

**DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on Monday, March 10, 2025 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: Acting Mayor Scott Kershaw
 Councillor Judy Armstrong
 Councillor Donna Kibble
 Councillor Louise Lodge
 Councillor Colin McInnis

Staff: Daniel Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager
 Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer Alexis Hovenkamp, Fire Chief

Acting Mayor Kershaw called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Kibble
That Council approve the March 10, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Moved by Councillor Kibble
Seconded by Acting Mayor Kershaw
That Council adopt the minutes of the February 24, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS – none scheduled

4. BYLAWS and POLICIES – none scheduled

5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Trails Society Stewardship Agreement – D. Drexler, CAO

**Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
THAT Council approve the draft agreement as presented and direct Staff to execute a
3-year term with the Barriere Trails Society.**

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- b. Department Updates – Department Heads

**submitted for information*

An overview of the written report was provided to Council.

- c. Fire Department Bush Truck Purchase Proposal – A. Hovenkamp, Fire Chief

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Kibble

That Council permit both the Mayor Elect and Councillor Elect in the room to speak on the Fire Department Bush Truck Purchase Proposal.

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The Fire Chief provided an overview of the proposed purchase, noting that the Bush Truck is the most widely used Fire Vehicle in service which also has the potential to generate revenue for the Department through BC Wildfire Mutual Aid.

General agreement on the purchase of the Bush Truck was voiced. Discussion mainly centered on the best option to fund the purchase; whether the entire amount be funded through a MFA loan, funded entirely by utilizing the Fire Reserve Fund or a combination of both.

Mayor-Elect Kerslake noted that he believes that the purchase is a necessity but understands that the decision of how to fund it is another matter.

Councillor-Elect Mosdell noted that he is also in agreement with the purchase.

Moved by Councillor

Seconded by Councillor

THAT Council instructs Staff to expedite the purchasing of a suitable Bush Truck in the amount not to exceed \$400,000 to be funded via 50% MFA loan & 50% Fire Reserve, AND THAT the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to complete the procurement even if it requires sole sourcing of the item; AND THAT the expense be included in the 2025-2029 Financial Plan.

CARRIED

- d. 2024 Year-End Summary – D. Drexler, CAO

The CAO provided an overview of the written report.

6. **PROCLAMATIONS** – *none scheduled*

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. For Information

- b. For Action - *none submitted*

8. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal update on the following:
 - Attended the LNTCFS Open House
 - Attended Bill Kershaw's Recognition Event at the Chamber of Commerce
 - Participated in a North Thompson Community Foundation Meeting
 - Participated as a Judge at a recent 4-H Event
 - Will be attending the RNTFC forestry Meeting in Clearwater this week.
- b. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal update on the following:
 - Attended the Mad Hatter Tea Party Fundraiser hosted by Margaret Houben. Funds raised go toward the Barriere Girl Guides.
- c. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal update on the following:
 - Attended Bill Kershaw's Recognition Event at the Chamber of Commerce.

9. ACTING MAYOR'S REPORT

The Acting Mayor provided a verbal update on following:

- Attended Bill Kershaw's Recognition Event at the Chamber of Commerce.

10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

- a. Wim Houben: The Mad Hatter Tea Party raised over \$500 for the Girl Guides. Next year's theme will be Pippy Longstocking.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION – *none presented.*

12. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor McInnis

That pursuant to Sections 90(1)(f) of the Community Charter, that the public interest requires that persons other than Council Members and required staff be excluded from the meeting and that Council continues the meeting in closed session to discuss confidential matters at 6:55p.m.

CARRIED

13. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING – *the meeting reconvened into open session at 7:30p.m.*

14. NEXT MEETING - Regular Council Meeting, Monday, March 24, 2025 @ 5:30pm

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor McInnis that the meeting adjourn at 7:30p.m.

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Acting Mayor Scott Kershaw

Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer