

District of Barriere

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: January 12, 2026	Agenda Item: 4a
To: Council	From: Department Heads
Re: Departmental Updates	

CORPORATE OFFICER:

- Reminder of Council's meeting with Minister of State Anderson on Sunday, January 18th at 2:55pm in Council Chambers.
- MOU Committee Meetings – As per the MOU, Committee Meetings are to be held quarterly:
 - February
 - May
 - August
 - November

Simpcw has suggested a next meeting date of Friday, February 27th at 1pm.

- The 2026 Community to Community Forum (C2C) is scheduled in Valemount on Wednesday, April 8th. Time and agenda details will be finalized early in the spring.
- Completed a two day EOC course last week.

DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER:

- Attended a meeting with the Corporate Officer, Chamber, Simpcw and TRUE Consulting regarding the Wayfinding project.
- In the process with Beem Credit Union to open the Recreation Working Group's Independent Bank Account.
- Family Fun Night planning has begun, and the event will be held as normal here at the Ridge on Sunday, February 15th from 5:30pm – 9:00pm. We are currently looking for Silent Auction items if Council has anything they would like to donate.
- Attended a meeting with the CAO, Corporate Officer and the Public Works Manager, along with Simpcw and TRUE Consulting regarding the Simpcw and District of Barriere Community Open House, scheduled for Tuesday, January 27th from 4:00pm – 8:00pm in the Ridge Gym. This is a drop in event where residents can learn more about current projects and partnerships happening in the community. Poster attached in Info Package.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER:

Operations			
Public Works			
	December	2025 YTD	2024
Potholes Filled	25	195	130
Pavement Repairs	0	17499	17657
Burials	0	0	1
Cremations	0	4	7
Deceased Animal Recovery	1	4	4
After Hours Call Outs	1	4	n/a

Water Distribution			
	December	2025 YTD	2024
New Construction Service Connections	0	5	4
Water Service On/Off Request	4	34	33
Interior Health Water Quality Tests	12	148	156
Water Usage	23644	448356	441825
Waterline Repairs	0	7	6
After Hours Call Outs	1	16	15
Wastewater Collection & Treatment			
	December	2025 YTD	2024
New Construction Service Connections	0	6	5
Ministry of Environment Wastewater Tests	7	84	84
After Hours Call Outs	0	0	0
General			
	December	2025 YTD	2024
BC One Calls Supported	1	42	31
Events Supported	1	17	16

- The ice rink at the Multi-Purpose Court opened during Christmas break.
- No major park or infrastructure issues occurred over the holiday break.
- DW3 is operating at 36 L/sec (570 gpm) - increase of 1 L/sec since mid December
- Participated in a two day EOC course last week.

FIRE CHIEF:

Fire Department			
Calls	December	2025 YTD	2024
Fire	1	23	44
Rescue / Motor Vehicle Incidents	1	15	9
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	0	4	1
Service Call / Public Assist	1	23	18
Fire Burning Complaint / Fire Investigation / Fire alarm	0	36	18
False Alarm	2	20	11
Total	5	121	101

Public Education & Events	1	18	2
FireSmart Assessments	0	17	2
Fire Prevention / Fire Inspections	0	4	0

Fire Department Updates:

- Two-Day EOC Training with District staff, BCEHS, SAR and FR

Yearly Awards:

- Officer of the Year - Ronja Baggio
- Rookie of the Year - Dawn Fox
- Firefighter of the Year - Taylor Carman
- Most Improved- Mallakai Saunders
- Rock On - Mallakai Saunders
- Best Attendance - Scott Abel
- Gremlin- Alexis Hovenkamp
- FireSmart Award- Ronja Baggio

FireSmart Funding:

- Funding was approved for \$400,000 over a period of two years.

Weather:

- No unusual or extreme out of season weather expected at this time.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:

Financial Services			
	December	2025 YTD	2024
Cash Collected	\$ 97,874	\$ 4,963,536	\$ 4,613,799
Cash Disbursed	\$ 681,213	\$ 5,861,273	\$ 5,507,994
ICIP Wastewater Treatment Grant Funds Received	\$27,038	\$ 278,980	

- Utility to tax transfers completed, quarterly 4 utility billing completed.
- Year end auditor entries completed. Working on implementing audit findings as we prepare for 2025 audit.
- Successfully transitioned to new benefits provider.
- MIABC identified an alternative option that was significantly more cost effective for Council Travel Accidental Death and Dismemberment (applicable to members of Council while acting on District business), when the policy came up for renewal for the end of December. As time was of the essence and at the recommendation of MIABC, the policy was moved to VFIS. This has resulted in an annual policy savings of approx. \$600.

(A summary table comparing both of the policies is included on the following page)

TRAVEL ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT	iA Policy- Class 1	VFIS/AIG-Class I
Aggregate	\$250,000	\$2,500,000
Principal Sum	\$250,000	\$250,000
Paralysis	As per wording	\$500,000
Permanent Total Disability	As per wording	N/A
Weekly Income - Total Disability	\$500	750/wk
Weekly Income - Partial Disability	\$300	\$375/wk
Accident Reimbursement	\$20,000	\$20,000
Spousal/Children Coverage (if accompanying elected official on business)	N/A	\$50,000- spouse, \$20,000 dependant child
Dental Expenses	\$5,000	\$2,500
Occupational Retraining	N/A	N/A
Repatriation	\$15,000	\$15,000
Dependent Children's Education - Per Child	\$10,000	\$5,000
Dependent Children's Day Care - Per Child	\$5,000	\$5,000
Spousal Occupational Training	\$15,000	\$15,000
Transportation/Accommodation	\$15,000	\$15,000
Home Alterations and Vehicle Modification	\$10,000	\$15,000
Seatbelt Dividend	\$25,000	\$50,000 (and airbag benefit)
Funeral Expense	\$5,000	\$5,000
Identification Benefit	\$5,000	\$5,000
Eyeglasses, Contact Lenses and Hearing Aids	\$1,000	N/A
Convalescence Benefit – Per Day Benefit	N/A	\$2,500/month (in-hospital)
Workplace Modification Benefits	\$5,000	\$5,000
Elective Benefits	N/A	As Accidental Paramedical Expense- \$25,000 max. Private Duty Nursing Sublimit of \$5,000 (b) Transportation Costs Sublimit of \$5,000 (c) Hospital Charges
Applicable if more than one Insured person involved in the same accident	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Exposure & Disappearance	Included	Principle Sum
Bereavement Benefit	\$2,500	\$1,000
Hospital Indemnity Expense Benefit	\$2,500	N/A
Limited Air Travel Coverage	Included	N/A
Psychological Therapy	N/A	\$5,000
Cosmetic Disfigurement	N/A	\$25,000
DEDUCTIBLE	\$0	\$0

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Development:

Development Activity			
Construction Activity:	December	2025 YTD	2024
Total Building Permit Applications:	0	21	32
Total Construction Value:	\$0	\$3,291,020	\$1,775,715
Total Building Permits Finalized:	0	15 (since June)	
Total Construction Value Finalized:	\$0	\$989,500	

- No development activity in December. This is very common due to the holiday season.

Governance:

- Agreements / Contracts:
 - TNRD – Structure Fire Protection Service Agreement – complete
 - Chamber – Wayfinding funding agreement – in progress
- Policies / Bylaws:
 - Solid Waste Bylaw – Draft Bylaw for final reading included on agenda.
 - Business Licencing Bylaw – Draft Bylaw for final reading included on agenda.
 - Wastewater Bylaw – Draft Bylaw for first three readings on this agenda
 - OCP Refresh Update draft – In progress
 - Revenue Anticipation Bylaws (2x) – complete
 - Water Regulations Bylaw – complete
 - Street Lighting Repeal Bylaw – complete
 - Terms of Reference for Recreation Committee – complete
 - Council Strategic Plan – complete

Administration:

- Thank you to the Council and Staff team for arranging a fantastic Christmas party!
- Continuing in-depth work on Budget 2026. An in-camera Council workshop is scheduled for January 26, 2026

**submitted for information*