

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, June 29, 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 - <i>absent</i> Councillor Louise Lodge Councillor Brody Mosdell	Councillor Donna Kibble Councillor Colin McInnis Councillor Scott Kershaw
Staff:	Daniel Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer Kathy Abel, Chief Financial Officer Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager	Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer 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 Mosdell
That Council approve the June 29, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Mosdell
That Council adopt the minutes of the June 8, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- a. Teen Scene Program Continuance Proposal – Bronwen Bird

Daniel Drexler left the meeting at 5:31pm.

Ms. Bird provided Council with an overview of "Teen Scene", a program that has been facilitated by the North Thompson Activity Centre Society (NTACS) for the past eight years (approximately) and which sees an average of 15-25 teens attending each Friday night. Ms. Bird explained that she has been a volunteer in the program for the past year and highlighted the many benefits the program offers Barriere's youth. Recently, NTACS announced that it is suspending the program with no communicated date of reopening. As the program has been operating under NTACS, the insurance for it has been under the District's Municipal Insurance umbrella for the past few years. Ms. Bird requested that Council consider facilitating the program temporarily as a District run program until such time as NTACS is able to resume it themselves. She explained that she would like to remain a volunteer of the program under the District and will ensure that all requirements of the District for such volunteers working with youth, including Criminal

Records Checks, Responsible Adult course completion, and any other clearances are met.

Ms. Bird concluded that should Council approve the temporary program facilitation under its umbrella, the program will be run out of the Ridge Gym. It was noted that as the Ridge Gym is a District controlled space, gym rental fees would not be an expense.

Daniel Drexler re-entered the meeting at 5:40pm

4. STAFF REPORTS

Council was provided an overview of the following items (a-e) submitted for information purposes. The written reports were included in the meeting's agenda package and are available online for public review:

- a. 2025 Annual Water Report – C. Matthews, Public Works Manager
**submitted for information*
- b. Floodplain Mapping and Flood Mitigation Plan Projects – Final Update– D. Drexler, CAO
**submitted for information*
- c. Capital Updates – J. Mosdell, Deputy Corporate Officer
**submitted for information*
- d. 2025/2026 Year in Review – Presentation – D. Drexler, CAO
**submitted for information*
- e. Quarterly 2 Strategic Plan Update – D. Drexler, CAO
**submitted for information*
- f. DRAFT Simpcw/DoB Emergency Services Mutual Aid Agreement – Fire Chief

The District of Barriere and Simpcw First Nations have operated under a year-over-year Mutual Aid agreement which was signed in 2015 and amended from time to time. The Fire Chief presented an updated version to replace the outdated agreement and noted that the draft has been compiled in collaboration with Simpcw First Nation.

One change has been made since publication of the report: Section 14.1 has been changed from 90 days to 180 days. Some other changes may still need to be implemented as final Simpcw sign-off is obtained.

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Mosdell

THAT Council approve the updated District of Barriere – Simpcw First Nation Mutual Aid Agreement for the term of March 2026 to March 2029 as presented; and THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the agreement on behalf of the District of Barriere.

CARRIED

5. BYLAWS and POLICIES

- a. DRAFT Management Compensation Policy No. 60HR – D. Drexler, CAO

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor McInnis

THAT Council approves Policy No. 60HR – Management Compensation Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

Chief Hovenkamp left the meeting at 6:23pm

- b. DRAFT Financial Transaction Authorization Policy No. 62FI – D. Drexler, CAO

Moved by Councillor Kibble

Seconded by Councillor Kershaw

THAT Council adopts Policy No. 62FI – Financial Transaction Authorization Policy, as presented.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. For Information

- i. Letter from Kathy Frezell re: Christian Flag Request

Moved by Councillor Kibble

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

That the correspondence be accepted for information.

CARRIED

- b. For Action - *none submitted*

7. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Kershaw provided a verbal report on the following:
- Volunteered at the June 21, 2026 Block Party
- b. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
- Volunteered at the June 21, 2026 Block Party
 - The Barriere Museum facilitated this year's Demo Day with the Elementary School.
 - Attended the TransMountain dinner informational
- c. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal report on the following:
- Attended a Barriere Chamber of Commerce Meeting as the Council Liaison
 - Attended the 2026 Barriere Secondary Graduation Ceremony
 - Participated in a TransMountain tour as well as attended the dinner informational.

- Attended a District of Clearwater Council Meeting on behalf of the North Thompson Communities Foundation.
 - Participated in the June 21, 2026 Block Party and preliminary figures show that the event generally broke even.
 - Met with the Barriere Trails Society as the newly appointed Council liaison.
- d. Councillor McInnis provided a verbal report on the following:
- Participated in a TransMountain tour as well as attended the dinner informational
- e. Councillor Mosdell provided a verbal report on the following:
- Participated in a TransMountain tour as well as attended the dinner informational

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Attended the 2026 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) in Edmonton
- Spoke at the 2026 Barriere Secondary Graduation Ceremony
- Attended the 2026 Simpcw Graduation Ceremony
- Will be meeting with Chief Lampreau prior to September's UBCM Conference
- Organizers of the NTFFRA have reported receiving attendee concerns regarding the shortage of accommodation in Barriere.
- Visited former Mayor Virginia Smith prior to her relocation out of Barriere to Oliver, BC and wished her well.
- Volunteered at the June 21, 2026 Block Party

9. CONSIDERATION OF DELEGATION REQUESTS

a. Teen Scene Program

Council requested that staff reach out to the NTACS President to discuss the potential, temporary bridge of programming before making a final decision with the goal to schedule a Special Council Meeting as soon as possible in order to provide an answer to Ms. Bird and the users of Teen Scene as soon as possible, if required.

10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES – *none presented*

11. NOTICE OF MOTION – *none presented*

12. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Mosdell

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

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 7:10p.m.

CARRIED

13. **RECONVENE OPEN MEETING** – *the meeting reconvened at 7:51p.m.*

14. **NEXT MEETING** – *July 20, 2026 @ 5:30pm*

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Lodge that the meeting adjourn at 7:52p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Rob Kerslake

T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer