

**NOTICE: That a Regular Meeting of the District of Barriere Municipal Council will be held at District Hall, 4936 Barriere Town Road, in Barriere, B.C. on June 9, 2025, at 5:30pm for the transaction of business listed below.**

*Daniel Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer*

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## **AGENDA**

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

### **1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

That Council approve the June 9, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

### **2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. That Council adopt the minutes of the May 26, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

### **3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

- a. Taseko Mines Yellowhead Project Update – Jenny Maloney, Administrator
- b. Barriere ATV & SxS Club Introduction – Curtis Riffel

### **4. BYLAWS and POLICIES – none scheduled**

### **5. STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Departmental Updates – Department Heads  
*\*submitted for information*
- b. Parks Vandalism Update – C. Matthews, Public Works Manager  
*\*submitted for information*
- c. Cemetery Memorial Wall Proposal – T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer  
*\*handout available at meeting*

### **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

### **7. COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **8. MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **9. PUBLIC INQUIRIES**

**10. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**11. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION** *(if required)*

*Pursuant to Sections 90 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.*

**12. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING** *(if required)*

**13. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION** *(if required)*

**14. NEXT MEETING** – *Regular Council Meeting – June 23, 2025 @ 5:30pm*

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Held on Monday, May 26, 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: Mayor Rob Kerslake  
Councillor Judy Armstrong  
Councillor Scott Kershaw  
Councillor Donna Kibble  
Councillor Louise Lodge  
Councillor Colin McInnis  
Councillor Brody Mosdell

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

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

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Kibble  
Seconded by Councillor McInnis  
That Council approve the May 16, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. Moved by Councillor McInnis  
Seconded by Councillor Lodge  
That Council adopt the minutes of the May 5, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

**3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

- a. Janet Grant re: Animal Control Issues

Ms. Grant provided an overview of an incident she experienced while on a walk in her neighbourhood earlier this month that involved two dogs who were uncontained in their yard, charging her and nipping at her legs. While the owner of the dogs acknowledged the issue and has taken appropriate steps to ensure it doesn't happen again, Ms. Grant believes that there is more that should be done to address loose and potentially dangerous dogs in Barriere.

Ms. Grant acknowledged that she isn't wanting a raise in taxes to address the issue but feels there should be something else that could be done such as a page within the District's website that communicates homes identified by the community that potentially have a dangerous dog. She also noted her belief that dog licensing could create some revenue to help offset regulation of dogs in the community.

#### 4. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Departmental Updates – Department Heads  
*\*submitted for information*

Council was provided an overview of the written report.

**Moved by Councillor Lodge**

**Seconded by Councillor McInnis**

**THAT due to the increased vandalism activity of the Bandshell Washrooms, that the washrooms be permanently closed after 3:00pm weekdays and entirely on weekends for the season and only open them for special events or for users who obtain a deposited key for private events.**

**CARRIED** *w/Councillor Kibble opposed*

Councillor Lodge challenged her fellow Council Members to contribute to the Barriere Blooms/Parks Beautification in Fadear Park by adopting a flower box and planting flowers which Council accepted.

It was noted that this decision will be revisited at the next Council Meeting and that alternate washrooms will be advertised.

BC Hydro has a planned power outage scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

- b. UBCM Community Resiliency Fund – Amendment – A. Hovenkamp, Fire Chief

**Moved by Councillor Lodge**

**Seconded by Councillor Armstrong**

**That staff submit an amendment to the UBCM Community Resiliency Fund to move approximately \$17,000 in awarded FireSmart funds from 'projects' to 'FireSmart Salary' to extend the current position.**

**CARRIED**

- c. Proposed Trail Action Items – C. Matthews, Public Works Manager

**1. Moved by Councillor Lodge**

**Seconded by Councillor McInnis**

**THAT Council instruct Staff to not pursue a trail from Power Road to AG Foods until the Trails Society has received written permission from the Armour Mountain mobile home park owner to proceed.**

**CARRIED**



2. **Moved by Councillor Lodge**  
**Seconded by Councillor McInnis**  
**THAT Council instructs Staff, in preparation for a potential trail, to discuss the District's road right of way from Barriere Town Road to Dunsmuir Road with the affected property owners, and FURTHER THAT Staff obtain information from Simpcw First Nation about potential species impacts.**

**CARRIED**

3. **Moved by Councillor Lodge**  
**Seconded by Councillor McInnis**  
**THAT Council instructs Staff to initiate a lease agreement with School District No. 73 regarding a potential trail by the school bus garage.**

**CARRIED**

- d. Strategic Plan Update – CAO  
*\*submitted for information*

The CAO provided an overview of the written report.

## **5. BYLAWS and POLICIES**

- a. DRAFT Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 73, Amendment Bylaw No. 256 – adoption  
*\*w/attached staff report*

**Moved by Councillor Lodge**  
**Seconded by Councillor Mosdell**  
**THAT Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 73, Amendment Bylaw No. 256 be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

- b. DRAFT Procurement Policy No. 56FI – D. Drexler, CAO  
*\*w/attached staff report*

1. **Moved by Councillor Lodge**  
**Seconded by Councillor Kibble**  
**THAT Procurement Policy No. 56FI be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

2. **Moved by Councillor Lodge**  
**Seconded by Councillor Kibble**  
**THAT Purchasing Policy No. 13 be repealed.**

**CARRIED**

- 3. Moved by Councillor Lodge  
Seconded by Councillor Kibble  
THAT Credit Card Policy No. 15 be repealed.**

**CARRIED**

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. For Information
- b. For Action
  - i. Sheep Breeders Association - Request for Event Sponsorship

**Moved by Councillor Kibble  
Seconded by Councillor Lodge  
That Council purchase a Silver Sponsorship Package in the amount of \$500.00  
for the Sheep Breeders Association 2025 Event.**

**CARRIED**

## **7. COUNCIL REPORTS**

- a. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal update on the following:
  - The Barriere Food Bank has reported that their organization is experiencing a high volume of individuals using the service and is actively seeking additional donations.
- b. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal update on the following:
  - Dr. Mark and his wife have expressed appreciation to Council for the letter provided to the MP and MLA in support of the importance of supporting the entire family of recruited physicians new to Canada.
  - North Thompson Communities Foundation has chosen their annual grant recipients.
  - Provided a presentation at BSS about the importance of volunteering in the community.
  - Participated as a judge in the Elementary School annual public speaking contest.
  - Stepped in for Mayor Kerslake in a BC Hydro Meeting with the CAO and Chief Lampreau.
  - Participated in a meeting with BSS regarding Barriere's youth and a team approach to tackle vandalism in the community.
  - Attended a Crown Land Meeting with our Consultant and Simpcw First Nation regarding the joint Crown Land Tenure venture.
  - This Saturday at the Chamber is the Beenie Baby Fundraiser Sale with funds raised going to local area non-profit organizations.

- c. Councillor McInnis provided a verbal update on the following:
- Provided a presentation regarding his site visit in Peachland to “Brenda Renewables” – Compost Service offered to Municipalities. The feasibility will be discussed further in Council’s strategic planning process in the fall.

## **8. MAYOR’S REPORT**

The Mayor provided a verbal update on the following:

- Met with resident Derek Stamer who has asked to fund a memorial wall in the Barriere Cemetery. A proposal for Council consideration will be presented at a future meeting.
- Participated in various TNRD Board Meetings. Barriere Search and Rescue was awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Regional District.
- Along with the CAO, met with Myles Bruns, Ministry staff regarding the Program’s funding decision to reject Barriere’s REDIP application. He explained that the program was over prescribed.
- Participated as a judge in the BES public speaking contest.

## **9. PUBLIC INQUIRIES**

- a. Wim Houben –It was noted that last year, former Mayor Stamer had indicated intention to assist with the Museum’s flagpole, but likely due to the election, the work has not yet been completed. Council will follow up with MLA Stamer and will consider options on how to best assist.

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

## **11. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

**Moved by Councillor Lodge**

**Seconded by Councillor Kershaw**

**That pursuant to Sections 90(1)(a)(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 7:20p.m.**

**CARRIED**

## **12. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING – *The meeting reconvened into open session at 9:00p.m.***

## **13. NEXT MEETING – *Regular Council Meeting – June 9, 2025 @ 5:30pm***

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councillor McInnis that the meeting adjourn at 9:01pm.**

**CARRIED**

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Mayor Rob Kerslake

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T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer



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Phone: 250-672-9751, Email: [inquiry@districtofbarriere.com](mailto:inquiry@districtofbarriere.com)

**FAX: (250) 672-9708**

**Date:**

**Name of Applicant:**

**On Behalf of:**

(Organization, Business, Self. etc.)

**Mailing Address:**

**Local Street Address:**

**Telephone Number:** (       )                      or (       )

**Issue Applicant Wishes Addressed:**

**Applicant's Relevant Information:**

(Provide additional information in an attachment if required)

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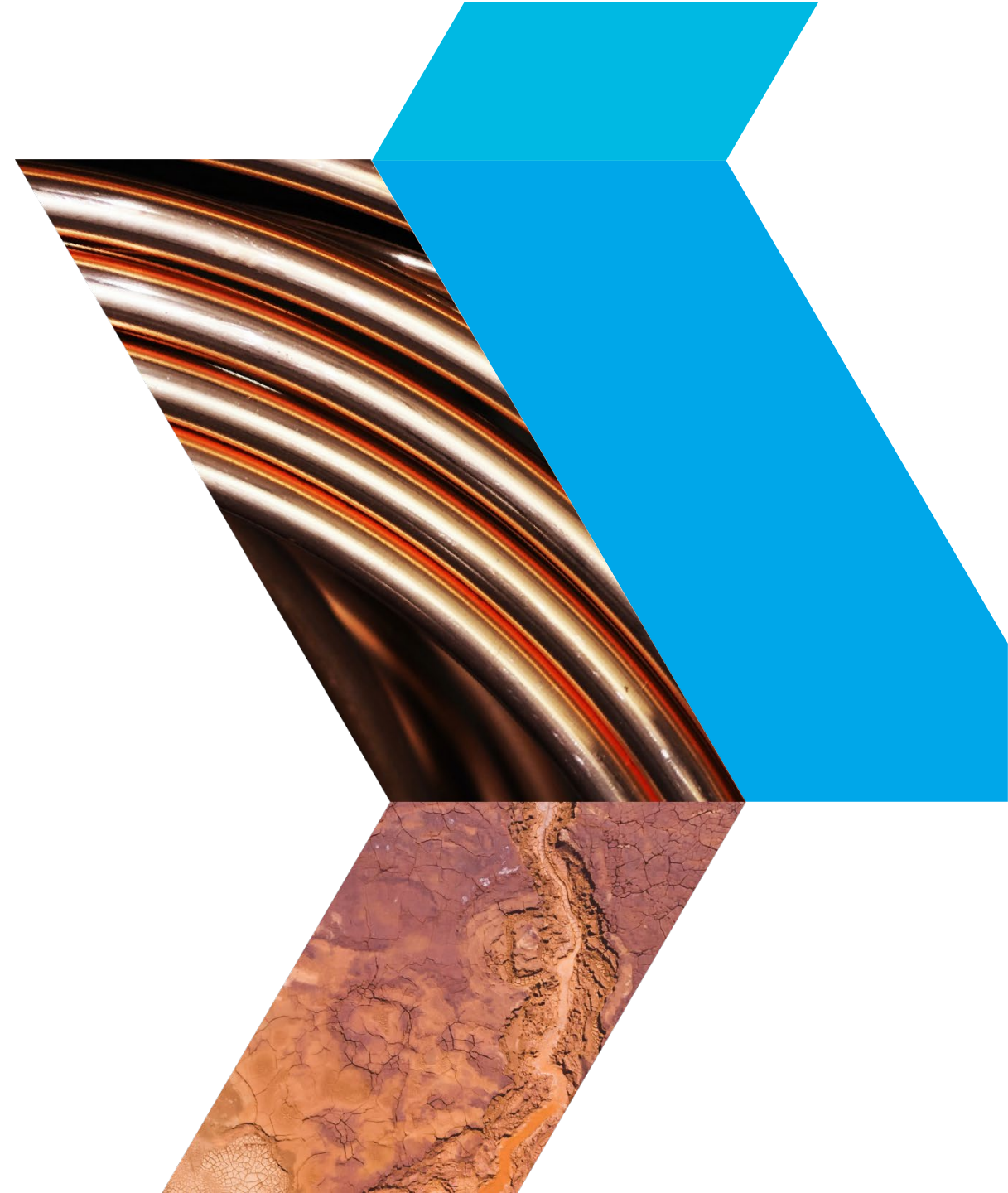
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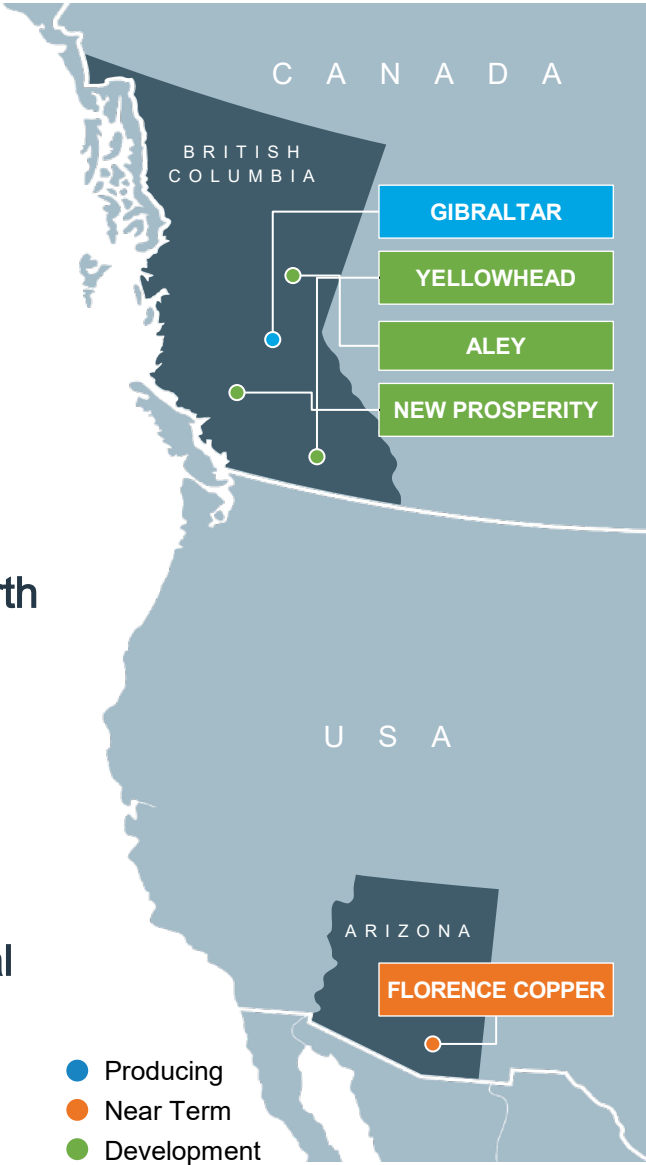
# The Yellowhead Project

District of Barriere

June 9, 2025



# Taseko: a Growing BC-based Copper Producer



# Project Overview

## Yellowhead

MINE TYPE

**Open-Pit Cu/Au/Ag**

MINE LIFE

**25 Years**

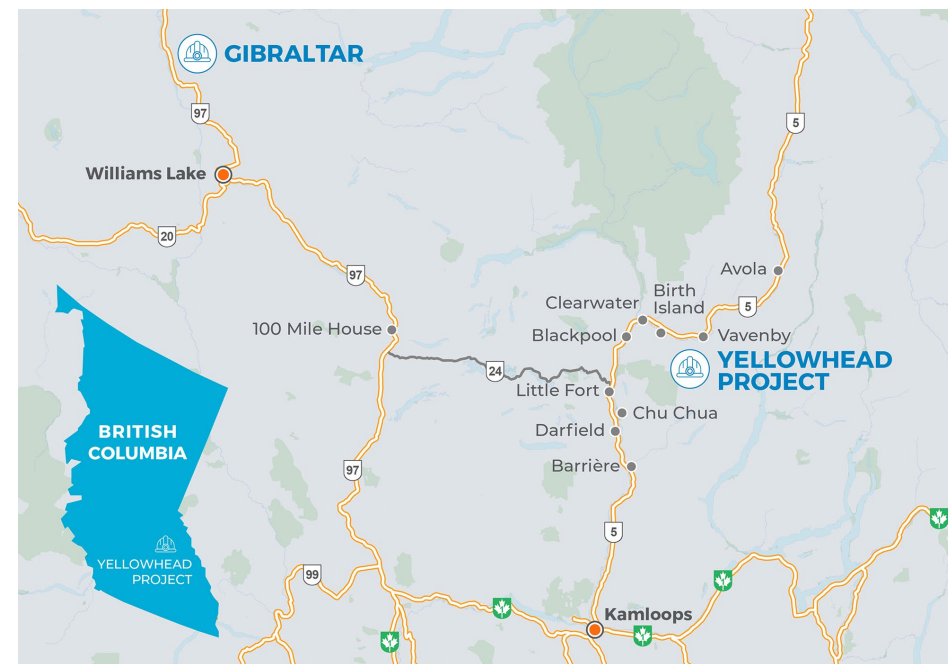
AVG. ANNUAL PRODUCTION

**180 Mlbs Cu**

29

**Cu**  
copper

- Located in Simpcwúl'ecw
- 90,000 tonnes-per-day open pit copper mine with a 25-year mine life
- Initiated Simpcw Assessment Process
- Similar in scale, grade and mining method to Taseko's Gibraltar Mine
  - Gibraltar annual economic impact (2023):
    - \$1.28 billion in economic output
    - \$644 million in value-added GDP
    - \$300 million in labour income
    - \$156 million in government revenues
    - 700 direct & 2,860 total full-time jobs



At 200M lbs of Cu/year, Yellowhead would expand Canada's annual copper production by 16% (over 2023 levels)



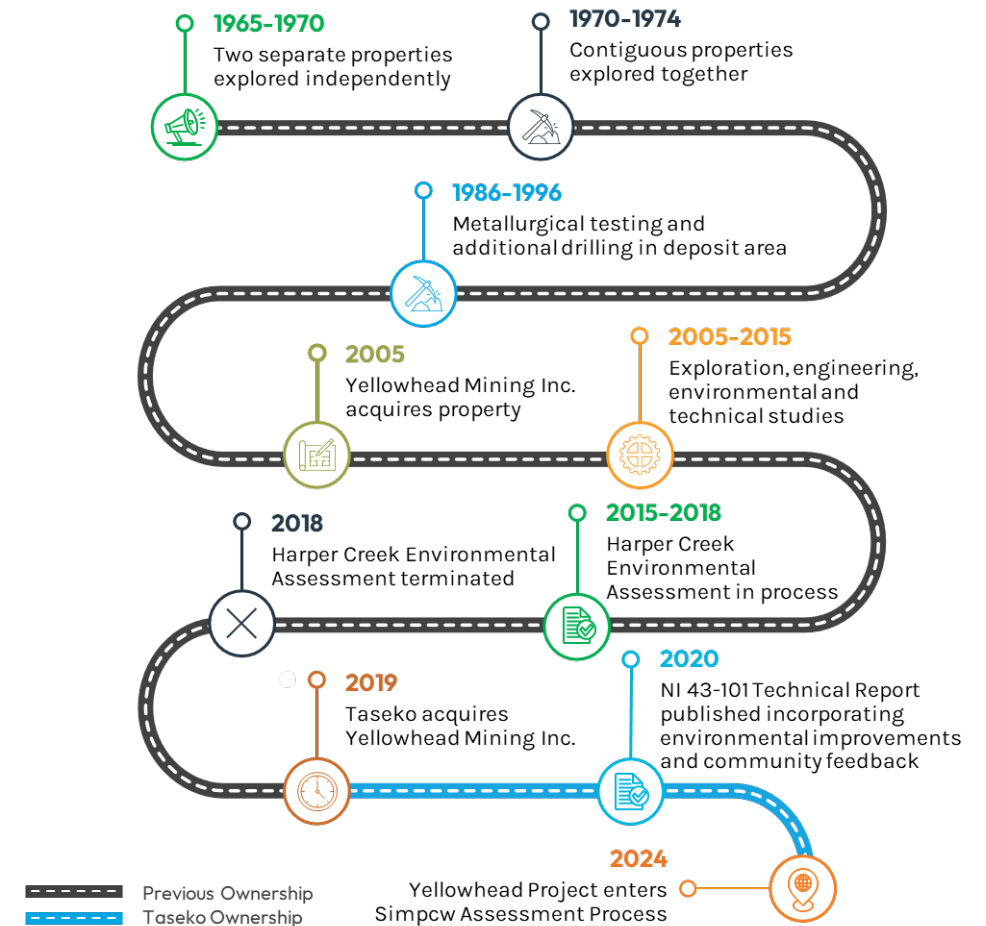
# Yellowhead Project Chronology

## Yellowhead Mining Inc (YMI): Harper Creek Project

- 2015 Harper Creek EA Application accepted for review  
Harper Creek EA suspended to facilitate additional tailing investigation & First Nations engagement
- 2018 Harper Creek provincial EA terminated due to inactivity

## Taseko Mines Limited: Yellowhead Project

- 2019 Taseko acquires YMI; withdraws from federal EA
- 2020 Updated Technical Report published
- 2022/2023 Taseko-Simpcw Working Group Process
- 2024 Taseko entered the Simpcw Process





# Yellowhead Project

## District of Barriere What We Have Heard

Category	Feedback
Education	Interested in education opportunities for local youth.
Employment	Interested in employment and training opportunities for community members.
Engagement	Ensuring District of Barriere is engaged on the project and aware of updates and timeline.
Power	Concerns regarding impacts to local community power.

# Yellowhead Project

## Mark Your Calendars

### Yellowhead Project

# OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for a Community Open House to meet the Taseko Team, learn about the Yellowhead Project, and have some fun!

#### Clearwater

**June 24, 2025**

4:30 – 6:30 pm

Dutch Lake Community  
Centre Gym

#### Barriere

**June 25, 2025**

4:30 – 6:30 pm

Taseko's Yellowhead  
Project Office



Meet the  
Project Team



Learn about  
Mining



Fun activities  
for kids



Dinner will be  
provided

**YETI**

Chance to  
win a Yeti!

**Taseko** Yellowhead

# Near-Term Next Steps

## Engagement on the Yellowhead Project

- Yellowhead Open Houses
  - Vavenby, June 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Clearwater, June 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Barriere, June 25<sup>th</sup>
- Coffee and Conversation with Yellowhead Team
  - Third Wednesday of Every Month 10:00- 12:00 pm, starting June 18th
- Taseko to submit final IPD to BC EAO and IAAC in 2025
  - Starts 90-day legislated Early Engagement period, includes opportunities for public engagement and to provide feedback and input
- 2025 Site Investigation Program and Environmental Baseline Studies
- Community Relations Advisor joining the Yellowhead Team soon

Get to Know the Yellowhead Project and Team

## COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Every Third Wednesday!

We're proud to be part of the local community and look forward to getting to know our neighbours.

Join the Yellowhead Project team for coffee at 10 AM on the third Wednesday of each month.

It's a chance to meet our employees, ask questions, and learn more about the Yellowhead Project and how you can participate in the Environment Assessment review.

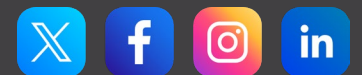
We're here to listen, share, and build connections—one cup at a time.







Thank You!



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Phone: 250-672-9751, Email: inquiry@barriere.ca

FAX: (250) 672-9708

Date: May 29 2025

Name of Applicant: Curtis Riffel

On Behalf of: (Organization, Business, Self, etc.) Barriere ATU & SxS Club

Mailing Address: PO Box [REDACTED] Barriere V0E1E0

Local Street Address:

Telephone Number: [REDACTED] or ( )

Issue Applicant Wishes Addressed:

Introduction about the club

Clubs long term vision

Applicant's Relevant Information:

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# REPORT TO COUNCIL

<b>Date:</b> June 9, 2025	
<b>To:</b> Council	<b>From:</b> Department Heads
<b>Re: Departmental Updates</b>	

## **CORPORATE OFFICER:**

### **General:**

- Along with the CAO, participated in a meeting with the District's consultant for the Official Community Plan Refresh. A first draft is being prepared and will be presented to Council shortly prior to another Open House for public review and input. Key dates will be well advertised in advance.
- Attended a seminar in Kamloops with the Freedom and Information Privacy Commissioner.
- The District is nearing the completion of its first 12 month operation cycle of the Barriere Business Centre (BBC). Lease renewals are being finalized and additional rent calculations have been modified. As expected, the initial utility estimations were higher than the actual twelve-month total costs. Tenants will receive adjustment cheques for their overpayment.
- Reminders of the Property Tax Deadline of July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 are being sent out via E-News, posted on the District's website and on the Notice board downtown. Residents are reminded to ensure that, if eligible, to claim their homeowner grant before the deadline regardless of whether or not the tax amount owing is being paid in full.
- Responded to six (6) Bylaw Enforcement calls.

### **Recreation & Events:**

- Participated in a Rec Committee Meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>. A Block Party working group has also been scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> to finalize details for the June 21<sup>st</sup> event.
- This year's Movies in the Park line up is scheduled:
  - [July 11, 2025](#) – Dog Man
  - [July 25, 2025](#) – The Wild Robot
  - [August 8, 2025](#) – Wicked (this event is a 'costume' event! Come dressed in your best Wicked/Wizard of Oz theme costume to WIN!)
  - [August 22, 2025](#) – Mufasa: The Lion King
- Canada Day in Barriere – July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 @2pm: Fadedear Park Bandshell.

### **UBCM 2025 (Victoria):**

- UBCM Minister and Staff Meeting booking deadlines have been released. Requests to meet with the Premier and/or Cabinet Ministers must be made before July 2, 2025. Requests to meet with Ministry staff must be made before August 20, 2025.
- Registration for the September 22-26, 2025 Convention opens July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

## **PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER:**

### **Roads:**

- Road marking long-lines (fog lines, divider lines) completed
- Grading completed on Railway Ave, Birch Lane, and lane behind Post Office
- Numerous asphalt repairs completed throughout the community (see list)
- Purchased used dump truck from Simpcw FN.

### **Parks:**

- Bandshell women's washroom repairs scheduled for June 23 to 30.
- Community Garden – 3 decent plots still available

**Utilities:**

- Water consumption is over 2000 m<sup>3</sup>/day and as high as 2500 m<sup>3</sup>/day.
- Installed drought level signage at three locations
- BC Hydro planned power outage now scheduled for Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup> 7am to 7pm

**Facilities:**

- Business Centre Unit #4 renovations – doors and windows have been installed. Flooring should be complete early in the week.

**New Wastewater Treatment Plant**

- Process design and equipment contract has been finalized
- Prior to construction we will be doing a preliminary dig at SRS for Archeology Risk Mitigation this summer
- Funds spent to date \$323,636. Grant funding \$7M

**FIRE CHIEF:****Fire Department:**

- The District's new Bush Truck was delivered to the Fire Department on May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- At the request of BC Wildfire, the new Bush Truck and three FD members (including Chief Hovenkamp) have deployed in aid to Fort Nelson for approximately 14 days.
- In partnership with FireSmart and the District, a fall Yard Waste Day is being organized – likely November 7<sup>th</sup>. Further details will be forthcoming later this summer.
- The Fire Dept, Fire Association and FireSmart teams are hosting a carwash/BBQ fundraiser at the Fire Hall on June 19<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-8pm.

**Weather:**

- On Friday, June 6, Environment and Climate Change Canada issued a special weather statement for parts of the province, including 100 Mile House, the North Thompson and Ashcroft. In its release, Environment Canada noted this is not a heat warning or extreme heat emergency, but this is the first stretch of consistently high temperatures this summer. As such, they are advising the public to take steps to ensure the health of themselves and their families and prepare for future heat events this summer.

*\*submitted for information*

District of Barriere  
**REPORT TO COUNCIL**  
**Memorandum**

<b>Date: June 9, 2025</b>	<b>File: 530.20/Rpts</b>
<b>To: Council</b>	<b>From: Public Works Manager</b>
<b>Re: Park Vandalism Update</b>	

### Purpose

To provide Council with an update on recent vandalism incidents at Fadear Park, specifically related to the bandshell washroom facility, and to report on the current status of repairs.

### Background

Multiple acts of vandalism have been reported at Fadear Park over the past several months, with significant damage caused to public infrastructure and washroom facilities. These recurring incidents have prompted community concerns and required staff intervention.

**Incident Summary** - Refer to spreadsheet on Page 2

### Repair and Response Status

Bandshell Women's Washroom Repairs:

- Contracted Service Master to complete repairs through MIA \$2500 deductible paid
- Temporary closures have been implemented – open weekdays 7am-3pm. Closed weekends & holidays.
- Estimated repair completion: June 30, 2025

Community Engagement

- Staff submitted an article to the Star Journal regarding park vandalism and Council's "District News" communicating the issue sent out via E-News.

### Next Steps

- Continue with locking the washrooms at 3pm, monitoring its effectiveness and reassess at a future meeting. Staff will continue researching other potential strategies and make recommendations to Council going forward, including possible security upgrades and community response initiatives.

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### Attachments

- Incident Summary

Prepared by: C. Matthews, Public Works Manager  
Reviewed by: T. Buchanan, Acting CAO



2025 Parks Vandalism Events to date					
Date	Description	RCMP File	Staff Hours*	Material Cost	Insurance Claim
March 9, 2025	Bandshell washroom fire - washroom closed	yes	3.0		\$2500 deductible
March 31, 2025	Cemetery storage facilities. Locks cut, but no apparent damage or loss	no	1.0		
April 17, 2025	Washroom & bandshell graffiti	no	2.0		
April 27, 2025	Bandshell graffiti. Skatepark littered with garbage		3.0		
April 28, 2025	Bandshell washroom trashed. More graffiti	no	4.0		
May 3, 2025	Attempted break-in at cemetery sea can	yes	5.0	\$70 for new lock	
May 4, 2025	Bandshell washroom vandalized	yes	2.0		
May 22, 2025	Bandshell washroom trashed again. Flowers damaged	no	2.0		
May 23, 2025	Bandshell washroom vandalized	no	3.0		
May 28, 2025	Fadear park outdoor exercise equipment damaged	no	3.0	\$100 for new parts	
June 2, 2025	Bandshell stage graffiti & garbage	no	3.0		
	<b>Totals to Date</b>		31.0	\$170	\$2,500

*\* staff hours include regular and overtime hours*

**Tasha Buchanan**

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**Subject:** BC Hydro - 2025 UBCM Meeting Request Form



Dear Mayor Kerslake and council,

BC Hydro is pleased to invite local government officials to meet with our executives and senior staff during the 2025 UBCM Convention, taking place in Victoria the week of September 22. These meetings offer a valuable opportunity to discuss topics that matter most to your community.

To request a meeting, please complete our [Meeting Request Form](#) by **Friday, June 20**. Meeting times are limited to 20 minutes to accommodate as many local governments as possible. We ask you to focus on a single topic to ensure a productive and meaningful discussion.

While we welcome the chance to connect at UBCM, please know that we're always available to meet throughout the year. Feel free to reach out to me at any time to schedule a meeting.

If you have any questions related to the [Meeting Request Form](#), please contact Matt Lahti, [matt.lahti@bchydro.com](mailto:matt.lahti@bchydro.com).

Full meeting details, including date, time and location, will be shared in early September.

Sincerely,  
Dag

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**Dag Sharman** | Manager, Community Relations Southern Interior

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**Barriere Celebrates**

**CANADA  
DAY**



**Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**2:00 pm**

**Opening Ceremony begins at 2:00pm**

**At the Barriere Bandshell**



**Live Music!**

**FREE Hot Dogs!**

*Fun!* **Cupcakes** *Fun!*

**Lawn Games !**



Special thanks to  
Canadian Heritage

**Canada**



May 23, 2025

Reference: 186635

Mayor Rob Kerslake and Members of Council  
District of Barriere  
Email: rkerslake@barriere.ca

Dear Mayor Kerslake and Councillors:

The Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs (Ministry) is considering potential legislative amendments to expand the circumstances in which local government council meetings can be closed to the public to include some circumstances specific to Local Government-First Nation relations.

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**DISTRICT OF BARRIERE**  
**MINUTES OF A RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 7:00pm 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 lands we are meeting today."*

Present:                   Councillor Louise Lodge – Chair  
                                Councillor Donna Kibble  
                                Councillor Brody Mosdell  
                                Jen Crosman  
                                Glenda Feller

Staff:                      Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – *Chair Lodge called the meeting to order at 7:01pm*
2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Added "Partnership Opportunity with the Chamber of Commerce"

**Moved by Councillor Mosdell**

**Seconded by Jen Crosman**

**That the Committee approve the May 28, 2025, Recreation Committee Meeting Agenda as amended**

**CARRIED**

3. **PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS** – *none scheduled*
4. **CANADA DAY – Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 – T. Buchanan**

A draft budget and itinerary was presented to the Committee for review. It was reiterated that the District was successful in its Heritage Canada grant funding this year in the amount of \$1,200.00 which is \$360.00 less than last year. Therefore, it was suggested that the advertising budget in the amount of approximately \$350.00 be cut from this budget. Staff will determine if there are other means of advertising this event in the District's already budgeted "overall advertising" budget.

BBQ, and Hot Dog Roller will be brought down. Staff will ask if MLA Stamer can volunteer to cook the hot dogs.



## **5. BARRIERE BLOOMS – Chair Lodge / Councillor Kibble**

Registration for Barriere Blooms opened earlier this month. Notification for registration applications was advertised on the District's website, through E-News and on Social Media. Councillor Kibble is accepting applications at her home, via email or through Facebook and reported that a number of have been received so far. Chair Lodge is in the process of dropping off registration forms to the downtown businesses. Judging is expected to take place around the 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> of August.

## **6. BANDSHELL FRIDAYS/MOVIE NIGHTS - T. Buchanan**

This year's Barriere Bandshell Friday line-up has been secured. Four and a half Fridays have been scheduled and the line-up was provided to the Committee for review.

It was noted that Bill Fowler has increased his fee by \$50 per event this year for Sound Services which is the first increase in many years.

A draft Movie Night in the Park schedule was presented to the Committee. Staff have suggested obtaining the licences for: Dog Man, The Wild Robot, Wicked and Mufasa; the Lion King. Each licence costs \$250.00 for a total of \$1,000.00. The District's summer student that ran the event last year is once again scheduled to facilitate this year's program.

Interior Savings has informed Chair Lodge that due to the merger with Beem Credit Union, it is unlikely that the "Moonlight Movie" will be offered through the Credit Union going forward. However, the Barriere Branch Manager has indicated that it would review any options for a sponsorship of one of the nights. It was suggested that the one night sponsorship fee be requested in the amount of \$500 to cover the license and the staff person.

For the August 8<sup>th</sup> Movie Night showing "Wicked": It was agreed to market the evening as "Wicked Night" by encouraging attendees to come dressed in their favorite "Wicked" or "Wizard of Oz" themed costume for a chance to win a "Best Costume" prize.

It was noted that the Barriere Girl Guides will once again sell popcorn at the movie nights.

## **7. PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Chair Lodge**

The Chamber has indicated that they may be interested in hosting the "Amazing Barriere Race" in the Barriere area. The theme would be a sort of 'scavenger-hunt' type feat but would involve completing a task such as painting a rock, planting something, etc. Volunteers would be needed to oversee each stop. It

was suggested that the event be on one of the movie nights so that the final stop was right before the movie starts. Possibly August 8<sup>th</sup>.

**8. BLOCK PARTY REVIEW – Chair Lodge / T. Buchanan**

Ms. Buchanan provided an overview of the planning status of the Block Party to date. It was noted that all the food vendors have been secured, entertainment contracts signed, show and shine registrants confirmed, tent and bouncy castle rentals paid for and scheduled, liquor license applied for (still awaiting response from the Liquor Board but this delay is not unusual) and sound services booked. However, the booked vendor list is still considerably smaller than last year. In addition, due to the bandshell being down one full bathroom, additional porta-potties may need to be secured.

Additionally, Mr. Rainer has offered the Committee the use of his large refrigerator for the beer gardens. The Seniors Centre has agreed to allow the unit to be plugged in to one of their outdoor outlets.

The Committee was informed that the Barriere Block Party has been nominated as the region's "Best Event" in the Star Journal's 'Best of' program. An advertising option was presented to the Committee for consideration.

**Moved by Councillor Kibble  
Seconded by Councillor Mosdell  
That the Block Party participate in the "Best of the Valley"  
advertising program via the Star Journal's advertising package in the  
amount of \$350 to come from the Block Party Budget.**

**CARRIED**

**9. PUBLIC INQUIRIES – None presented.**

**10. NEXT MEETING – At the call of the Chair**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councillor Mosdell that the Rec Committee Meeting adjourn at 8:30p.m.**

**CARRIED**

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Chair Louise Lodge

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# Bandshell Fridays

## 2025



**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

✦ **BILL FOWLER** ✦

7pm - 9pm

**JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

✦ **JON & MEGAN** ✦

7pm - 9pm

**AUG 1<sup>ST</sup>**

✦ **BUTCH FALK** ✦

7pm - 9pm

**AUG 15<sup>TH</sup>**

✦ **JEREMY KNEESHAW** ✦

7pm - 9pm

**AUG 29<sup>TH</sup>**

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May 29, 2025

Reference: 186562

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We have been monitoring progress on implementation and are seeing many local governments championing SSMUH by speeding up or waiving unnecessary processes and requirements and creating or adopting standardized housing designs. In these communities, we are starting to see strong uptake of SSMUH.

However, monitoring has also identified ongoing barriers to building SSMUH, including inconsistency in how some local governments have applied the requirements and site-level conditions. In places, restrictive and excessive site standard requirements are adding additional costs, time, and uncertainty to SSMUH development. Areas that did not fully adopt SSMUH as intended and communities with onerous, ambiguous, or subjective form and character development permit requirements are reducing the viability of building new small-scale multi-unit housing. As a result of these barriers, it is still easier to build single-family homes in many communities, and the diversity of housing needed by people in our communities is still not being met.

I am writing today to encourage you to review your bylaws and requirements for alignment with the guidelines in the SSMUH Provincial Policy Manual and Site Standards. Specifically, please ensure you have progressive site standards for three-to-six-unit developments by allowing building heights of 3 storeys and 11 metres, aligning with the policy manual site standards packages for lot coverage.

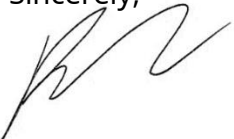
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Communities should also enable all housing configurations and types and should not use form and character development permit area requirements for small-scale multi-unit housing, as they can cause delays that interfere with the viability of projects. For three-to-four-unit projects, you should consider aligning with the recommended one parking space per unit in your parking minimums, leaving it to home builders to determine if more parking is appropriate for the location. And for those of you that have areas in your community that don't yet comprehensively allow for it, I ask that you ensure that your zoning allows SSMUH on all lots that allow single family residential, duplexes, and houses with a secondary suite and accessory dwelling unit.

People in our province need the greater diversity of housing that these changes are designed to unlock, and our government has a responsibility to act where these needs remain unmet. If all local governments do not align with the guidelines and intent of the legislation, it is my intention to continue to strengthen the legislated requirements to ensure more consistent standards are established across the province. Greater alignment with the requirements and guidelines will help encourage SSMUH development and increase the supply of the homes that people in our communities need, and moving forward in earnest now will minimize your future work to align with any forthcoming legislative changes.

I recognize that the vast majority of communities have been taking action and are seeing the benefits of their action in new housing coming forward in their communities. To those who continue to demonstrate leadership by enabling the conditions for these homes to be built, I offer my sincere appreciation for the work that you and your staff are undertaking.

Sincerely,



Ravi Kahlon  
Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

Link: Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing Provincial Policy Manual and Site Standards:  
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