

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, October 6, 2025 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 Scott Kershaw Councillor Donna Kibble Councillor Colin McInnis
Regrets:	Councillor Louise Lodge Councillor Brody Mosdell
Staff:	Daniel Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer Kathy Abel, Finance 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 McInnis
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw
That Council approve the October 6, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Moved by Councillor Kershaw
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
That Council adopt the minutes of the September 15, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- a. Cpl. Kyle Camalush, Barriere RCMP Detachment – Policing Update

Cpl. Camalush provided Council with a Barriere Detachment policing update. The following key items were noted:

- The Barriere Detachment is operating with a full complement of four Officers.
- Approx. 1000 Calls for Service to date which is about on par from previous years.
- Crime Trends: Pressure remains on prolific offenders.

- Community Consulting Group (CCG) is looking for more members. Meetings are held quarterly.
- Mayor mentioned that the number one complaint the District has been hearing over the past year is speeding throughout town. It was asked if there was a way to accommodate additional enforcement throughout town whenever their schedule allows.
- It was reported to Cpl. Camalush that some residents are upset about reported vehicles not stopping at the downtown four way stop and are choosing to patrol the intersection themselves.
- Other speed issues noted were at the PetroCan highway/BTR intersection.
- Is there going to be a Bike Rodeo/Bike riding training program that used to be offered by the RCMP taking place this year? Cpl. Camalush answered that staffing shortages meant that this year's Bike Rodeo wasn't able to go forward. However, other education methods could be explored and the detachment is hoping to reinstate the event next year. Councillor Armstrong suggested that training be offered to volunteers who may be able to offer the program when RCMP is unable to provide the service.

4. STAFF REPORTS

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

Council was provided an overview of the written report. The following verbal additions were noted:

- The next OCP Public Open House is scheduled for November 5, 2025 at 6pm – 8pm and held at the Seniors Centre.
- Upon starting DW3 today in order to complete the required flushing, it was noticed that the pump wasn't holding prime and the water was going back to the well. Luckily, the contractor hired to perform the screen repair was still on site and it was diagnosed that the issue is unfortunately a problem with the check valve. To complete this repair, the pump from DW3 must be pulled in order to replace the check valve. An estimated cost to complete this additional work is approximately \$9,800.00.

- b. Capital Project Update – J. Mosdell, DCO
**submitted for information*

Council was provided an overview of the PowerPoint presentation outlining the current status of each Capital project presently underway or recently completed.

- c. FireSmart Funding Application Resolution – A. Hovenkamp, Fire Chief

Moved by Councillor McInnis
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

THAT Council directs staff to prepare and submit an application to the 2026 UBCM Allocated - FireSmart Community Funding and Support Program for the amount of up to \$400,000 over a two year time period.

CARRIED

- d. REDIP Grant Application – Capacity Building - D. Drexler, CAO

Moved by Councillor Kibble

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

THAT Council supports a grant funding application to the REDIP fund under the Capacity funding stream for up to \$150,000 over a maximum 3-year span, to continue building the economic capacity of the District of Barriere and improve our ability to support economic diversification.

CARRIED

- e. Wayfinding – ETSI-BC - Chamber – D. Drexler, CAO

Moved by Councillor Kershaw

Seconded by Councillor Kibble

THAT Council supports the Wayfinding project in the amount of up to \$20,000 to be funded from Surplus; AND THAT Council instructs Staff to amend the Financial Plan accordingly.

CARRIED

5. BYLAWS and POLICIES

- a. Rescinding of Policies No. 11, No. 22, & No. 43 – J. Mosdell, DCO

Moved by Councillor McInnis

Seconded by Councillor Kershaw

THAT Council rescind Policy No. 11 – Political Representatives Meeting Protocol

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Kershaw

Seconded by Councillor McInnis

THAT Council rescind Policy No. 22 – Holiday Office Closure.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor McInnis

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

THAT Council rescind Policy No. 43 – Covid Relief Grants in Aid: Organizations

CARRIED

- b. DRAFT Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 259 – adoption
**w/attachments*

**Moved by Councillor Kershaw
Seconded by Councillor McInnis
THAT Council adopt Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 259.**

CARRIED

- c. DRAFT Utility Billing Bylaw No. 260 – adoption
**w/attachments*

**Moved by Councillor McInnis
Seconded by Councillor Kibble
THAT Council adopt Utility Billing Bylaw No. 260.**

CARRIED

**Moved by Councillor Kibble
Seconded by Councillor McInnis
THAT Council rescinds Water Leak Adjustment Policy No. 27.**

CARRIED

**Moved by Councillor McInnis
Seconded by Councillor Kibble
THAT Council rescinds Overpayment Refund Policy No. 33.**

CARRIED

Councillor Kershaw declared a conflict of interest as a member of the LNTCFS Board and left the meeting 6:35pm.

- d. Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 222, Amendment Bylaw No. 261 – 1st, 2nd, 3rd readings.
**w/attached staff report*

**Moved by Councillor Kibble
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
THAT Council give first three readings to Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 222, Amendment Bylaw No. 261.**

CARRIED

Councillor Kershaw returned to the meeting at 6:40pm

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. For Information

- b. For Action - *none submitted*

7. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Kershaw provided a verbal report on the following:
- A resident reached out and had a good conversation regarding the history of fire protection in the area and how the establishment of the Barriere Fire Department came to be.
- b. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
- Attended the Truth & Reconciliation event held in Clearwater on September 30th.
 - Attended the 80th Birthday party of past Mayor, Virginia Smith and presented a Recognition Certificate from the District commemorating the milestone birthday.
 - The IHA Clinic's walkway is a bit of hazard for seniors and those with disabilities. The Mayor offered to bring the issue forward to the next TNRH Board meeting.
- c. Councillor McInnis provided a verbal report on the following:
- Attended the 2025 UBCM Convention in Victoria – (attended many sessions including topics of Housing, Resources, etc.), and was granted private tour of Legislature by MLA Stamer with the other Council attendees and the CAO.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Attended the 2025 UBCM Convention in Victoria with Councillor McInnis, Councillor Mosdell, CAO and Simpcw Chief Lamperau. Had the opportunity to lobby for the District's FireHall Grant Application with UBCM & the Ministry, met with BC Hydro regarding outage issues, Telus regarding connectivity in the region, enjoyed a private tour of the legislature from MLA Stamer, and made contacts with legislative reporters.
- Thanked Chief Lampreau and Area 'O' Director Jill Hayward for their participation and support at the Convention.
- Attended wide range of sessions & seminars. The key takeaway from the Province is that funding opportunities will be severely limited this year and potentially going forward due to financial constraints.

9. PUBLIC INQUIRIES – *none presented*.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION - *none presented*

11. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor McInnis

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

THAT pursuant to Sections 90(1)(c)(e) 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 at 6:54p.m.

CARRIED

12. **RECONVENE OPEN MEETING** – *the meeting reconvened into open session at 8:05p.m.*

13. **NEXT MEETING** – *Regular Council Meeting – October 27, 2025 @ 5:30pm*

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor that the meeting adjourn at 8:05p.m.

CARRIED

Original signed by, _____
Mayor Rob Kerslake

Original signed by, _____
T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer