

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, September 21, 2026 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers at Municipal Hall
4936 Barriere Town Road, Barriere, B.C.

*"We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples of Simpcw First Nation
within whose traditional lands we are meeting today."*

Present:	Mayor Rob Kerslake Councillor Judy Armstrong Councillor Louise Lodge - <i>via Zoom</i> Councillor Brody Mosdell	Councillor Donna Kibble Councillor Colin McInnis - <i>absent</i> Councillor Scott Kershaw
Staff:	Daniel Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer Kathy Abel, Chief Financial Officer Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager	Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer Jamie Mosdell, Deputy Corporate Officer Alexis Hovenkamp, Fire Chief

Mayor Kerslake called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Mosdell
That Council approve the September 21, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Moved by Councillor Kershaw
Seconded by Councillor Mosdell
That Council adopt the minutes of the August 31, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – *none scheduled*.

4. STAFF REPORTS

- a. 2025 Annual Report – J. Mosdell, DCO

Moved by Councillor Mosdell
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
THAT Council approve the 2025 Annual Report as presented.

CARRIED

- b. Accessibility Plan 2026-2029 – T. Buchanan, CO
**submitted for information*

Council was provided an overview of the requirements of the Accessibility Act of BC with the report outlining how the District is meeting those requirements. An Accessibility Committee has been formed and a plan was presented to Council. The plan will be made available on the District's website for public review.

- c. Department Updates – Department Heads
**submitted for information*

An overview of the written report was provided to Council. It was noted that KPMG reports that the 2025 audit should be ready for Council review at the October 26th Council Meeting.

5. **BYLAWS and POLICIES**

- a. DRAFT Revenue Anticipation Bylaw No. 281 – K. Abel, CFO

Moved by Councillor Kershaw

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

THAT Council give 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings to Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 281.

CARRIED

- b. DRAFT Revenue Anticipation Bylaw No. 282 – K. Abel, CFO

Moved by Mayor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor Kershaw

THAT Council give 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings to Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 282.

CARRIED

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. For Information
- b. For Action - *none submitted*

7. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

- a. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal update on the following:
- Along with Councillor Kibble, Area O Director Jill Hayward, Acclaimed SD73 Chair Bronwen Bird and candidate Steve Boylan, hosted a public meet & greet at the Senior's Centre.
- b. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal update on the following:
- Along with Councillor Armstrong, Area O Director Jill Hayward, Acclaimed SD73 Chair Bronwen Bird and candidate Steve Boylan, hosted a public meet & greet at the Senior's Centre.
- c. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal update on the following:
- Met informally with the Men's Shed.
 - The North Thompson Communities Foundation October 24, 2026 Sip & Support event tickets are on sale.
 - Assisted with the Rec Committee's parade float at the Fall Fair which won 1st place.
- d. Councillor Mosdell provided a verbal update on the following:
- Assisted with the Rec Committee's Fall Fair parade float.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a review of a written report summarized as follows:

- Attended the 2026 UBCM Convention, including meetings with provincial ministries, UBCM representatives and other stakeholders.
- The District's resolution advocating for a new municipal revenue-sharing model based on a share of PST and GST received full endorsement at UBCM.
- Met with UBCM grant staff regarding the District's grant application approach; staff indicated the District's applications are being prepared well, with limited available funding being the primary challenge.
- Met with the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General regarding policing concerns in Barriere and the North Thompson; provincial feedback is expected this fall.
- Met with the Ministry of Children and Family Development regarding preservation of the existing children and youth with support needs service model delivered locally by YCS.
- Discussed the Leonie Creek Dam and potential funding opportunities with the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, as well as future water and wastewater servicing to the west side of Barriere and assistance with associated permitting.
- Mayor Kerslake and CAO Drexler held separate discussions with Trans Mountain representatives regarding potential community legacy projects, specifically the District's need for a new Fire Hall; no commitments were made.
- Met with a CN representative regarding the outstanding invoice and signed release required to close the long-standing CN file; remaining paperwork is expected shortly.
- Attended a session regarding mental health and pressures faced by elected officials; UBCM is developing a mental-health resource toolbox expected to be released following the local government election.
- Joint advocacy with Simpcw First Nation, TNRD Area O and the District of Clearwater was noted as an effective approach for presenting regional issues to provincial ministries.

9. **PUBLIC INQUIRIES** – *none presented.*

10. **NOTICE OF MOTION** – *none presented.*

11. **CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Mayor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor Kibble

THAT pursuant to Sections 90(1)(e)(i)(k) 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 6:12p.m.

CARRIED

12. **RECONVENE OPEN MEETING** – *the meeting reconvened into open session at 7:40p.m.*

13. **NEXT MEETING** – *October 5, 2026 @ 5:30pm*

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Armstrong that the meeting adjourn at 7:40p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Rob Kerslake

Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer