

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, January 12, 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 Scott Kershaw Councillor Judy Armstrong – *via Zoom*
Councillor Louise Lodge Councillor Colin McInnis
Councillor Brody Mosdell Councillor Donna Kibble – *absent*

Staff: Daniel Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
Kathy Abel, Chief Finance Officer
Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager
Jamie Mosdell, Deputy Corporate Officer

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

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Mosdell
That Council approve the January 12, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Moved by Councillor Mosdell
Seconded by Councillor McInnis
That Council adopt the minutes of the December 15, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

b. Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor McInnis
That Council adopt the minutes of the December 22, 2025, SPECIAL 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.

It was added by the Fire Chief that Chu Chua Fire Department is currently on ‘automatic mutual-aid’ for any structure fires in the District of Barriere due to one of the trucks currently being out of service.

5. BYLAWS and POLICIES

- a. DRAFT Solid Waste Collection Regulations Bylaw No. 266 – adoption – T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer
**w/attachments*

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Mosdell

THAT Council adopt Solid Waste Collection Regulations Bylaw No. 266.

CARRIED

- b. DRAFT Business License Bylaw No. 267 – adoption – T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer
**w/attachments*

Moved by Councillor Mosdell

Seconded by Councillor McInnis

THAT Council adopt Business License Bylaw No. 267.

CARRIED

- c. Wastewater Regulations Bylaw No. 268 – 1st, 2nd, 3rd readings – D. Drexler, CAO
**w/attachments*

The proposed Wastewater Regulations Bylaw establishes a clear and consistent regulatory framework for the use, connection to, and protection of the District's Wastewater Collection Systems.

Key elements of the draft bylaw include:

- Establishment and regulation of the Wastewater Collection Systems and service areas.
- Requirements for mandatory connection where wastewater services are available subject to a Council approved exemption. **Section 4** of the proposed Bylaw outlines the exemption criteria and addresses those properties that currently have an approved 5yr exemption to connect due to a recent ROWP report being provided to the District:
 - *The Owner of property that produces wastewater and is eligible to connect to a District's Wastewater Collection System, must connect the property's Wastewater discharge to the District's Wastewater Collection System unless:*
 - *Council has approved an exemption under section 4.2 of this bylaw; or*
 - *At the date of bylaw adoption, the owner has a current District approved exemption due to an accepted Registered Onsite Wastewater Professional (ROWP) report indicating that the property is serviced by a private septic system that has been inspected and the ROWP attests that in their professional opinion, the private septic system is currently, and will continue to be, in good working order for at least five (5) years from the date of inspection.*
 - *An Owner of property subject to an exemption under Section 4.1 ii. of this bylaw, remains exempt of this Section for a period of five (5) years from the date of bylaw adoption. At the end of the five (5) year exemption period, property owners subject to this exemption must apply to Council for a further extension, on a year to year basis, up to no more than a five (5) additional years.*

- Application and approval processes for wastewater service connections and disconnections.
- Alignment with the District's Fees and Charges Bylaw and Utility Billing Bylaw for cost recovery.
- Construction and material standards consistent with the Master Municipal Construction Documents (MMCD).
- Wastewater quality standards, including authority for staff to require pre-treatment where necessary to protect infrastructure and treatment processes.
- Clear delineation of maintenance responsibilities between the District and property owners.
- Authority for temporary or permanent disconnection of service to protect system integrity or respond to emergencies.
- Inspection and enforcement provisions consistent with other District bylaws.
- Alignments will be made for this proposed bylaw's offences and penalties with the District's Bylaw Notice Enforcement framework once necessary amendments are made to Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 95. Staff plan on presenting a draft amendment for Council consideration early this spring.

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor McInnis

THAT Council give first three readings to Wastewater Regulations Bylaw No. 268.

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6. CORRESPONDENCE

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

7. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Kershaw provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended Council/Staff Holiday Party
- b. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended Council/Staff Holiday Party
 - Volunteered at the annual BSS Holiday Luncheon
 - Attended the Community Christmas Dinner
- c. Councillor McInnis provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended Council/Staff Holiday Party
 - Volunteered delivering some Community Christmas Dinners
- d. Councillor Mosdell provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended the Council/Staff Holiday Party
- e. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended the Council/Staff Holiday Party
 - Facilitated the annual Elves Workshop.
 - Thanked Council & Staff for their support through the recent, unexpected loss of Bob.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Attended Council/Staff Holiday Party
- Volunteered at the annual BSS Holiday Luncheon

9. PUBLIC INQUIRIES – *none presented.*

10. NOTICE OF MOTION – *none presented.*

11. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Mosdell

That pursuant to Sections 90(1)(a)(c)(e)(2)(b) 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 6:04pm

CARRIED

12. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING – *at 7:41p.m.*

13. NEXT MEETINGS - *In-Camera Council Workshop – January 26, 2026 @ 5:30pm*
 - *Regular Council Meeting – February 2, 2026 @ 5:30pm*

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor that the meeting adjourn at 7:41p.m.

CARRIED

Original signed by, _____
Mayor Rob Kerlake

Original signed by, _____
T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer