



DISTRICT OF BARRIERE

Application to Appear Before Council or Committee

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Date: June 22, 2026

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On Behalf of: Self

(Organization, Business, Self. etc.)

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Issue Applicant Wishes Addressed:

To request that Teen Scene program temporarily becomes a program of the District's Recreation Committee until NTACS reopens the program.

Applicant's Relevant Information:

Additional information attached

(Provide additional information in an attachment if required)

Preferred Forum (Council or Committee) Appearance Date:

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Scheduled Council or Committee Appearance Date: **June 29** Agenda Number: **3a** Back-Up Received **Y**

Request: That the Teen Scene program temporarily becomes a program of the District's Recreation Committee until NTACS reopens the program.

Background

Teen Scene is a drop-in youth program on Friday nights run by the North Thompson Activity Centre Society (NTACS).

The District has allowed NTACS to rent the Ridge gym and kitchen at no cost for Teen Scene, and NTACS has been included under the District's insurance.

I have been volunteering at Teen Scene since February 2025, attending almost every Friday.

On June 17 NTACS decided to close Teen Scene until further notice and has not provided an anticipated time for reopening the program.

What is Teen Scene?

Teen Scene is a free drop-in program for youth aged 12-18 on Friday nights at the Ridge.

Activities and other things available to the teens include open gym, video games, crafts, board games, free WiFi, and a low-cost concession.

On average 15-25 teens attend each week, and they are supervised by both NTACS staff and volunteers.

The main rule of Teen Scene is respect yourself, others, and the facility. No smoking/vaping, alcohol or drugs are allowed. There are also no "in and out" privileges – once you sign out and leave the building you are not allowed to return inside.

Importance of Teen Scene

Teen Scene is one of the only social opportunities for teens in Barriere. It provides teens with a safe place to hang out and socialize with their peers outside of school and home.

For some teens it is also beneficial for their mental health and wellbeing, providing a place to go every week that is separate from their home life.

My Proposal

I would like to host an interim Teen Scene until NTACS is able to reopen the program. Because NTACS has not provided a timeline for reopening, I want to bridge the gap and provide a Teen Scene for the teens in our community.

My request to Council is that Teen Scene temporarily becomes a program of the District's Recreation Committee, and the District could contract myself, or someone else, to run the program.

I would also work to recruit additional responsible volunteers in order to maintain a 1:15 adult to teen ratio. I would aim to host the interim Teen Scene every week, but at a minimum it would be 2-3 times a month.

This interim Teen Scene would follow the same rules and structure as the NTACS Teen Scene for safety and continuity for the teens.

Teen Scene is also a relatively low-cost program to operate, especially if we utilize volunteers. The main ongoing expense is snacks and drinks for the concession. Other expenses would include gym equipment (basketballs, badminton, etc), board games, and a TV and game console. I have requested from NTACS that we be allowed to use the equipment, games, and tv that is already used for Teen Scene but have not had a reply as of Thursday June 25.

This proposal is intended to be a temporary solution as I anticipate that NTACS will resume Teen Scene at some point. If NTACS decides not to resume the program, I will come back to Council to request either making Teen Scene a permanent District program or to look at other community groups.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Bronwen Bird