REPORT TO COUNCIL Memorandum

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To: Council	From: Chief Administrative Officer
Re: OCP Refresh – What we Heard Summary and Timeline	

Purpose

To provide Council with an overview of Official Community Plan (OCP) Refresh engagement progress and feedback to date.

Background

The District's OCP team has provided an update on the engagement process and findings to date.

The first phase of public engagement for this project included workshops with District staff and Council, six PlaceSpeak conversations with community groups, and an open house.

These initial engagements allowed the team to get to know the community better and learn where the priorities lie for the citizens of Barriere. Additional online surveys were also conducted between November 18 and December 18, 2024.

Overall, the team received a variety of feedback on key priorities, and noted that community members in Barriere value having a tight-knit community rooted in nature. Key priorities of the community included:

- Affordable and Diverse Housing
- Investment in Infrastructure
- Revitalization of the Town Centre
- Improved Walkability and Active Transportation
- Access to Health Care
- Amenities and Recreation

For more information, please view the full What We Heard report that is attached to this memorandum.

The OCP team has been working on the draft OCP Refresh package and looks forward to presenting this important document back to the community for further feedback in the near future.

Further information and opportunities to provide additional feedback will be coming in the Spring and Summer 2025, which will be announced on https://barriere.ca/p/official-community-plan-refresh and through the District's eNews and an email blast.

The consulting team (TRUE Consulting and Arc Engagement) wishes to thank the entire community for filling out the surveys, thoughtfully engaging with the OCP team, and coming out to learn more at the in-person event.

Timeline / Next Steps

Item	Date
Project Start	September 2024
Phase 1 Public Engagement	October to December 2024
District Staff Workshop	October 21, 2024
Council Workshop	October 21, 2024
Open House #1	November 20, 2024
PlaceSpeak Conversations	November 27 to December 10, 2024
Community Survey #1	November 18 to December 18, 2024
What We Heard Report	May 5, 2025
Draft OCP Refresh Preparation	Winter/Spring 2025
Phase 2 Public Engagement	Spring/Summer 2025
First and Second Reading of OCP Bylaw	Summer 2025
Public Hearing Process	Summer 2025
Third Reading of Bylaw	Summer/Fall 2025
Adoption of Bylaw	Summer/Fall 2025

Attachments

• "What We Heard" Report on OCP Engagement to date

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What We Heard Report

Official Community Plan Refresh April 8, 2025

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1 Summary

The District of Barriere Official Community Plan (OCP) Refresh project began in September 2024 and kicked off public engagement on October 21, 2024 with staff and Council workshops, followed by several engagement activities. The first phase of public engagement for this project included workshops with District staff and Council, six conversations with community groups, and an open house. In addition to the in-person engagement events and direct conversations, an online survey was available November 18 to December 18, 2024, receiving a total of 146 responses.

The first phase of community engagement was to validate the community vision statement, goals, and to understand key challenges, opportunities, and ideas. This first phase also helped the project team learn more about priorities of District residents to begin to update and develop new policies within the OCP.

Several key areas of discussion emerged through conversations with the community and feedback received:

- Affordable and diverse housing. The community is open to increasing density and
 offering more housing choices for all ages, including affordable options for youth, young
 families, and seniors.
- **Investment in infrastructure.** Water and sewer infrastructure needs to be expanded to better serve the community.
- Revitalization of the Town Centre. Encouraging new businesses, supporting existing businesses, improving pedestrian mobility, and creating a space that citizens are proud of and attracts tourists and visitors to stop and explore Barriere.
- Improved walkability and active transportation. Sidewalks, trail connectivity, and pedestrian safety will improve quality of life and boost the local economy.
- Access to health care. Offering more facilities, services, and having health care
 practitioners available for residents.
- Amenities and recreation. Activities for youth, a recreation centre, and more
 opportunities to recreate will improve the quality of life for residents and encourage
 families to make Barriere home.

A summary of results and feedback can be found throughout Section 5.

2 Background

To ensure the Official Community Plan (OCP) reflects the values of the community, the project team is committed to engaging citizens in an effective and meaningful way. The focus of the first round of engagement was to raise awareness of the OCP Refresh, reach community members, and begin to dig into the community's vision for the future of the District of Barriere.

3 Project Timeline

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4 Engagement Activities: Community Exploration & Visioning

4.1 Community Survey

A community survey was available from November 18 to December 18, 2024. The survey touched on key topics for the OCP and was an opportunity for the project team to learn more about the vision and goals residents have for their community. The survey ran concurrently with in-person engagement to try and capture more perspectives for those unable to participate in person. A digital and paper-copy version were both available. In all, there were 146 respondents to the online survey.

4.2 Open House

An open house was held on November 20, 2024, at the Seniors' Centre to gather community members to discuss the project and gather feedback. Questions posed to the community focused on higher-level visioning questions which would help the project team update the OCP's vision and goals. This initial round of community engagement has helped to identify other key areas for updates and the community's support of certain initiatives/updates (such as housing, infrastructure and revitalization of the town centre).

4.3 PlaceSpeak

PlaceSpeak is an initiative to tap into the knowledge and ideas held by local community groups and champions. Through small group virtual discussions, the project team was able to ask questions and discuss key topic areas with different interest groups throughout the community and region. These groups represent a broader audience within the community, which allows the project team to better understand the vision for the future of the community, and gain understanding of the key opportunities and issues within Barriere. The following groups were involved:

- Barriere & District Senior's Society
- Barriere Trails Society
- Chamber of Commerce
- Interior Health

- Lower North Thompson Community
 Forest Society (LNTCFS)
- North Thompson Activity Centre Society (NTACS)

5 Outcomes & Feedback

The following section summarizes the outcomes from all events outlined in Section 4, Engagement Activities. Several key themes emerged, including:

- Affordable and Diverse Housing. The community supports increasing density and
 providing more housing options for all age groups, including affordable choices for youth,
 young families, and seniors.
- **Investment in Infrastructure.** There is a need to expand water and sewer infrastructure to better serve the community.
- **Revitalization of the Town Centre**. Revitalizing the Town Centre to attract new businesses, support existing ones, enhance pedestrian mobility, and create a space that residents are proud of—one that also draws tourists and visitors to explore Barriere.
- Improved Walkability and Active Transportation. Enhancing sidewalks, trail
 connections, and pedestrian safety will improve residents' quality of life and support the
 local economy.
- Access to Health Care. Expanding health facilities and services, with more healthcare
 practitioners available for residents.
- Amenities and Recreation. Offering more activities for youth, building a recreation
 centre, and increasing recreational opportunities will improve residents' quality of life and
 encourage families to settle in Barriere.

5.1 Open House Poster Boards

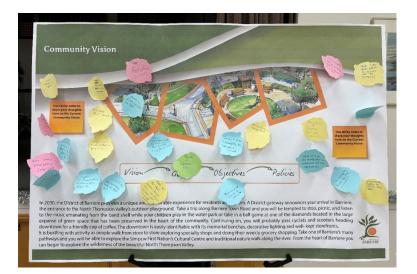
Community Vision - feedback

- Better medical services
- Would love to see more beautification in downtown and move small businesses
- Condo living and amenities for retirees
- More business downtown
- Sidewalks we can safely walk our dogs on!
- An emergency health facility is a must
- Permits to drive ATV/SWS in town
- Erect a bigger higher tower for good cell service
- The development of commercial storefronts and walking trails
- Control e-bikes and everybody on bikes wear helmets
- Septic necessary in some areas, others, no
- · Bring in natural gas
- More activities for teens
- Higher density dwellings at an affordable price
- More stable emergency services
- More community lots that are appealing to teens (bowling alleys, arcade etc.)
- A functioning hospital
- More indoor third spaces to connect with the community
- Need an RV park. Everyone drives through, no place to stop even if we had something
- Create defined parking streets, walking areas etc.
- Availability of doctors for all residents
- Composting system to reduce food waste
- Reliable access to healthcare
- Allow the use of electric golf carts



In 2030, the District of Barriere provides a unique and memorable experience for residents and visitors. A District gateway announces your arrival in Barrier the entrance to the North Thompson Valley's outdoor playground. Take a trip lang Barrier Fown Road and you will be tempted to storp, picinc, and list to the music emanating from the band shell while your children play in the water park or take in a ball game at one of the diamonds located in the larg expanse of green space that has been preserved in the heart of the community. Continuing on, you will probably pass cyclists and scooters heading downtown for a friendly cup of coffee. The downtown is easily identifiable with its memorial benches, decorative lighting and well-kept storefronts. It is bustling with activity as people walk from store to store exploring specially shops and doing their weekly processy shopping. The one of Barrier's mapathways and you will be able to explore the Simpcov First Nation's Cultural Centre and traditional nature walk along the river. From the heart of Barriere yo can begin to explore the wilderess of the beautiful North Thompson Valley.

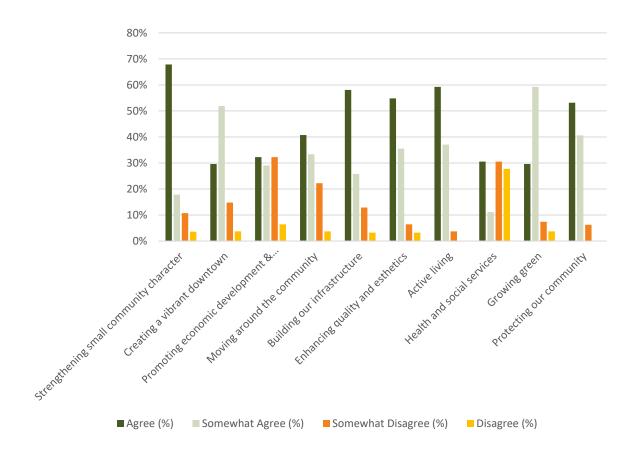




Community Goals – how much do you agree with the following goals?

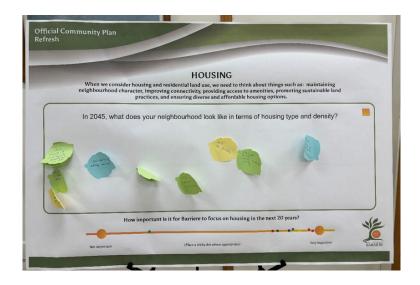
Open house participants were asked to agree with the existing goals of the OCP. There was some confusion around this question as to whether participants were being asked whether they agree with the goals remaining in the OCP, or whether they felt that these goals have been met. This is apparent in the goal "health and social services" where many participants chose "disagree" or "somewhat disagree." It is apparent from conversations and other feedback received that having access to health care is a very important goal in the community and something that is currently lacking.

The graph below shows how many respondents agree or somewhat agree (dark and light green) and somewhat disagree or disagree (orange and yellow) with the ten goals of the OCP. The majority of respondents agree that all ten goals are important for the community and the OCP.



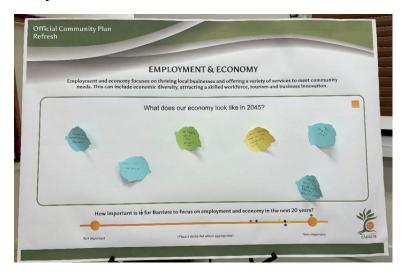
Housing – in 2045, what does your neighbourhood look like in terms of housing type and density?

- There should be multifamily dwelling built
- More senior housing
- More options for affordable housing
- Don't over densify!
- Condensed & multifamily residential zoning
- Broad spectrum of housing opportunities that are affordable
- Less single-family dwellings, more multi
- Multi-family + connected green spaces
- Lots do not need to be 1 acre. 1/3 or 1/4 acre will support septic with today's technology



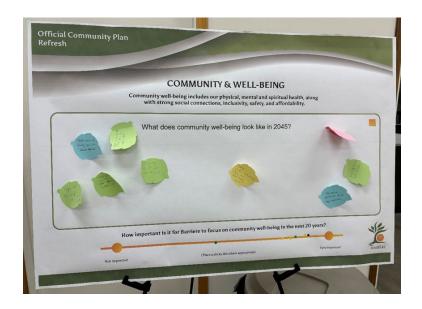
Employment and economy – what does our economy look like in 2045?

- More small business in the downtown core rather than services
- More emergency services paid e.g.: paid fire department
- More small businesses
- Small, local businesses; youth employment programs working with schools
- More work for youth
- More businesses that can keep us shopping local



Community and well-being – what does community well-being look like in 2045?

- We need to have the emergency room at the clinic reopen
- Having a doctor in town
- More activities for 25-40 yrs olds without kids
- Terrible unless we get doctors + dentist
- Support to keep seniors in own home
- More winter activities for all, especially teens
- More crime prevention initiatives
- Recreation opportunities for all ages + abilities
- Recreation is important



What do you love about Barriere?

- Being close to a larger centre like Kamloops but getting to live in a small town with friendly people
- Outdoors; lots of recreation to do; close to Kamloops
- The mountains; trails; hunting; small town; great people
- Close to nature; good people
- I love the trees outside when they're all decorated
- The ability to get into green space right out my door
- The outdoor play spaces and connected trails
- Nature friendly people; quiet
- "Pleasant-ville"; friendly, trails, small
- Potential for trails network
- The splash pad and Fadear Park
- Nature; quiet; mostly friendly; help each other out.
- Able to send my kids for a walk safely
- There are community groups to join
- We like the fact you can walk for whatever is needed
- Love everything about it; close to outdoors
- I've lived here for 53 years! I love everything about it.
- Friendly people

I see Barriere as a place where...

- I can retire
- There is lots of opportunity to grow
- I see Barriere as a place where I can make new friends
- I can retire
- I can both raise my kids in a safe community and retire later
- Where kids have opportunities to get a good education, meaningful jobs in the valley.
- Its safe; make good friends with good people
- · Community members become like family
- I can grow old + raise a family
- My kids are safe and feel a sense of belonging.

- Close to Kamloops; Nice people; Quiet living
- That it's a small town and I would like to see it stay a small town
- I love that Barriere is a nice place
- Little traffic
- Peaceful
- Love the small town; keep it small
- Sense of community / community spirit
- The tight-knit community

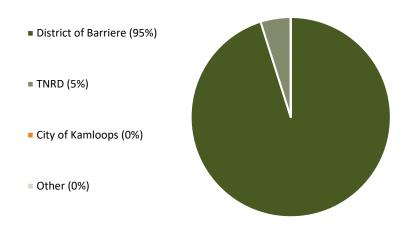




5.2 Feedback Frames

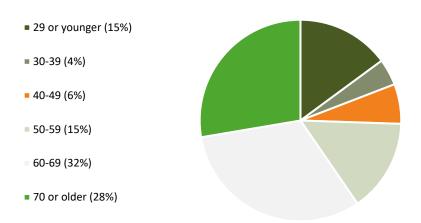
Feedback Frames are a great way to gauge how the community feels about a certain issue by using anonymous voting and simple questions. Feedback Frames were used during the Open House to better understand community priorities and values for the future.

Where do you live?



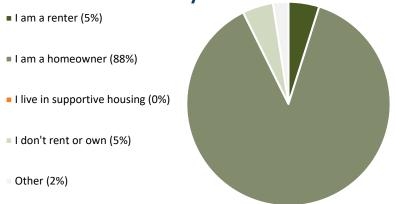
The majority of respondents were full residents of Barriere (95%). A small percentage (5%) of participants were from the surrounding area (Thompson-Nicola Regional District). No participants identified being from the City of Kamloops or other areas.

What is your age?



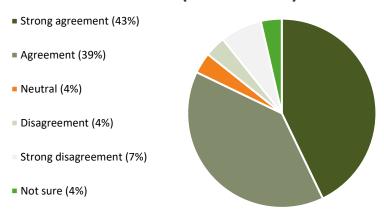
Most respondents were 60 or older (60%) which was anticipated as a large portion the population of Barriere falls within this demographic. The event was also hosted at the Seniors Centre. 15% of respondents were 29 or younger, many of whom were likely youth participating in the event through the Girl Guides and Rangers programs.

Please select the description that best suits you.



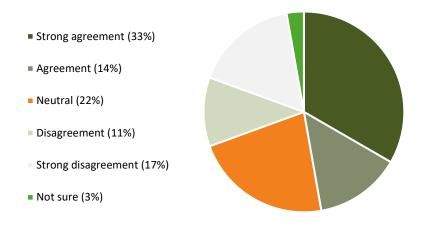
The majority of respondents were homeowners (88%) with only 12% indicating that they rent, neither rent or own, or "other."

Do you support mixed-use (commercial / residential) development in the Downtown (Main Street)?



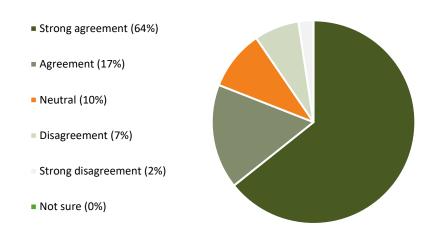
The majority of respondents support development of the Downtown (Main Street) area (82% of respondents indicating they are in strong agreement or agreement). A small proportion of respondents either disagreed or strongly disagreed (11%) or were neutral or not sure (8%). Additional comments included this being important for economic diversification and ensuring it's the right kind of development.

Do you support policies in the OCP that strengthen relationships with Indigenous peoples and incorporate Indigenous knowledge in District documents?



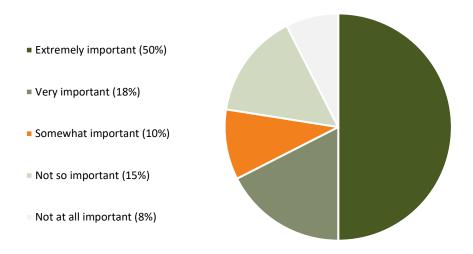
Overall respondents were supportive of supporting policies that strengthen Indigenous relationships (47%) compared to those who were not supportive (28%). 23% of respondents were either neutral or not sure.

Do you agree that the OCP should include a policy that promotes fibre optic internet for all residents and businesses?



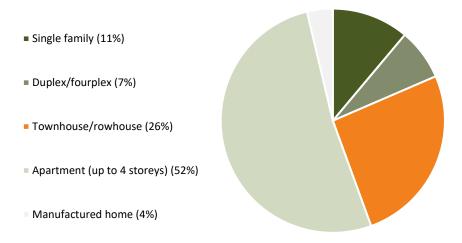
Respondents are overall very supportive of a policy that promotes fibre optic internet (81% in strong agreement and agreement) with an additional comment indicating this could attract workers from the lower mainland. Only 9% of respondents were in disagreement or strong disagreement and 10% were neutral.

How important is it that infrastructure (water/sewer) be extended throughout the town to ensure less reliance on wells and septic systems?



Given that many residents of Barriere are on wells and septic systems, it is interesting to note that 68% of respondents feel extending infrastructure is extremely important or very important. 23% of respondents feel this is not so, or not at all important. 10% of respondents fell in the middle at somewhat important. Additional comments included this being a must to support more infill, the need for a septage receiving station and public sanidump, and the District water being unpalatable.

Which type of housing do you think is currently under-supplied in Barriere?

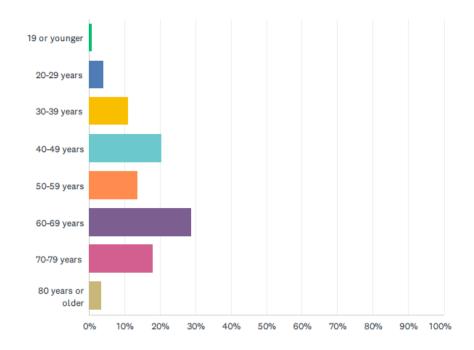


The majority of respondents feel higher-density housing options are needed in the community, including apartments (up to 4 storeys) (52%) and townhouses / rowhouses (26%). According to respondents, there is less need for single family, duplex/fourplex, and manufactured homes. Several comments included the need for seniors housing and housing that supports aging in place.

5.3 Survey Results

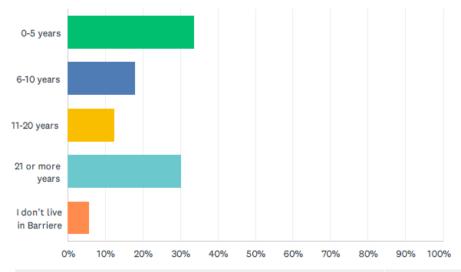
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Q1. What is your age?



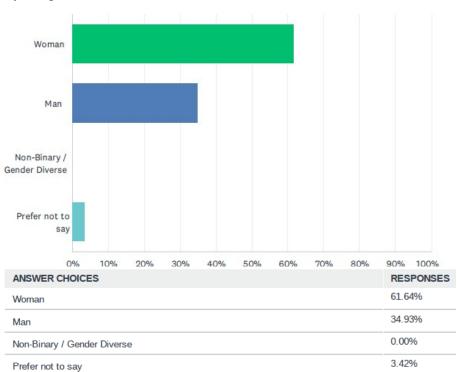
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
19 or younger	0.68%
20-29 years	4.11%
30-39 years	10.96%
40-49 years	20.55%
50-59 years	13.70%
60-69 years	28.77%
70-79 years	17.81%
80 years or older	3.42%

Q2. How long have you lived in Barriere?

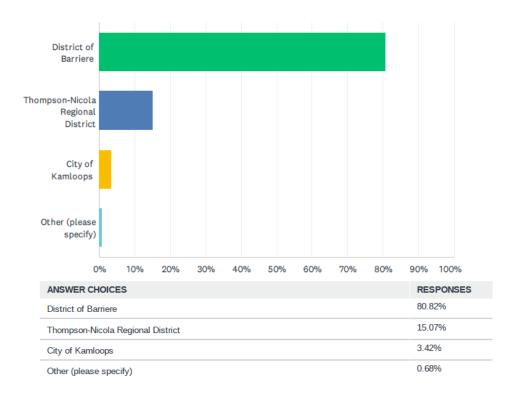


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
0-5 years	33.79%
6-10 years	17.93%
11-20 years	12.41%
21 or more years	30.34%
I don't live in Barriere	5.52%

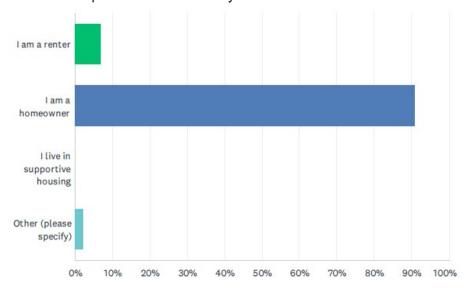
Q3. What is your gender?



Q4. Where do you live?



Q5. Please select the description that best suits you.

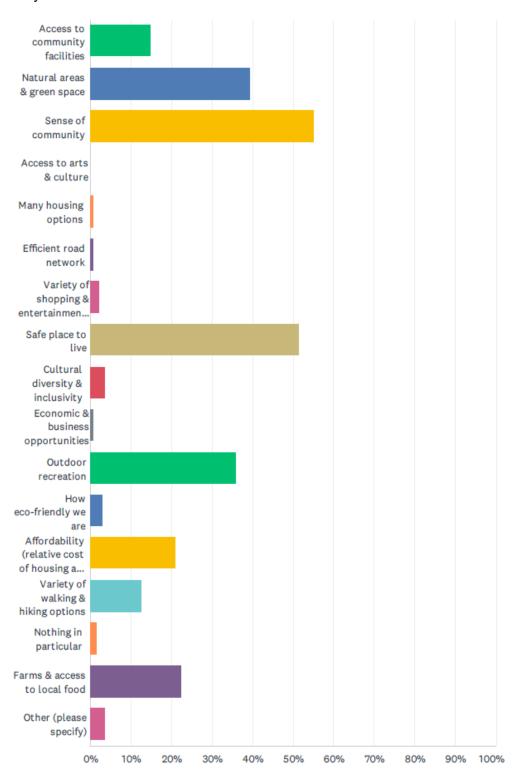


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
I am a renter	6.90%
I am a homeowner	91.03%
I live in supportive housing	0.00%
Other (please specify)	2.07%

Other answers include:

business owner, land owner, community forest manager.

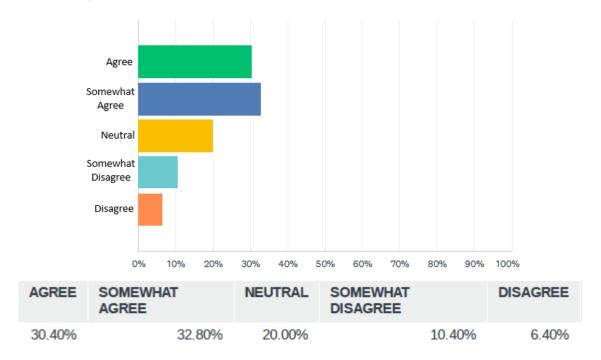
Q6. What do you love about Barriere?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Access to community facilities	14.93%
Natural areas & green space	39.55%
Sense of community	55.22%
Access to arts & culture	0.00%
Many housing options	0.75%
Efficient road network	0.75%
Variety of shopping & entertainment options	2.24%
Safe place to live	51.49%
Cultural diversity & inclusivity	3.73%
Economic & business opportunities	0.75%
Outdoor recreation	35.82%
How eco-friendly we are	2.99%
Affordability (relative cost of housing and taxes)	20.90%
Variety of walking & hiking options	12.69%
Nothing in particular	1.49%
Farms & access to local food	22.39%
Other (please specify)	3.73%

Other answers include: close to lakes, indoor recreation (community centre), many things listed are lacking, less rules than the city, rural atmosphere with access to airport, university, very good climate.

Q7. Do you agree with the Vision Statement in the current OCP?



Q8. What elements do you feel are missing from the Vision Statement?

Many suggestions were given which likely go beyond the vision statement. Feedback was heard which included elements that are missing from both the vision statement and the community as a whole. A summary of feedback is included below.

Recreation:

- Year-round activities, including organized sports such as hockey, curling, skating, skiing, soccer, baseball, pickleball, and swimming.
- More recreational facilities, including accessible walking paths and outdoor spaces like an outdoor ice rink usable throughout the winter.
- A goal for more recreational trails and facilities, especially those that can cater to youth, like a BMX track.
- Mention of specific facilities like an indoor pool (for seniors and general public use) and more activities for youth (ages 10-18).

Health and social services:

- A mention of healthcare services, such as a health center, assisted living, or independent living facility.
- Acknowledgment of emergency services and healthcare facilities in the vision, including more specifics on access and availability.

Infrastructure and amenities:

- Plans for improved infrastructure, such as paved roads, sidewalks, curbs, and safe pedestrian pathways to ensure safety, especially for the elderly and those with mobility challenges.
- The inclusion of a variety of public amenities such as the library, sports fields, cultural
 centers, and other essential community services to foster a welcoming and engaging
 environment for residents and visitors.
- A more defined downtown core with multi-family housing (such as condos) to promote development and growth.
- Improved public safety, including addressing traffic concerns and the need for better speed control, particularly with fast-moving vehicles in the downtown area.
- A focus on community connections, perhaps through action or strategic plans that address
 the needs of all citizens, including more youth activities and spaces for families to engage
 in.
- More detailed plans for public services like libraries, highway signs for travelers, and increased information for newcomers to the town.

Community vibrancy:

- More emphasis on building and supporting local businesses, including small shops, coffee shops, and retail spaces in the downtown area.
- A need for increased housing options and the development of more affordable spaces for business owners and residents.
- Promoting and supporting a variety of businesses to make the community more diverse and vibrant.
- A more vibrant and well-maintained downtown with well-kept store fronts and specialty shops.

Indigenous recognition:

• More acknowledgment of Indigenous lands and the inclusion of local Indigenous culture

and landmarks, such as the Simpow First Nation's Cultural Centre.

• Efforts to make the community more inclusive, with a focus on family-friendly activities and spaces that cater to all age groups.

Sustainability:

• A stronger focus on sustainability, including green initiatives to battle climate change, energy-efficient infrastructure, and eco-friendly practices.

Q9. What elements do you feel should be removed from the Vision Statement?

Overall community members feel that the vision statement does not necessarily reflect Barriere now, but what they hope Barriere will grow into. The statement can be more concise, but some elements are missing. A summary of feedback is included below.

Focus on future goals:

- The vision statement should be rewritten with more emphasis on the future, particularly on how the goals will be achieved by 2030.
- Add a goal to see the community grow and expand, making it clear that the vision includes population and economic growth over time.

Clarify wording:

- Change the wording of "Outdoor Playground" to "Year-Round Playground" to better reflect the vision.
- Clarify what "well-kept storefronts" means—should they be clean, updated, or without clutter?
- The term "bustling" could be better defined, as the current downtown area does not yet feel vibrant or active.

Shorten the vision statement:

• The vision statement is too long and wordy. It should be condensed and made more concise for clarity.

Be more specific:

• Include clearer details on how the community will connect better, such as improved pedestrian infrastructure (sidewalks, off-street trails).

- Add details on where the Simpcw First Nation's Cultural Center is located and how it will be promoted.
- Specify the expected timeline for goals—some feedback suggests that a longer timeline (10-15 years) might be more realistic than five years.

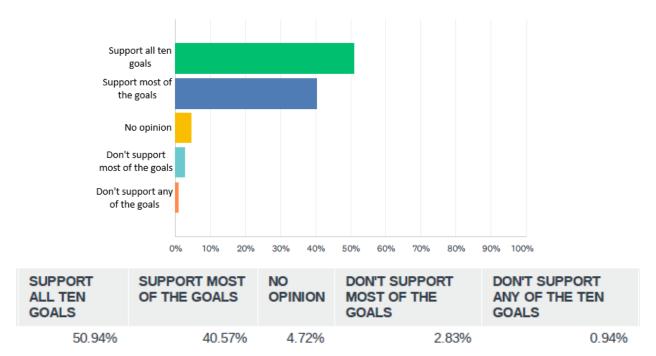
Highlight community development:

- Emphasize the importance of building businesses and work opportunities, while ensuring that regulations are conducive to an affordable community.
- Mention specific goals to improve downtown, such as addressing vacant store fronts and removing non-functional structures like the old gas station.
- Include a focus on enhancing dining options in the community, rather than just picnic areas.
- Ensure that the downtown is not just "well-kept," but actively revitalized, with a focus on reducing the number of empty or rundown storefronts.

Recreation:

- Address the need for more pathways and trails, including the development of riverfront and ridge trails to connect the community.
- Mention improvements to recreational spaces, such as ballparks and the location of the dog park.

Q10. Do you support the ten Community Goals as noted above?



Q11. Are there any Community Goals that should be revisited?

1. Strengthening small community character

- Promote Barriere as a Family orientated community.
- Engage with Indigenous Communities to include traditional games & activities.
- Lack of activities and facilities for our youth downtown.
- We should mention our Agri plex and annual fall fair promoting rural life.

2. Creating a vibrant downtown

Creating a vibrant downtown has omitted the fact that there are no sidewalks!! The
Active Living and Health and Social Services would also benefit from a sidewalk from
PetroCan to the Legion.

3. Promoting economic development and diversification

Welcoming new businesses

4. Moving around the community

- Concentrate on maintaining our roads.
- Trails between neighbourhoods are mostly foot traffic made and could use a refresh/maintenance.

- Love the though of having a connecting path through all the neighborhoods so walking and cycling is more accessible.
- Enhance moving around communities without using vehicles.

5. Building infrastructure

- Need sewer upgraded and available to all in the area.
- The water filtration system is not good.
- Building our Infrastructure could get an update that focuses on Asset Management.

6. Enhancing quality and aesthetics

Addressing the sewage smell.

7. Active living

- Children are our Future &leadership skills are learned through year-round team/individual sports & activities.
- It would be amazing if we had more municipal parks with trails for some hiking (or cross-country skiing) that are available within walking distance from town that are more clearly marked (maybe some way finding signs).

8. Health and social services

- Provide a solid healthcare service 24/7.
- Get our emergency ward opened again.
- We need better medical, we need access to services.
- Health care is not "stable" as you indicate.
- The health portion should be further expanded on as currently health services are severely lacking.
- It would be amazing if we could open out our health services again, so community members don't have to find use health services outside of the community.
- Need more medical services (e.g. lab, first responders, fire department, community health, hospice support), emergency services, entice doctors to want to come and stay in the community.
- Yellowhead Seniors Living and Seniors Centre

9. Growing green

Keep open backyard burning

10. Protecting the community

- Need is a huge one that needs to be addressed.
- Include heavy patrols downtown and throughout the outer areas.

Q12. Are there any Community Goals that you feel are missing?

Affordable housing:

- More affordable housing should be considered.
- Need for senior's housing (independent and assisted living) to accommodate the growing number of seniors.
- A focus on less single-family homes and more townhouses or apartments.

Community facilities and recreation:

- A community facility with a gym, indoor pool, sauna, and other recreational spaces for children and adults.
- A community rec center as a future goal for the town.
- Indoor activities for youth, such as skating during winter months.

Downtown development and business support:

- Attract larger chain stores like Fields to provide local shopping options.
- Improve the appearance of downtown and create more attractive store fronts with funding and grants.
- Encourage an active Chamber of Commerce and make licensing and insurance options easier for businesses.
- A focus on supporting and building business in the area.
- The establishment of a municipal campground, possibly managed by a local group like the Lions.

Transportation and infrastructure:

- More sidewalks and paved paths for safe walking and mobility.
- Connect existing trails and community pathways for better accessibility.

Crime and safety:

- A focus on getting rid of drug trafficking and vandalism in the community.
- Cracking down on crime to ensure public safety.

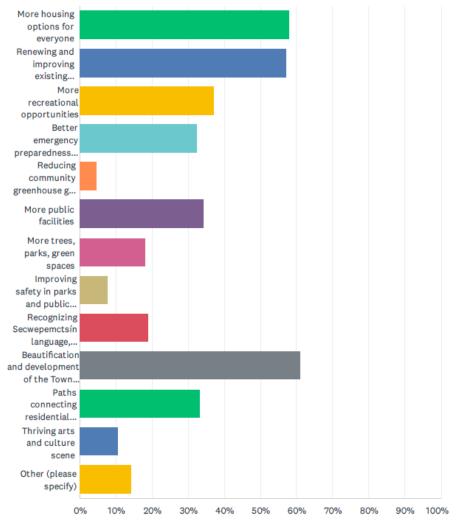
Environmental and infrastructure:

- Improved environmental protection efforts.
- Better water infrastructure for the community.
- Better space and infrastructure for the Farmer's Market.
- Encouraging local food production and better access to local producers.

Community and social services:

- Provide safe events to bridge the gap between elders and youth, fostering community unity.
- Promoting community growth and development, with a focus on achieving more urban-like amenities without losing the town's quiet, small-town charm.
- A desire for Barriere to be a modern community while maintaining a rural atmosphere.

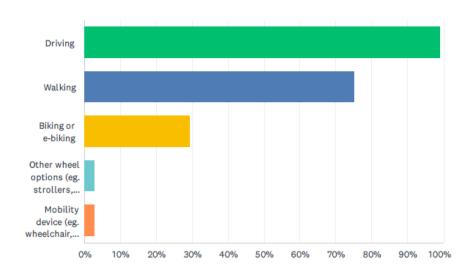
Q13. What community improvements would you most like to see over the next 20 years?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
More housing options for everyone	58.10%
Renewing and improving existing infrastructure	57.14%
More recreational opportunities	37.14%
Better emergency preparedness and wildfire protection	32.38%
Reducing community greenhouse gas emissions	4.76%
More public facilities	34.29%
More trees, parks, green spaces	18.10%
Improving safety in parks and public spaces	7.62%
Recognizing Secwepemctsín language, culture and history	19.05%
Beautification and development of the Town Centre (main street)	60.95%
Paths connecting residential areas to parks and open space areas	33.33%
Thriving arts and culture scene	10.48%
Other (please specify)	14.29%

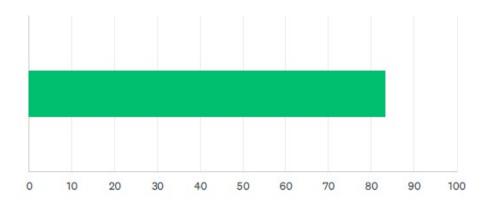
Other answers for Q13 include: open emergency room and get more doctors, bus/van service within municipal limits, availability of potable water, more small businesses in downtown core, swimming pool, local food production and availability, public sani-dump, bowling alley, more businesses, maintain highway frontage, develop trail networks.

Q14. In the last year, what modes of transportation have you used to travel around/through Barriere?



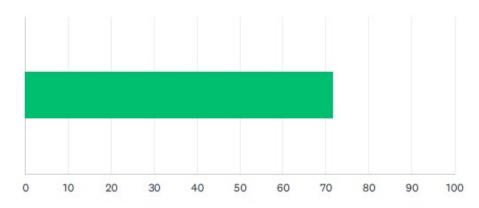
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Driving	99.05%
Walking	75.24%
Biking or e-biking	29.52%
Other wheel options (eg. strollers, skateboards, push scooters, etc.)	2.86%
Mobility device (eg. wheelchair, walker, guide dog, etc.)	2.86%

Q15. An Asset Management Plan ensures all assets (e.g. watermain, hydrants, light poles) and their condition are reviewed by the District. This is the first step to creating a long-term plan to fund their operation, maintenance and replacement. How important is it to you that the District develop an Asset Management Plan?



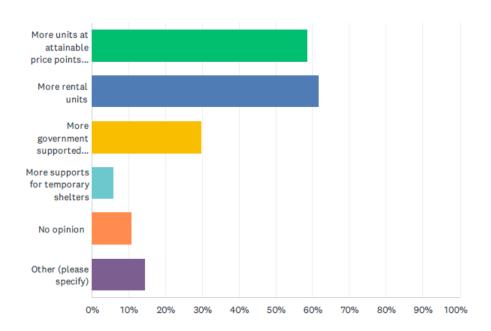
83% of respondents feel it is important to develop an Asset Management Plan.

Q16. How important is it that infrastructure (water/sewer) be extended throughout the town to ensure less reliance on wells and septic systems?



72% of respondents feel it is important to extend infrastructure throughout the town.

Q17. How can we ensure there is housing that meets the needs of everyone?



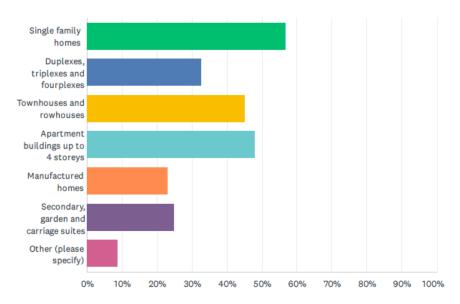
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
More units at attainable price points for purchase	58.65%
More rental units	61.54%
More government supported housing units	29.81%
More supports for temporary shelters	5.77%
No opinion	10.58%
Other (please specify)	14.42%

Other answers include:

- Please pay due attention to water system infrastructure to ensure enough potable water for all before building more housing.
- Public transportation.
- Free up red tape and let the market decide.
- All of the above.
- Some sort of senior housing.
- Bring minimum lot size down to 1/4 acre when no community sewer system present.
 No need whatsoever for the minimum lot size to be 1 acre. present.
- Natural gas.
- Prefab / modular.

- Less travel trailers used as permanent housing.
- Apartments and town houses.
- Allowing additional housing options on properties.
- We need some affordable housing based on income.
- Make community more desirable.

Q18. What types of housing forms would you like to see more of in Barriere to meet the need for housing?



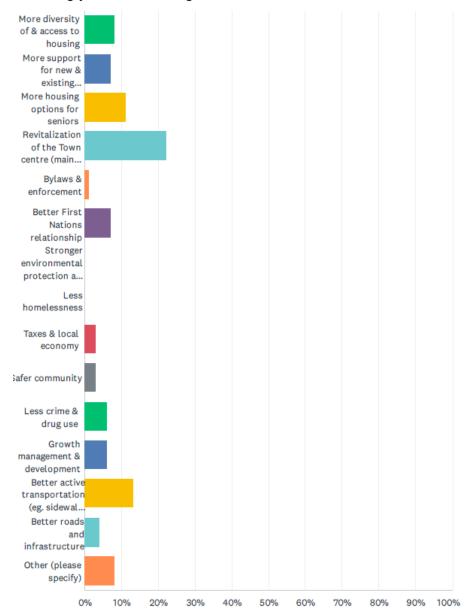
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Single family homes	56.73%
Duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes	32.69%
Townhouses and rowhouses	45.19%
Apartment buildings up to 4 storeys	48.08%
Manufactured homes	23.08%
Secondary, garden and carriage suites	25.00%
Other (please specify)	8.65%

Other answers include:

 Please improve water system infrastructure to have enough potable water available for all before building more housing.

- Basement suite.
- Multiple family dwellings with an eye to those strictly with disabilities and their caregivers.
- Eco friendly mini home community (e.g. sea can, prefab.).
- Area for tiny homes.
- Level entry, bare land stratas would be excellent option for seniors downsizing from acreages.

Q19. What is one thing you would change about Barriere?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
More diversity of & access to housing	8.08%
More support for new & existing businesses	7.07%
More housing options for seniors	11.11%
Revitalization of the Town centre (main street)	22.22%
Bylaws & enforcement	1.01%
Better First Nations relationship	7.07%
Stronger environmental protection and preservation	0.00%
Less homelessness	0.00%
Taxes & local economy	3.03%
Safer community	3.03%
Less crime & drug use	6.06%
Growth management & development	6.06%
Better active transportation (eg. sidewalks, pathways, bike lanes)	13.13%
Better roads and infrastructure	4.04%
Other (please specify)	8.08%

Q20. What is the one big move that the District could do to encourage the revitalization of the Town Centre (Main Street)?

Many ideas were given in response to this question. A smaller list has been included below to capture "big moves" presented by the community, whereas more general answers have been captured in previous questions.

Support active transportation and beautification of Town Centre

- Support active transportation: improve lighting, sidewalks, bike lanes, larger shoulders on both sides of the road.
- More plants, planters, street trees, benches along the main corridor.
- Support all local businesses through funding/grants to develop store fronts into a theme (e.g. mountain peaks, natural wood beams, western, country, farming, etc.)
- Have better signage / banners on streetlights which can be themed seasonally. Have ambiance lighting and District signage/logo, event advertising.
- Require esthetic exterior renovation every 10 years.

Incentivize business

- Incentivize employment opportunities.
- Pursue grants to revitalise buildings, provide landscaping, etc.
- Provide tax breaks for new businesses and access to suitable retail space.
- Controlled rent for businesses.
- Add commercial space with lease incentives.
- Promote tax revitalization program.
- Attract chain stores.

Encourage population growth

- Provide amenities for people to move to Barriere.
- Bus service so people can live in Barriere and commute to Kamloops for work.
- Addition of an indoor recreation centre.
- Support employment opportunities.

Q21. Please complete the sentence: In 20 years, Barriere will be...

- The same.
- Better.
- A thriving community for all ages.
- Still here.
- A bustling city with small town charm.
- A beautiful town.
- Similar to today.
- Hopefully not very different
- A highly sort after town from which to retire, raise a family or to commute to the big smoke & come home to the peace & quiet of a well planned & cared for community.
- More diversified.
- A thriving independent community that tourists will visit and stay.
- Affordable.
- A friendly rural community anyone would love to visit or call home.
- Needing more housing.
- A thriving community for young families.
- A subdivision of an ever-growing Kamloops
- Home to those who are currently our children, or it will be only "where they grew up."
- Still a great place to live.

- Much the same!
- A place I'd like to call home.
- An entertaining place to live.
- A place where people can raise their families without having to forfeit opportunities for their kids.
- Fiscally sustainable and we know the true costs, values, and live expectancy of our assets (including the natural ones).
- Hopefully still a small town.
- A densified and revitalized downtown core surrounded by small farms connected by walking paths.
- Hopefully better than today. More diverse in community and political opinion.
- A smaller, safe community that will attract new families who enjoy the seasonal activities and community setting.
- The hub for many Provincial, National and International competitions in as many sports as possible.
- Overpopulated
- Bigger
- Alot more crime and people from big cities.
- Resilient.
- Hopefully still a clean and safe small town.
- A safe place to bring up a family or retire, with strong community supports for a diverse and thriving community.
- A quaint little town to visit. Not over-populated.
- Revitalized.
- Growing slowly without economic development.
- Thriving.
- Hopefully pretty close to the same it is now!
- Still a wonderful place to grow up and live in.
- Home in a small town.
- The same if no one steps up and actually changes anything.
- Still a bedroom community of Kamloops.
- Thriving.
- In a better place with good healthcare.
- Still be awesome!
- An ok place to live
- A gem of a town to live and a great place to camp while travelling through our valley.

- Thriving with better sewage infrastructure and better/more housing.
- A beautiful place to live where people can enjoy the outdoors and find local jobs while living a quieter lifestyle.
- Thriving!
- Still here. Hopefully.
- A thriving but small community with friendly and sincere people.
- Safely accessible off a double lane highway #5.
- A welcoming hub for the tourism sector.
- More of a bedroom community.
- Safe and friendly.
- A destination area to live in safety, work and play.
- A friendly and active community, with affordable housing and a vast array of businesses.
- A destination
- A place to raise kids, have an artsy or forest-based business and enjoy nature.
- Still a rural, family centred community.
- In a similar place as we are now... A good one.
- A small thriving community with very little industry but a bedroom community for those working in Kamloops and Sun Peaks.
- Obsolete unless young families are able to live here.
- A destination for active transportation with arts and culture.
- A small vibrant community.
- A thriving rural community with affordable housing, a vibrant town centre and recreational and cultural opportunities that residents are proud to call home - live, work, play.
- The community I retire on and am still proud to call home.

6 Lessons Learned & Next Steps

The project team has carefully reviewed all feedback received during the first phase of engagement and is actively updating the Official Community Plan (OCP) to reflect the input gathered to date. Ongoing dialogue with Interior Health and the Barriere Trails Society continues to inform the refinement of existing content and the development of updated and new policy directions within the OCP.

A draft of the updated Official Community Plan will be shared with the community as part of the second phase of engagement in early summer 2025. At that time, residents and key stakeholders will be invited to review the draft and provide feedback through both an in-person open house and an online survey.

To stay informed on the progress of the OCP Refresh, please visit the District's website.