

5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Quarterly Financial Review (Q1) – K. Abel, Chief Financial Officer
**submitted for information*

The CFO provided an overview of the quarterly financial report.

- b. Wayfinding Project Update – J. Mosdell, Deputy Corporate Officer

The DCO provided an overview of the Wayfinding framework document. It was noted that the Parks Signage is not in need of replacement at this time as they are all relatively new and in good condition. The final plan does not commit this or future Council to carry out this work exactly as presented in its entirety; moreover it will serve as a guiding document on how to improve wayfinding signage in the community going forward.

Moved by Councillor Kershaw

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

THAT Council approve, as presented, the conceptual framework of the Wayfinding Strategy Proposal that is intended to remain flexible and adaptable as community priorities, tourism patterns, and future development needs continue to evolve.

CARRIED

- c. Proposed Speed Limit Reduction in Teacher's Subdivision – C. Matthews, Public Works Manager

It was reported that multiple complaints continue to be received by the District regarding speeding throughout the community, particularly in the Teacher's Subdivision area consisting of Birch Lane, Spruce Crescent and Bradford Rd. Approximately two years ago, Council initiated a speed limit reduction pilot project within the Green Tree Subdivision area in an effort to address the excessive speeds often encountered in that area. An overview of the written report was provided and noted the Barriere RCMP's support of the proposed change.

It was noted that generally, there has been an improvement within the Green Tree Subdivision and it is recommended by Staff that 3 signs be installed within the Teacher's Subdivision.

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Kibble

THAT Council direct Staff to reduce the speed limit within Teacher's Subdivision from 50 km/hr to 30 km/hr, which includes the installation of required signage.

CARRIED

- d. DRAFT Communities Foundation Donor Installation Agreement – T. Buchanan Corporate Officer

Councillor Lodge declared a conflict of interest as a voting member of the NTCF and left the meeting at 6:03p.m.

At the previous Council meeting, the request of the North Thompson Communities Foundation to install a "Legacy in Motion" donor installation within the lobby of the BBC, was approved. A draft agreement outlining the terms of this arrangement was presented to Council for approval.

**Moved by Councillor McInnis
Seconded by Councillor Kerslake
THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to sign the North Thompson Communities Foundation “Legacy in Motion” BBC Donor Installation agreement as presented.**

CARRIED

Councillor Lodge returned to the meeting at 6:05p.m.

- e. Rebate Program (Barriere FireSmart Fuel Mitigation and Education Program)
– A. Hovenkamp, Fire Chief
**submitted for information*

A summary of the written report was provided to Council. Chief Hovenkamp distributed the draft information booklet which will be made available to the public at the initiation of the program. It was noted that the agreement included in the booklet is in draft form and is subject to approval from the Chief Administrative Officer.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. For Information
b. For Action

- i. UBCM Ministry Meetings and Attendance

The 2026 UBCM Convention is once again being held in Vancouver this year. Accommodation for up to four attendees have been secured. While registration is not yet open, it was debated on who, if any, from Council will be attending. It was noted that Mayor Kerslake, Councillor McInnis, Councillor Mosdell, and the CAO will attend this year’s Convention. Availability of funds and attendance was discussed due to the high expense location of Vancouver hosting the Convention. Staff will confirm funding and report back if there are concerns about budget adherence.

It was suggested a conversation with the Minister of Transportation be arranged but it was recommended that meetings with Ministry Staff could potentially be organized for highway topics. Staff will discuss with the District of Clearwater regarding the Yellowhead Community Services meeting.

**Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Kibble
THAT Council direct staff to submit the following meeting requests for various Provincial Ministries at the Convention:**

- **Ministry of Water Land and Resource Stewardship re: Leonie Lake Dam Funding and Water Security.**
- **Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General re: RCMP Staffing numbers at the Barriere Detachment**
- **Ministry of Children and Family Development re: Yellowhead Community Services programming support. Intent is for the meeting to be held jointly with the District of Clearwater.**

CARRIED

7. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Met with YCS on joint ventures including transportation issues
 - Promoting Barriere Blooms along with the FireSmart program
 - Hosted “Yarden Sale” at the museum.
 - Attended Non-profit Stakeholders Meeting
- b. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal report on the following:
 - On behalf of the North Thompson Communities Foundations (NTCF), thanked Council for agreeing to the Donor Wall installation at the BBC
 - Attended NTCF AGM
 - Attended YCS Meeting – Noted that YCS in Clearwater acquired a Bus that could potentially be utilized for events in Barriere.
 - Attended Elementary School Public Speaking Contest along with Councillors Kibble and Kershaw
 - Discussed video opportunity for the FireSmart Showcase to enter into SILGA Excellence Awards
 - Received a request to schedule a meeting with the PCN Community Partnerships with Thompson Region Division of Family Practice
 - Attended Non-profit Stakeholders Meeting and is arranging data from the event.
- c. Councillor McInnis provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Pleased with the District’s progress on speeding mitigations
- d. Councillor Mosdell provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended Non-profit Stakeholders Meeting
 - Attended annual Curling Club Golf Tournament

8. MAYOR’S REPORT

- a. Council Liaison Appointments

Moved by Councillor Kerlake

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

That Council appoint Councillor McInnis as the Community Policing Group Liaison.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Kerlake

Seconded by Councillor Kibble

That Council appoint Councillor Lodge as a Men’s Shed Society Liaison.

CARRIED

It was noted that Councillor Lodge will discuss with Thompson Region Division of Family Practice if a Council Liaison would be valued by their organization.

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Working with Staff on the Memorial Wall
- Challenged building code at the last TNRD Meeting but will not be proceeding at this time
- Attending FCM and meeting with CN

- Met with Chief Lampreau regarding Minister meetings at UBCM
- Attended Non-Profit Stakeholders Meeting

9. CONSIDERATION OF DELEGATION REQUESTS

a. NTFFRA Grant-in-Aid Requests

It was noted that last year's dumpster placements were valued by the NTFFRA and cost effective to the District.

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Mosdell

THAT Council approve the request of the NTFFRA for solid waste collection services at no-charge during the Fall Fair & Rodeo long weekend and allocate staffing resources to assist in traffic control and safety during the 2026 Fall Fair & Rodeo Parade.

CARRIED

10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

- Wim Houben – Thanked Council for hosting the Non-Profit Stakeholders Meeting.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION – *none presented.*

12. NEXT MEETING – *June 8, 2026 @ 5:30pm*

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Lodge that the meeting adjourn at 6:42p.m.

CARRIED

Original signed by, _____
Mayor Rob Kerslake

Original signed by, _____
T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer