

District of Barriere

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: October 5, 2026	Agenda Item: 4a
To: Council	From: Department Heads
Re: Departmental Updates	

CORPORATE:

Development:

Development Activity			
Construction Activity:	September	2026 YTD	2025
Total Building Permit Applications:	1	14	21
Total Construction Value:	\$1,920	\$1,756,985	\$3,291,020
Total Building Permits Finalized:	3	9	15 (since June)
Total Construction Value Finalized:	\$163,000	\$1,291,046.63	\$989,500

- Processed 9 Building Information Requests (BIRs)

Bylaw Enforcement:

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

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 on Sept. 21st. Mayor Kerslake is acclaimed, and there are seven (7) candidates running to fill six (6) Councillor seats.
- Two Advanced Voting Days are scheduled with the first one having taken place on Saturday, **October 3**. The next one is this 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.



Important Dates (*mandatory for newly elected – highly encouraged for incumbents*):

- District of Barriere Council Orientation is scheduled for Thursday, October 29th at 5pm in Council Chambers.
- Elected Official Orientation hosted by the TNRD is scheduled for November 6th from 8:30am – 4pm at the Delta Hotel in Kamloops.
- District of Barriere Inaugural Council Meeting is scheduled for November 9th at 7pm in the Ridge Gym. Refreshments served.
- TNRD Inaugural Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th.
- Local Government Leadership Academy (LGLA) session for Elected Officials is scheduled for January 20 – 22, 2027 in Kelowna.

Governance:

- Employee Recognition Policy - In development

- Memorial Wall Plaque Policy – In development
- In-Camera Meetings Scheduled: Nov. 13th (4:30pm) & Nov. 14th (9am) Strat-Planning Sessions

Recreation / Events:

- A Recreation Meeting was held on Monday September 28th.
- Fireworks for Barriere Fire Rescue's Halloween event have been ordered.
- Winterfest is confirmed for Sunday, December 13th from 1pm – 430pm and will be ran alongside with the Firefighters Association and Seniors Society. This year, we are hoping to have a beer garden available outside during the Hockey Tournament so spectators can enjoy a "Hot Tottie:"

PUBLIC WORKS:

Operations:

Public Works			
	September	2026 YTD	2025
Potholes Filled:	6	126	195
Pavement Repairs: square feet	0	2600	17499
Burials:	0	1	0
Cremations:	0	2	4
Deceased Animal Recovery:	0	4	4
After Hours Call Outs:	0	0	4
Water Distribution			
	September	2026 YTD	2025
New Construction Service Connections:	0	2	5
Water Service On/Off Requests:	3	38	34
Interior Health Water Quality Tests:	12	114	148
Water Usage: m3	31549	356469	448356
Waterline Repairs:	0	4	7
After Hours Call Outs:	0	8	16
Wastewater Collection & Treatment			
	September	2026 YTD	2025
New Construction Service Connections:	0	0	6
Ministry of Environment Wastewater Tests:	7	67	84
After Hours Call Outs:	0	0	0
General			
	September	2026 YTD	2025
BC One Calls Supported:	2	37	42
Events Supported:	1	5	17

- Stage 1 watering conservation came into effect September 21st and will remain in place as DW3 has ongoing sediment issues. Subsequently, well was shut off awaiting additional rehabilitation. Consumption decreased ~25,000M3 over last month.
- Fire hydrant testing recently completed by our contractor.
- Sand storage facility construction has commenced.
- Winter snow equipment is ready to roll out.
- Snow camera installed behind Fire Hall.
- Crack sealing completed on Glentanna Road.
- Additional crack sealing is planned for October 6th & 7th on Barriere Town Road.
- Grading of Dixon Creek Rd, Railway Ave, Birch Lane, Gilbert Drive and other District owned lanes was completed mid September.
- Lion's Gazebo and picnic tables in Fadear Park repainted.
- Confined space safety training scheduled for all Public Works staff October 8th & 9th.



EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Fire Department			
	September	2026 YTD	2025
Fire	1	16	23
Rescue / Motor Vehicle Incidents	1	22	15
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	0	6	4
Service Call / Public Assist	1	19	23
Fire Burning Complaint / Fire Investigation / Fire alarm	3	25	36
False Alarm	1	1	20
Total Calls	7	89	121
Public Education & Events	1	26	18
FireSmart Assessments		25	17
Fire Prevention / Fire Inspections	4	32	4

Fire Department:

- Barriere Fire Rescue will be hosting an open house on October 8th for Fire Prevention Week and are inviting all of Council and Staff to the Open House that will feature a BBQ, truck rides, educational material and a FireSmart Display by our FireSmart Crew.
- Barriere Fire Rescue will be hosting the annual Halloween Fireworks & BBQ at Fadear Park on October 31st and will be showing a Halloween Movie at the Bandshell as well.
- Volunteers are part way through their 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.
- FireSmart and the Fire Department assisted with the North Thompson Fall Fair and Rodeo with table set up, cleaning bleachers, filling water barrels, food truck fire inspection, the parade and manning the FireSmart and District of Barriere Booth all weekend.
- Category 2 & 3 fire bans were lifted effective October 2nd at noon.

FireSmart:

- The FireSmart Natural Landscape show case is almost complete – posts for information signs were put in
- FireSmart was well visited at the Fall Fair and Rodeo

Weather/Other:

- No changes since the previous update:
 - 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			
	September	2026 YTD	2025
Cash Collected:	\$728,256	\$5,095,483	\$4,963,536
Cash Disbursed:	\$1,053,995	\$5,436,070	\$5,861,273
	September	2026 YTD	Project Total
ICIP Wastewater Treatment Grant Funds Received:	\$403,674	\$466,159	\$745,139
	Current (2026)	Arrears (2025)	Delinquent (2024)
Outstanding Property Tax Amounts:	\$223,853	\$105,259	\$65,451
Total Taxes Outstanding:	\$394,563		

- A strong cash collected month; however, results include the Wastewater Treatment Plant grant payout as well as approximately \$217,000 in revenue from BC Wildfire.
- Cash disbursed includes approximately \$745,000 in payments made towards the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Q2 claim paid out in September. As mentioned previously, processing times have been considerably longer than what we had seen in the past. Next quarterly claim will be submitted in October for expenses from July to September.
- Staff continue contacting residents with outstanding property tax balances. Because no statements or additional bills are issued after the tax deadline, reminder letters are sent to property owners with unpaid balances.
- Finance is streamlining internal processes to improve policy compliance and efficiency. Outside staff are piloting a new timesheet expected to reduce payroll processing time, and a new expense claim form is being developed with clearer guidance and built-in policy requirements.

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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