow shortly by electronic funds transfer. This amount represents full payment of the grant and is based on 100% of the total reported expenditure.

I would like to congratulate the District of Barriere for undertaking this project and responding to the opportunity to increase the resiliency of BC communities.

As a reminder, the next intake of the Emergency Operations Centres Equipment and Training funding stream has an application deadline of February 26, 2027.

If you have any questions, please contact the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund at 250-952-9177 or cepf@ubcm.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sasha Pryn", is written over the printed name.

Sasha Pryn
Program Officer

cc: Daniel Drexler, CAO, District of Barriere

The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund is funded by the Province of BC