

District of Barriere

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: September 21, 2026	Agenda Item:
To: Council	From: Department Heads
Re: Departmental Updates	

CORPORATE:

Development:

Development Activity			
Construction Activity:	August	2026 YTD	2025
Total Building Permit Applications:	0	13	21
Total Construction Value:	\$0	\$1,755,065	\$3,291,020
Total Building Permits Finalized:	1	6	15 (since June)
Total Construction Value Finalized:	\$12,740.00	\$1,128,046.63	\$989,500

- Processed 10 Building Information Requests (BIRs)

Agreements:

- Memorial Wall Donation Agreement with Derek Stamer & Family signed.

Bylaw Enforcement:

- Five (5) bylaw enforcement files were acted on in August.

2026 Local General Election (October 17, 2026 – General Voting Day):

- General Local Election information for Barriere is live on a dedicated “2026 General Local Election” page within the District’s website: www.barriere.ca. A direct link can be found either within the green ribbon at the bottom of the home page, or under the ‘Mayor & Council’ tab. This information is helpful for both the general public as well as prospective candidates. A general timeline of important dates is attached.
- The **Declaration of Election by Voting** was made today (Sept. 21). Mayor Kerslake is acclaimed, and there are seven (7) candidates running to fill six (6) Councillor seats.
- Two Advanced Voting Days are scheduled: Saturday, **October 3** and Wednesday, **October 7**. General Election Day is **October 17, 2026**. All voting opportunities are held between the hours of 8:00am and 8:00pm at “the Ridge” – 4936 Barriere Town Rd. Barriere, BC.



Governance:

- Employee Recognition Policy - In development
- 2025 Annual Report – On Agenda for acceptance
- Memorial Wall Plaque Policy – In development

Recreation / Events:

- Staff entered the Fall Fair Best Decorated Business Contest and received Honourable Mention!
- The Recreation Committee entered the Fall Fair Parade with a “Mobile Block Party” float and won first place in the Group/Organization category!
- The next Rec Meeting is scheduled for Monday September 28th at 3:00pm.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Operations:

Public Works			
	August	2026 YTD	2025
Potholes Filled:	12	120	195
Pavement Repairs: square feet	0	2600	17499
Burials:	0	1	0
Cremations:	0	2	4
Deceased Animal Recovery:	1	4	4
After Hours Call Outs:	0	0	4
Water Distribution			
	August	2026 YTD	2025
New Construction Service Connections:	2	2	5
Water Service On/Off Requests:	5	35	34
Interior Health Water Quality Tests:	12	102	148
Water Usage: m3	59601	324920	448356
Waterline Repairs:	0	4	7
After Hours Call Outs:	1	8	16
Wastewater Collection & Treatment			
	August	2026 YTD	2025
New Construction Service Connections:	0	0	6
Ministry of Environment Wastewater Tests:	7	60	84
After Hours Call Outs:	0	0	0
General			
	August	2026 YTD	2025
BC One Calls Supported:	5	35	42
Events Supported:	0	4	17

- Picked up 2005 F450 dump truck with plow and sander. All winter snow removal equipment has now been purchased.



- Recently signed contract for geomatics to be installed on majority of District vehicles.
- Purchased set of forks for Backhoe.
- Stage 1 watering conservation came into effect August 21st.
- Minor sediment issue with DW3. Well was shut off for a week while staff flushed and tested. It was brought back online September 4th at a lower output. Water consumption has substantially declined due to change in weather.
- Crack sealing on Oriole Way west and Barkley was completed.
- Preparation is underway for sand storage shed and purchase of sand/salt.
- New staff member for the Public Works Labourer 2 position started September 14th
- Construction of new WWTP commenced.



EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Fire Department			
	August	2026 YTD	2025
Fire	4	16	23
Rescue / Motor Vehicle Incidents	2	23	15
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	1	6	4
Service Call / Public Assist	0	15	23
Fire Burning Complaint / Fire Investigation / Fire alarm	4	22	36
False Alarm		0	20
Total Calls		82	121
Public Education & Events	4	28	18
FireSmart Assessments	4	25	17
Fire Prevention / Fire Inspections	0	28	4





Fire Department:

- Barriere Fire Rescue came back from supporting the Big Bar Complex – a huge thank-you to Clearwater Fire Department who lent us a member to keep the truck out – a great example of neighbours helping neighbours and furthering our interagency cooperation and capabilities.
- Tender 2 has a new leak in the pump that is getting serviced.
- Barriere Fire Rescue will be hosting an open house on October 8th for Fire Prevention Week. This year's messaging:
 - Charge Into Fire Safety™. Safe Charging Is a Superpower™ focuses on the everyday charging habits that can help reduce the risk of lithium-ion battery fires and keep homes and communities safer.
- Volunteers have four-day training coming up in September and October – Hazmat Awareness and Operations. This is partially funded under the Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training Grant through UBCM.
- The Barriere Firefighters Association is hosting its Annual Pig Roast (with a dance this year) on November 7th at the Fall Fair Hall – Tickets go on sale soon!

FireSmart:

- The FireSmart Natural Landscape show case is almost complete
- FireSmart has worked alongside park and district staff to set up priorities for upcoming fall and winter priorities
 - These include mitigation around critical infrastructure, around parks and future events.

Weather/Other:

- Predictions of a strong El Nino event that may contribute to warmer temperatures and lower snowpack.
- A very strong El Nino does not necessarily mean severe impacts will occur – it should be interpreted as an 'early warning' of potential conditions.

FINANCE:

Financial Services			
	August	2026 YTD	2025
Cash Collected:	\$351,475	\$4,367,226	\$4,963,536
Cash Disbursed:	\$369,599	\$4,337,475	\$5,861,273
	August	2026 YTD	Project Total
ICIP Wastewater Treatment Grant Funds Received:	\$0	\$62,485	\$341,465
	Current (2026)	Arrears (2025)	Delinquent (2024)
Outstanding Property Tax Amounts:	\$196,748	\$106,227	\$65,546
Total Taxes Outstanding:	\$368,521		

- A Community Works Fund disbursement of \$143,778 arrived in August and is included in the above cash collected results. This payment was for 2025; we are still expecting another payment for 2026.
- The Fire Department was heavily deployed to assist with wildfire efforts throughout August. Team wages and expenses have been paid, while provincial reimbursement is being received in installments. Most related revenue is expected to appear in next month's cash received results.
- No funding was received for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project in August. Claims are taking considerably longer to process, putting pressure on our cashflow.
- The municipal tax sale scheduled for Monday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m. has been cancelled because all affected properties have paid their 2024 delinquent balances. Finance is continuing to develop strategies to contact residents with overdue accounts.

2026 Local General Election Calendar – Important Dates



Date	Event	Legislation
Jan. 1, 2026	Election Period Begins	LECFA 10
Mar. 10, 2026	Last day to meet 6-month BC residency requirement for candidates seeking nomination	LGA 81(1)(c)
Aug. 10, 2026	Nomination Packages Available	Administrative
Sept. 1, 2026	Nomination Period Begins at 9:00 a.m.	LGA 84(1)
Sept. 11, 2026	Nomination Period Closes at 4:00 p.m. – All candidates who have submitted nominations are officially declared	LGA 84(1), 97(1)
Sept. 15, 2026	Challenge period for candidate nominations ends at 4:00 p.m.	LGA 91(2)
Sept. 18, 2026	Withdrawal of Candidate Deadline at 4:00 p.m.	LGA 98
Sept. 19, 2026	Campaign Period Begins	LECFA
Sept. 21, 2026	Chief Election Officer declares Election by Voting (or Acclamation) at 4:00 p.m.	LGA 98(2)
Oct. 3, 2026	Additional Advance Voting Opportunity (8 a.m. - 8 p.m.)	Election Bylaw
Oct. 7, 2026	Required Advance Voting Opportunity (8 a.m. - 8 p.m.)	LGA 107(1)
OCT. 17, 2026	GENERAL VOTING DAY (8 a.m. - 8 p.m.)	LGA 54
Oct. 17, 2026	CEO Announcement of Preliminary Election Results	LGA 144(1)
Oct. 21, 2026	Deadline for CEO Declaration of Official Election Results before 4:00 p.m.	LGA 146(1)
Nov. 9, 2026	Inaugural Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. - Ridge Gym	LGA / CC
Jan. 15, 2027	Campaign Financing Disclosure Statements Due	LECFA 47
Feb. 16, 2027	Late Filing Deadline (with \$500 fee due to Elections BC)	LECFA 47

- *Successful Candidates must be available for newly Elected Official training sessions (usually 2 sessions). Exact dates will be provided to all candidates soon after September 18th and confirmed to all successful candidates following the election. These dates typically are scheduled during the last week of October or first week of November prior to the Inaugural Meeting.*

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