

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



Introduction to the 2023 Annual Report

Section 98 of the *Community Charter* requires the District of Barriere to prepare an annual report regarding financial and operational information.

This annual report includes a progress report respecting the previous year in relation to objectives and measures established for that year. The report also sets out current and future year objectives and measures. This results in a rolling three, and as of the new term of Council in 2022, now four-year reporting cycle for identifying our achievement of objectives for the previous year, and then setting objectives and measures for the current and following year.

Section 99 of the *Community Charter* requires that the Municipal Council annually consider, at a council meeting or other public meeting, the municipal annual report and any submissions or questions from the public.

We would like to “thank you” in advance for taking the time to review the District of Barriere’s 2023 Annual Report. Comments and feedback regarding this report or any other items that pertain to the District of Barriere are welcomed and encouraged and may be directed to our Administration or Finance Departments by calling 250.672.9751 or by email to inquiry@barriere.ca.



2023 Annual Report
January 1 to December 31, 2023

This document was prepared by the Corporate Services Department, with departmental information provided by each Department Head.

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COMMUNITY OVERVIEW



DISTRICT OF BARRIERE COMMUNITY VISION, MISSION & VALUE STATEMENTS

Vision:

To be an inclusive, sustainable, and proud rural community with a progressive economy that provides purposeful services and a vibrant lifestyle.

Mission:

To provide municipal services that meet the growing needs and enrich the quality of life within our community.

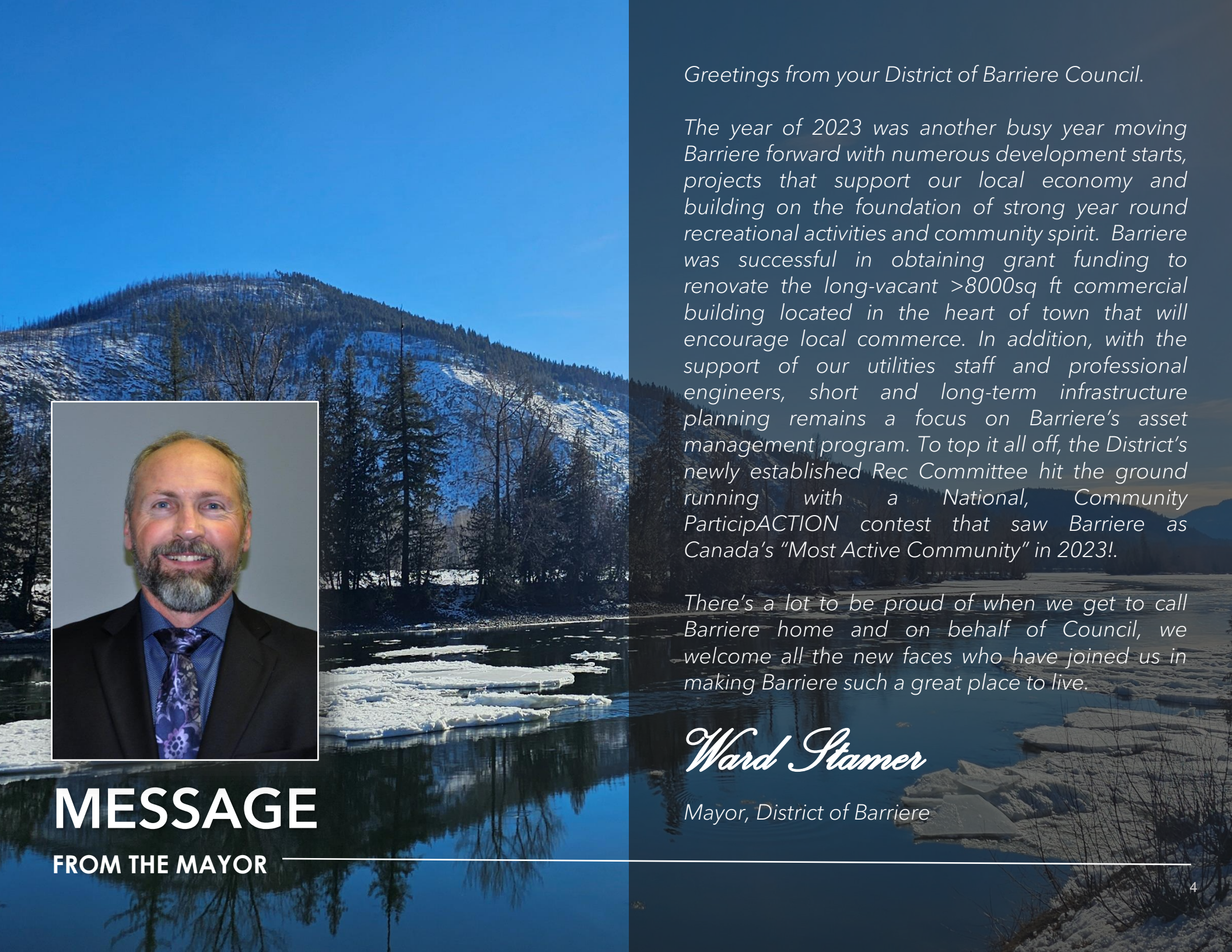
Values:

- ✓ *Conducting the business of the community with integrity, accountability and transparency.*
- ✓ *Inclusive and welcoming to raise a family where everyone wants to live, work and play in a safe active lifestyle.*
- ✓ *Strong, accepting and friendly rural community where families live and grow together.*
- ✓ *A location that provides purposeful services that meet the needs of residents and business.*
- ✓ *Excellence in community involvement with events and activities for all ages.*
- ✓ *Supportive community that provides a vibrant lifestyle that enhances both our quality of life and wellbeing for families and residents.*
- ✓ *Leadership in rural community lifestyle by showcasing our resilience, engagement and achievements together.*
- ✓ *Stand on our own as an emerging vibrant community as an Independent sustainable rural community,*
- ✓ *Protecting our families and residents to the highest possible level.*
- ✓ *Embraces change while respecting our natural environment, rich traditional heritage and recognize that families want a healthy balanced lifestyle and prosperous economy.*

Barriere, British Columbia is a growing, friendly and affordable community that currently boasts 1763 residents who enjoy an urban yet rural lifestyle. Located on the Yellowhead Highway, just 45 minutes north of Kamloops, BC, Barriere became a District Municipality on December 4, 2007. Barriere Council consists of the Mayor and six (6) Councillors. Local Government elections are held every four years. A new Council was elected on October 20, 2022 and their four-year term will come to an end in October of 2026 at the next election.

Recreational opportunities are plentiful for enthusiasts of many activities including great fishing, spectacular hiking, canoeing and cross-country skiing. Downhill skiing is very close at Sun Peaks Resort south of Barriere. Gentle walking and cycling trails are accessible from the town centre. Fadedear park is now home to a Splash Pad, a long-awaited skate park and updates have been done to the District's Multi-Purpose Court which include the construction of a new warming hut. The North Thompson Fall Fair and Rodeo Association (NTFFRA) has been held in the Barriere area every Labour Day weekend since 1950.

The overall content and success of the Fair is fueled by hundreds of volunteer hours logged all year round to make this the largest single event in the North Thompson Valley. Recent statistics reveal almost 10,000 visitors over the three-day affair.



MESSAGE

FROM THE MAYOR

Greetings from your District of Barriere Council.

The year of 2023 was another busy year moving Barriere forward with numerous development starts, projects that support our local economy and building on the foundation of strong year round recreational activities and community spirit. Barriere was successful in obtaining grant funding to renovate the long-vacant >8000sq ft commercial building located in the heart of town that will encourage local commerce. In addition, with the support of our utilities staff and professional engineers, short and long-term infrastructure planning remains a focus on Barriere's asset management program. To top it all off, the District's newly established Rec Committee hit the ground running with a National, Community ParticipACTION contest that saw Barriere as Canada's "Most Active Community" in 2023!

There's a lot to be proud of when we get to call Barriere home and on behalf of Council, we welcome all the new faces who have joined us in making Barriere such a great place to live.

Ward Stamer

Mayor, District of Barriere

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE

Council



*L-R: Councillor Colin McInnis,
Councillor Louise Lodge,
Councillor Donna Kibble,
Councillor Rob Kerslake,
Councillor Scott Kershaw,
Councillor Judy Armstrong*

FRONT: Mayor Ward Stamer

Our citizens are represented by an elected Council consisting of the Mayor and six Councillors. Council also meets to discuss civic matters in a more informal Committee structure. Members of the public join Council representatives on other Select Committees, as well.

Regular Council meetings are normally held at the District office at 7:00 pm on the first and third Monday of each month, unless otherwise advised. Committee meetings are held throughout the year as needed. Due to Provincial Health Orders & Guidelines, the District of Barriere Council, along with most local governments, began hosting their meeting electronically via audio-conference in 2020/2021. Council used funds received from the Provincial Government which was provided to help offset costs in managing operations as part of its Communicable Disease Prevention Plan, to purchase audio-visual equipment to permit hybrid participation and live streaming. This equipment has been installed and all public meetings are now live streamed.

Please visit www.barriere.ca for up to date meeting agendas, minutes and to access the live-stream meeting links.



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COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Committee of the Whole - *Standing Committee*

A Committee of the Whole (C.O.W) comprises all members of Council. At the beginning of 2013, Council delegated administrative power to the Committee of the Whole, meaning, decisions made during its meetings would no longer require being reported back to Council for final approval.

Either the Mayor or the Acting Mayor of the month in which the Committee of the Whole Meeting is to be held, may preside as Chair. No Bylaws can be formally read or adopted in Committee of the Whole (C.O.W).

Recreation Committee - *Standing Committee*

Chair: Councillor Louise Lodge

Members: Councillor Judy Armstrong, Councillor Colin McInnis, Councillor Donna Kibble, Jen Crosman, Glenda Feller

Staff Liaison: Jamie Mosdell

Wellhead Protection Committee - *Select Committee*

Chair: Mayor Stamer

Members: Chris Matthews, Jim Warman, David Thomson, Doug Borrill, Bob Payette



2023 Parks & Recreation Department Overview

Parks

Department Overview

The Parks Department is largely seasonal having up to three crew members during peak season. Obviously, much of their time is spent on the weekly mowing and maintenance of 30 acres of various grass covered parks and public spaces, but there are a variety of other activities tasked to the department. Some of those activities include: Spring start up and winterization of our parks irrigation systems, splashpad, concession and public washrooms. There's also various cemetery related duties, roadside vegetation management, maintenance of 64 flower beds and planters, maintenance of public washrooms, management of noxious weeds, upkeep of ball fields, community garden, bike park, skate park, multi-use court, playgrounds, bandshell, and wildfire monument. Outside of routine duties, the department also is involved in a number of projects every year. Some examples from 2023 include the installation of a shade structure at the Dog Park on Airfield Rd., dugouts were upgrades at all four ballparks, completion of the construction of a new warming hut on Airfield Rd., the relocation & restoration of the wildfire monument to Fadear Park, landscaping, memorial program installations, irrigation, splash pad maintenance, and planting numerous trees in the community.



New Warming Hut



Exercise Equipment



Splash Pad & Park View



Barriere Skate Park



Ballfields



Wildfire Monument

Wastewater Department Overview

The District of Barriere is responsible for three Wastewater Treatment Facilities:

1. The “Clary Developments Wastewater Treatment Facility” (Siska) which is a Small Wastewater System that treats approximately 5,000 litres/day of domestic wastewater to a Class “B” standard.
2. The “Barriere Acres Sewer System” (Riverwalk) which is a Class II Facility that produces on average just over 5,000 L of Class “A” effluent every day from domestic wastewater.
3. The “District of Barriere Downtown Wastewater System” (previously known as “SAWRC”) is our main downtown wastewater treatment plant and is a Class II Facility that currently processes around 110,000 litres/day of municipal wastewater.

The downtown facility performed relatively well in 2023 utilizing a conventional activated sludge treatment process. Effluent quality has been better and more consistent in contrast to what the Solar Aquatics system had produced in the past. However, the system still lacks true stability and requires a significant amount of labor to maintain good quality, effective, wastewater treatment. The District has been awarded grant funding that will enable the local government to upgrade the downtown facility to a reliable and sustainable standard. Construction of a new wastewater treatment facility is slated to commence in 2025.

Overall, 2023 was a positive year for wastewater. Each facility was able to achieve acceptable effluent quality results and are currently on track for another good year in 2024.

2023 – Wastewater Department



2023 Administrative Activities & Highlights

Council Highlights

- 22 Regular Council meetings were held
- 1 Special Council meeting was held
- 6 Committee meetings were held
- 3 Public Budget Discussion meetings were held
- 3 Public Hearings were conducted
- 0 Development Variance Permits (DVP) were submitted.
- 1 Board of Variance Applications (BOV's) were submitted.
- 1 Development Permit Application were submitted
- 4 Subdivision Applications were submitted
- 2 Rezoning Applications were submitted
- 11 Bylaws were passed
- 39 Bylaw complaint files were opened & responded to.

Plans and Grant Applications

The following list shows the status of studies/plans and grants that have been applied for in 2023:

Grants

Grants	Status
1. EMCR Indigenous Engagement	Successful
2. 2023 Canada Day	Complete
3. Housing Accelerator Fund	Unsuccessful
4. Next Generation 911	Successful
5. ParticipACTION Community	Successful
6. Flood Mapping Risk Assessment	In Process
7. CEPF Fire Dept Equip. & Training	Successful
8. REDIP-ED re: LCIP & Bulk Water	Unsuccessful
9. ICIP EQP - Downtown Sewer	Successful
10. BC Hydro ReGreening	Successful
11. ETSI - Business Development	Successful
12. Community Resiliency Fire Smart	In Process



Mayor Stamer presents long-term resident, Wim Houben, with a certificate commemorating his 70th Birthday



Fire Chief, Ashley Wohlgemuth and Deputy Fire Chief, Derek Ive, were presented 25 year Service Recognition certificates and awards from Mayor Stamer on behalf of Council and the BC Fire Fighters Association.

Long-Term Employees, Paul Amos, Ellen Monteith & Tasha Buchanan were all also awarded 15-year Service Recognition awards.



Water Utility

Monthly & Annual Water Usage

Month	2023 PW1	2023 DW2	2023 DW3	2022 PW1	2022 DW2	2022 DW3
January	455	11611	11350	119	25778	0
February	460	10665	10434	0	24210	0
March	435	12281	12458	0	24485	0
April	335	16512	17139	0	4590	18438
May	380	20342	23788	277	12587	13414
June	634	22296	36172	589	16839	15371
July	3369	19665	49066	2884	20632	32032
August	1498	22637	40969	2824	21351	32905
September	484	19751	2192	1778	16892	22022
October	263	12356	12398	2328	12334	12062
November	300	10821	10163	654	10182	10593
December	292	10711	10578	588	11654	12239

Total Annual Water Consumption 2023 = 435,260 m³

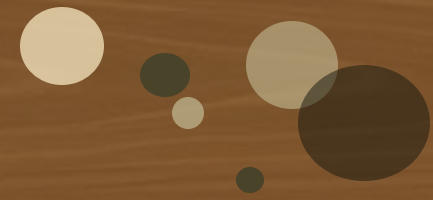
Barriere- Average Consumption per person, per day (pop.1,763) in 2023: 0.68 m³ / 179.6 US Gallons

**Clearwater Annual 2023 Water Consumption Total - 1,175,335 m³ (pop. 2,324)*

**Logan Lake Annual 2023 Water Consumption Total - 407,096 m³ (pop. 2,073)*

Building Inspection Department

Permit Statistics



Building Inspector, Gerald Allgaier, retires in October of 2023 after a dozen years of service.

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Barriere:				
Total Permits Issued	45	54	55	34
Construction Value	\$2,723,000	\$3,999,000	\$3,831,000	\$2,675,000
Clearwater:				
Total Permits Issued	37	40	20	19
Construction Value	\$2,850,000	\$12,893,500	\$4,075,000	\$1,724,548
Logan Lake:				
Total Permits Issued	21	13	15	11
Construction Value	\$4,479,000	\$2,564,700	\$2,605,000	\$2,721,000



Barriere welcomes new Building Inspector, Scott Abel, in October 2023. Scott also serves as a volunteer firefighter for Barriere Fire Rescue

Solid Waste and Recycling Collection

The District of Barriere is committed to our environment and is proud to have been the second community in the area to implement a curbside recycling program. We offer the following services and products to our community members:

- Weekly curbside solid waste removal
- Weekly curbside recycling pick-up
- Household battery recycling
- Household composters (\$25 to purchase at the TNRD Eco Depot - minus the 50% subsidy from the District of Barriere)



In April of 2013, the Thompson Nicola Regional District closed the Barriere Landfill, indefinitely, and opened the Louis Creek Eco Depot located on Agate Bay Road. Household refuse is collected curbside and brought to the facility with a tipping fee of \$90 per tonne. Residential recycling is also curbside through the District's contract with Recycle BC. Residents sort their recycling into two categories: "Paper & Boxboard Products" and "Container (Plastic & Tin) Products". Each category is collected on an alternating week basis from the clear recycling tote provided at no cost to each household in June of 2020. Additional totes can be purchased through the District, at cost, for \$17.99. In 2022, Council approved a compost incentive program by providing a 50% rebate on the cost of a TNRD composter. Residents of the District of Barriere can purchase a composter for ½ price at the District Office and show their receipt at the Eco Depot when collecting their composter. Corrugated cardboard became a "Mandatory Recyclable" item by the TNRD in March 2023. And is no longer accepted in residential garbage.

	2022	2023
Refuse	548 tonnes	529 tonnes
Recycling - Mixed Containers	8.08 tonnes	11.74 tonnes
Recycling - Paper/Boxboard	23.69 tonnes	21.33 tonnes
Recycling - Corrugated Cardboard	80.82 tonnes	78.20 tonnes



2023 Administrative Activities & Highlights

Climate Action Charter

Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emission Reduction

In 2007, the Provincial Government passed Bill 44- the *Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets Act*- thereby committing the Province to reduce GHG emissions by 33% below 2007 levels by the year 2020 and 80% below 2007 levels by the year 2050. In order to help achieve this commitment, the Province enacted the Local Government (*Green Communities*) *Statuses Amendment Act* ("Bill 27"). Under this legislation and Section 877(3) of the Local Government Act, Official Community Plans are now required to include targets for the reduction of GHG emissions as well as policies and actions to support the reduction targets.

As signatory to the BC Climate Action Charter, the District of Barriere has voluntarily agreed to develop strategies and take actions to achieve the following goals:

- being carbon neutral in respect of corporate operations by 2012
- measuring and reporting on the community's GHG emissions profile; and
- creating complete, compact, and more energy efficient community

Targets

The Province is providing each local government with a Community Energy & Emissions Inventory (CEEI) report to track and report annual community-wide energy consumption and GHG emissions. Reducing transportation emissions is a challenge in rural communities therefore additional Provincial and Federal Government policies, actions and initiatives will be needed to support the community-wide GHG reduction targets set by the District.

Recognizing the challenges of reducing GHG emissions in rural communities, the District of Barriere sets the following community-wide GHG reduction targets:

- **10% by 2020 from 2007 levels**
- **33% by 2050 from 2007 levels**

We look forward to working with our community members on these initiatives and hope that by our pledging to the Charter, our residents will be inspired to do their part for the environment as well.

Each year, we are required to audit and report our advancements towards this goal. The Provincial Government provides a rebate to each community involved in the amount of 100 per cent of the carbon costs incurred on fuel purchases. The District of Barriere received a Climate Action Revenue Incentive grant in the amount of \$1,656.00 for such purchases.

For more information on the Climate Action Charter, please visit www.cd.gov.bc.ca

2023 - Community Events

Community Events



Halloween Fireworks
Courtesy of
Barriere Fire
Rescue



1st Annual Winterfest!
Ice/Road Hockey
Tournament



ParticipACTION



Canada Day



Wildfire Monument Relocation Ribbon Cutting



After the formation of the District of Barriere Recreation Committee at the beginning of the year, Committee members hit the ground running (both figuratively and literally!) with supporting both new and existing events and recreation programming.

Starting off the year was Barriere's annual "Family Fun Night". This popular event is hosted every year the Sunday night before BC's Family Day in February. The fundraiser component of Family Fun Night raises money for NTACS's After School Program.

Barriere's modest, annual Canada Day Celebration event returned with music, hot dogs, games, cupcakes, and prizes. Bandshell Fridays returned this year with six scheduled evenings in the summer month.

The Rec Committee entered Barriere into ParticipACTION's Community Better Challenge in July. With community dance parties, walking challenges, yoga and more, Barriere took home the title as Canada's Most Active Community and was awarded \$15,000 for this success.

People near & far were once again welcomed by the North Thompson Fall Fair & Rodeo for its annual September Long Weekend event. Livestock and craft exhibits, music, artisans, food trucks, games and of course, the rodeo, filled Barriere with its usual excitement and fanfare.

Other events such as the Father's Day Fishing Derby, Barriere Blooms Contest, Terry Fox Run, Alzheimer's Walk for Memories, Worldwide Paint-out, & more all resumed their annual event & programming.

Department Overview

Once again, this year was an extremely busy year for the water department that consists of three full-time staff.

In addition to the standard, daily water sample testing that takes an average of 1.5hrs to complete, 52 water samples were sent to an accredited laboratory for Interior Health testing; all coming back in full compliance.

Staff continue to perform watermain flushing annually to prevent any buildup in our supply lines.

Generators were installed at both our Community and Louis Creek water systems providing backup power in case of an outage.

Water conservation remains a priority for the District of Barriere and to encourage this goal, changes to the fee structure were initiated in 2021.

Finding and repairing leaks in the community system remains an ongoing priority to the water department. A number of repairs were successfully made in 2023.



Louis Creek Reservoir



Community Water Backup Generator



LCIP Water System



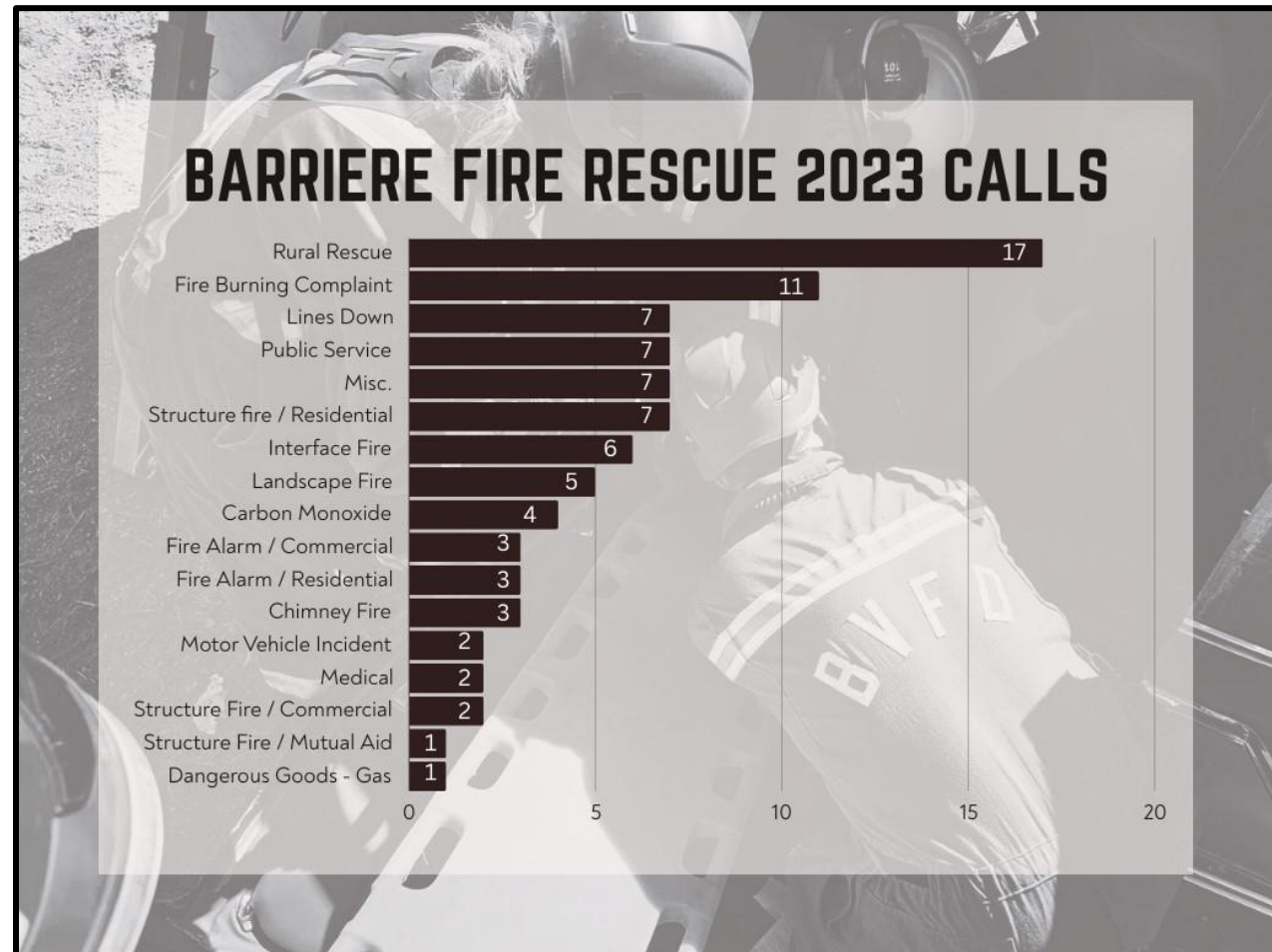
2023 - Barriere Volunteer Fire Rescue

The Fire Department consists of a Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, Assistant Deputy Chief, Captains, Safety Officer, Training Officer and approximately eighteen (18) firefighters. Ashley Wohlgemuth is the District of Barriere's Fire Chief and Derek Ive is her Deputy Fire Chief.

The Department is dedicated to offering the best equipment and training for the firefighters to ensure the safety of our residents and properties. The Department also provides Highway Rescue Service.

The services area of the Fire Department includes a portion of the TNRD Electoral Area O. The Electoral Area pays approximately 35% of the Fire Department's operating costs.

In 2023, the Barriere Fire Rescue provided aid under BC Wildfire to six Interface Fires. Two of the wildfires Barriere assisted with, along with the Chu Chua Fire Department, we close to home: one in Louis Creek and the other near Dunn Lake.



Barriere Volunteer Fire Department Overview

Unlike in 2022 which provided some reprieve in wildfire activity, 2023 once again showed no mercy in the way of any weather reprieve, producing extremely dry conditions.

The Department also services the North Thompson fire area in regards to Roads Rescue, rope rescue and livestock rescue assistance. For Roads Rescue incident calls dispatched to the department from outside of Barriere's jurisdictional boundary, the Province provides the Department with financial compensation. Some 2023 Highlights include:

- Purchased a new pump for the Bush Truck and re-configured the compartments to allow for more space for forestry equipment.
- Assisted Chu Chua Fire Department and BCWS with a prescribed burn
- 4 Members attended the annual Spring Training Seminar in Oliver
- Practiced High-Angle Rescue
- Attended Forestry deployments through the Interagency Agreement with BC Wildfire Service throughout the summer of 2023
- Monitoring of Wildfire in Louis Creek
- Local Carpenter, (Ben Hovenkamp), donated time to help BFR turn a c-can into a functional training space with confined space tunnel, trap stairs and partial second floor
- Hosted 2 Open Houses and Recruitment drives
- Fire Prevention Week: Attended Strong Start Program for Fire Safety, Public Education on Safe Cooking practices, Fire Extinguisher Training
- BFR activated Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) for multiple calls in 2023 due to the severity of the calls.



Barriere Fire Rescue

2023 Purchases:

- 1 new bladder
- 1 new back-up pump for Bush Truck
- Smoke machine (for training)
- 2 sets of turn out gear
- 2 SCBA cylinders
- 10 pairs of FF gloves
- 8 helmets
- 2 pairs of boots
- 10 balaclavas
- Hose Tester

2023 Practices/Training:

- Live Animal Extrication (Refresher) with local farmer
- Auto Extrication (With Barriere Towing)
- NFPA 1001 - Testing and Practical's
- OFA Level 1 w/ Transportation
- Low/Steep Angle Rope Training
- Swift Water Awareness
- Basic and Advance Firefighter skills
- Emergency Vehicle Operations

Goals & Highlights

RECREATION

2023 Goals:

Item	Status
1. Rehab areas to regain mowable status	Ongoing
2. Complete River Source Irrigation System for Parks	On hold
3. Community Events at Bandshell	Ongoing
4. Construct Multi-Use Court Washroom & Warming Hut	Complete
5. Reduce reliance on sub-contractors with equipment purchases	Ongoing
6. Continue to develop downtown trail network	In planning stage
7. Complete Wildfire Monument relocation & refurbishment	Complete
8. Promote increase of rec & fitness programming for all ages	In process
9. Complete Rental Policy Draft	In process
10. Establish Rec Committee	Complete

Goals & Highlights



RECREATION 2024 Goals:

Item

1. Rehab areas to regain mowable status
2. Reduce reliance on sub-contractors with equipment purchases
3. Create & Enhance Community Events at Bandshell
4. Repair and enhance Multi-Use Court surface
5. Replace old non-functioning sprinklers in Parks
6. Seek funding for Parks & Trail Master Planning
7. Continue to develop downtown trail network
8. Promote increase of rec & fitness programming for all ages
9. Complete Rental Policy Draft

Status

- Ongoing
- Ongoing
- Ongoing
- Complete
- In process
- Ongoing
- In planning stage
- In process
- In process



Goals & Highlights

INFRASTRUCTURE

2023 Goals:

Item	Status
1. Complete Wastewater System - Downtown Core	Funding dependent
2. Construct water & sewer upgrades south end of Barriere Town Road	Funding dependent
3. Downtown Core Revitalization Plan	Complete
4. Continue to develop Deep Well #3 on Spruce Cres.	Complete
5. Continue to Develop Louis Creek Water System including new reservoir	In process
6. Continue to develop Asset Management Plan	Funding dependent
7. Develop Wastewater Feasibility Plan	In process
8. Increase security with construction of municipal vehicle compound	Complete
9. Install backup power for water & wastewater systems	Complete
10. Plan for additional water source as community grows	Ongoing
11. Complete CCTV inspection of sanitary mains	Complete

Goals & Highlights



INFRASTRUCTURE

2024 Goals:

Item	Status	Comments
1. Complete Wastewater System - Downtown Core	Funding Approved	Planning in progress
2. Construct water & sewer upgrades south end of Barriere Town Road	Funding dependent	Scope and all alternatives considered
3. Install security fencing around critical water infrastructure locations	Budgeted	In progress
4. Plan for Bulk Water Station at LCIP	Funding Dependent	Grant approved for planning w/TNRD
5. Continue to Develop Louis Creek Water System including new reservoir	In progress	Reservoir portion of project complete
6. Continue to develop Asset Management Plan	Funding dependent	
7. Develop Wastewater Feasibility Plan	In process	
8. Plan for additional water source as community grows	Ongoing	

Goals & Highlights

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & DIVERSIFICATION

2023 Goals:

Item	Status
1. Begin conversion plans of old HY Louie building to downtown business hub including leasable space.	Funding Approved
2. Promote tourism through the Lower North Thompson Tourism Society	Ongoing
3. Work with the Barriere and District Chamber of Commerce to retain existing businesses and to attract new businesses	Ongoing
4. Support numerous types of housing developments to help address the shortage for workers in the area	Ongoing
5. Engage & collaborate with Simpcw First Nation on mutually benefiting economic projects	In process

2024 Goals:

Item	Status	Comments
1. Complete conversion of old HY Louie building to downtown business hub including leasable space.	Funding Approved	Barriere Business Centre "BBC" Complete
2. Promote tourism through the Lower North Thompson Tourism Society	Ongoing	Sub-Regional contract in place
3. Work with the Barriere and District Chamber of Commerce to retain existing businesses and to attract new businesses	Ongoing	Contracted to manage BBC Building
4. Support numerous types of housing developments to help address the shortage for workers in the area	Complete	Zoning Updates to adhere to new Prov. Regs
5. Engage & collaborate with Simpcw First Nation on mutually benefiting economic projects	Ongoing	MOU in final draft

2023 Highlights- Economic Development & Diversification:

- Over 118 Business Licences were approved in 2023

Goals & Highlights

LIVABILITY

2023 Goals:

Item	Status
1. Support Healthy Living for All Ages	Ongoing
2. Become a green community	Ongoing
3. Community Cleanup & Beautification	Ongoing
4. Research alternative collection options to prepare for future Recycling Legislation Changes	In process
5. Explore Affordable Housing Funding Opportunities	In process
6. Continue to work with North Thompson Activity Centre and other non-profits that provide healthy programming	In process
7. Increase engagement with Simpcw First Nation to enhance trail & other recreation opportunities in the Valley	In progress

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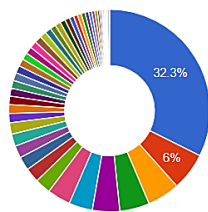
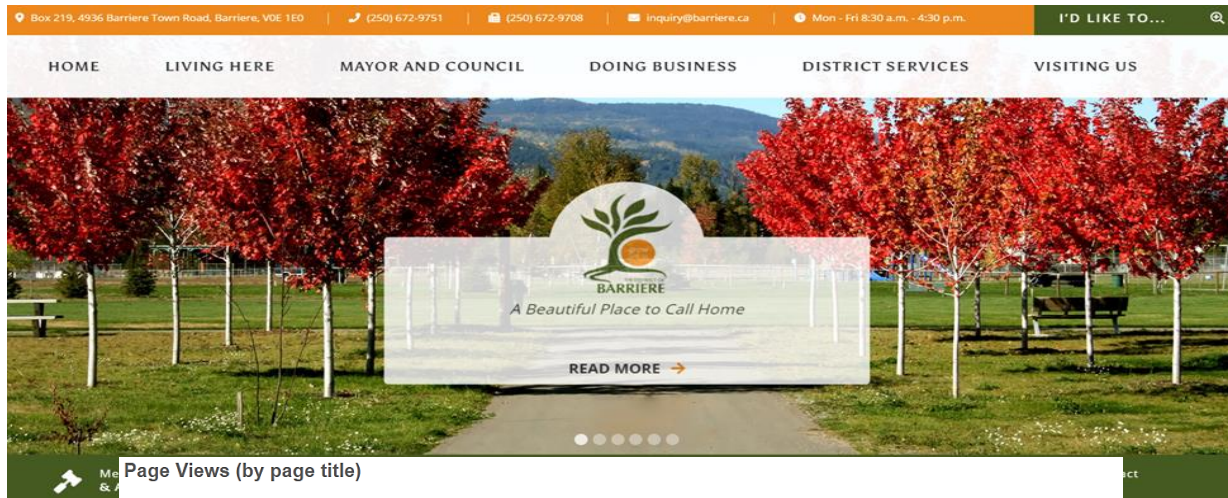
GOOD GOVERNMENT / COMMUNICATION

2023 Goals:

Item	Status
1. Work toward effective and ongoing communications with business community government & social groups	Ongoing
2. Apply for all grants that will add value to the community	Ongoing
3. Continue review and revision of old bylaws	Ongoing
4. Explore options to further engage and communicate with the public	Council Meetings are live streamed for hybrid participation
5. Send weekly "Community Calendar" Emails	Complete

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3. Continue review and revision of old bylaws and policies	Ongoing and in process
4. Explore options to further engage and communicate with the public	Ongoing
5. Develop Communication Policy	Complete



- District of Barriere - Home
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- District of Barriere - Community Notices
- District of Barriere - Garbage Pickup and Landfill Schedules
- District of Barriere - Community Events
- District of Barriere - Welcome to Barriere
- District of Barriere - Mayor and Council

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FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

2023 Goals:

Item	Status
1. Review the current taxation policy	Ongoing
2. Council, through staff, will seek out new revenue opportunities which include grant opportunities	Ongoing
3. Explore Alternative Revenue Sources	Ongoing
4. Asset Management Planning	Ongoing
5. Review User Fees to ensure sustainability & fairness	Ongoing
6. Explore ways to reduce paper footprint	Ongoing

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1. Review the current taxation policy	Ongoing
2. Council, through staff, will seek out new revenue which includes grant opportunities	Ongoing
3. Explore Alternative Revenue Sources	Ongoing
4. Asset Management Planning	Ongoing
5. Review User Fees to ensure sustainability & fairness	Ongoing
6. Explore ways to further reduce paper footprint	Ongoing
7. Work towards cost recovery of service through fee assessments	In process



Goals & Highlights

BUDGET PROCESS / TAX

2023 Goals:

Item	Status
1. Continue a financial planning process that reflects sound fiscal management and works toward lessening the portion of taxes paid by residential properties.	Ongoing
2. Council will increase public knowledge on assessments and taxation	Ongoing
3. Explore additional ways to further engage the public	Ongoing

2024 Goals:

Item	Status
1. Continue to refine financial planning process that reflects sound fiscal management and works toward lessening the portion of taxes paid by residential properties.	Ongoing
2. Council will increase public knowledge on assessments and taxation	Ongoing
3. Explore additional ways to further engage the public	Ongoing

2023 Highlights- Budget Process/ Tax

A number of Public Meetings provided citizens with an opportunity to comment on the District of Barriere's annual budget.

The option to pay utility and tax bills via e-transfer now offered.

Permissive Tax Exemptions

District of Barriere
Section 224 (2)(a) Community Charter
Tax Exemption Bylaw No.222

Societies / Non Profit	2022	2023
Barriere & District Heritage Society Assessed under Roll No. 1245.667	\$1,173.72	\$819.30
Barriere & District Senior's Society Assessed under Roll No. 1245.408	\$1,188.56	\$1,921.96
Barriere & District Food Bank Assessed under Roll No. 1470.362	\$2,142.73	\$1,405.18
Provincial Rental Housing Corp Yellowhead Residence Assessed under Roll No. 1390.370	\$1744.44	\$2,887.01
North Thompson Fall Fair Assessed under Roll No. 1465.058	\$2,702.33	\$1,870.86
North Thompson Fall Fair Assessed under Roll No. 1465.080	\$23,550.08	\$1,010.34
North Thompson Fall Fair Assessed under Roll No. 1465.200	\$1,348.80	\$10,772.45
Barriere Curling Club Assessed under Roll No. 1465.200	\$21,857.54	\$9,440.26
Interior Community Services Assessed under Roll No. 1245.420	\$2,074.73	\$3,617.47
North Thompson Legion #242 Assessed under Roll No. 1270.085	\$1,060.35	\$1,701.31
Lower North Thompson Community Forest Society under Roll No. 1470.007	\$4,103.71	\$2,749.97

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District of Barriere
Section 220 (1)(h) Community Charter
Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 221

Churches	2022	2023
Trustee of the Barriere BC Congregation Jehovah's Witness Assessed under Roll No. 1225.248	\$1,218.58	\$1,329.11
Roman Catholic Bishop of Kamloops Assessed under Roll No. 1470.430 (church)	\$769.91	\$1,557.89
United Church Assessed under Roll No. 1245.386	\$793.03	\$1,395.31
Baptist Church Assessed under Roll No. 1390.060	\$496.86	\$828.59
Pentecostal Church Assessed under Roll No. 1470.514	\$653.13	\$2,823.72
TOTAL 2023 PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTIONS		\$ 46,130.73