

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 8, 2026 at 5:30pm for the transaction of business listed below.

Daniel Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer

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 8, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. That Council adopt the minutes of the May 25, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

3. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

a. Ward Stamer, MLA for the Kamloops-North Thompson

4. BYLAWS and POLICIES – none scheduled

5. STAFF REPORTS

a. Department Updates – Department Heads
**submitted for information*

b. Proposed Eco Depot Trail Head – C. Matthews, Public Works Manager
Recommendation: THAT Council support the Thompson-Nicola Regional District's proposal to further investigate the development of a recreational trail utilizing a trailhead on District-owned property located at 3732 Louis Creek Road.

c. Non-Profit Stakeholder Session – J. Mosdell, Deputy Corporate Officer
**submitted for information*

d. Leonie Dam Decommissioning Study – D. Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer
**submitted for information*

6. CORRESPONDENCE

a. For Information

b. For Action - none submitted

7. COUNCIL REPORTS

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

9. CONSIDERATION OF DELEGATION REQUESTS

10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

12. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Sections 90(1)(c)(l) 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.

13. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

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

15. NEXT MEETING – *June 29, 2026 @ 5:30pm*

16. ADJOURNMENT

5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Quarterly Financial Review (Q1) – K. Abel, Chief Financial Officer
**submitted for information*

The CFO provided an overview of the quarterly financial report.

- b. Wayfinding Project Update – J. Mosdell, Deputy Corporate Officer

The DCO provided an overview of the Wayfinding framework document. It was noted that the Parks Signage is not in need of replacement at this time as they are all relatively new and in good condition. The final plan does not commit this or future Council to carry out this work exactly as presented in its entirety; moreover it will serve as a guiding document on how to improve wayfinding signage in the community going forward.

Moved by Councillor Kershaw

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

THAT Council approve, as presented, the conceptual framework of the Wayfinding Strategy Proposal that is intended to remain flexible and adaptable as community priorities, tourism patterns, and future development needs continue to evolve.

CARRIED

- c. Proposed Speed Limit Reduction in Teacher's Subdivision – C. Matthews, Public Works Manager

It was reported that multiple complaints continue to be received by the District regarding speeding throughout the community, particularly in the Teacher's Subdivision area consisting of Birch Lane, Spruce Crescent and Bradford Rd. Approximately two years ago, Council initiated a speed limit reduction pilot project within the Green Tree Subdivision area in an effort to address the excessive speeds often encountered in that area. An overview of the written report was provided and noted the Barriere RCMP's support of the proposed change.

It was noted that generally, there has been an improvement within the Green Tree Subdivision and it is recommended by Staff that 3 signs be installed within the Teacher's Subdivision.

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Kibble

THAT Council direct Staff to reduce the speed limit within Teacher's Subdivision from 50 km/hr to 30 km/hr, which includes the installation of required signage.

CARRIED

- d. DRAFT Communities Foundation Donor Installation Agreement – T. Buchanan Corporate Officer

Councillor Lodge declared a conflict of interest as a voting member of the NTCF and left the meeting at 6:03p.m.

At the previous Council meeting, the request of the North Thompson Communities Foundation to install a "Legacy in Motion" donor installation within the lobby of the BBC, was approved. A draft agreement outlining the terms of this arrangement was presented to Council for approval.

**Moved by Councillor McInnis
Seconded by Councillor Kerslake
THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to sign the North Thompson Communities Foundation “Legacy in Motion” BBC Donor Installation agreement as presented.**

CARRIED

Councillor Lodge returned to the meeting at 6:05p.m.

- e. Rebate Program (Barriere FireSmart Fuel Mitigation and Education Program)
– A. Hovenkamp, Fire Chief
**submitted for information*

A summary of the written report was provided to Council. Chief Hovenkamp distributed the draft information booklet which will be made available to the public at the initiation of the program. It was noted that the agreement included in the booklet is in draft form and is subject to approval from the Chief Administrative Officer.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. For Information
b. For Action

- i. UBCM Ministry Meetings and Attendance

The 2026 UBCM Convention is once again being held in Vancouver this year. Accommodation for up to four attendees have been secured. While registration is not yet open, it was debated on who, if any, from Council will be attending. It was noted that Mayor Kerslake, Councillor McInnis, Councillor Mosdell, and the CAO will attend this year’s Convention. Availability of funds and attendance was discussed due to the high expense location of Vancouver hosting the Convention. Staff will confirm funding and report back if there are concerns about budget adherence.

It was suggested a conversation with the Minister of Transportation be arranged but it was recommended that meetings with Ministry Staff could potentially be organized for highway topics. Staff will discuss with the District of Clearwater regarding the Yellowhead Community Services meeting.

**Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Kibble
THAT Council direct staff to submit the following meeting requests for various Provincial Ministries at the Convention:**

- **Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy re: Leonie Lake Dam Funding and Water Security.**
- **Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General re: RCMP Staffing numbers at the Barriere Detachment**
- **Ministry of Children and Family Development re: Yellowhead Community Services programming support. Intent is for the meeting to be held jointly with the District of Clearwater.**

CARRIED

7. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Met with YCS on joint ventures including transportation issues
 - Promoting Barriere Blooms along with the FireSmart program
 - Hosted “Yarden Sale” at the museum.
 - Attended Non-profit Stakeholders Meeting
- b. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal report on the following:
 - On behalf of the North Thompson Communities Foundations (NTCF), thanked Council for agreeing to the Donor Wall installation at the BBC
 - Attended NTCF AGM
 - Attended YCS Meeting – Noted that YCS in Clearwater acquired a Bus that could potentially be utilized for events in Barriere.
 - Attended Elementary School Public Speaking Contest along with Councillors Kibble and Kershaw
 - Discussed video opportunity for the FireSmart Showcase to enter into SILGA Excellence Awards
 - Received a request to schedule a meeting with the PCN Community Partnerships with Thompson Region Division of Family Practice
 - Attended Non-profit Stakeholders Meeting and is arranging data from the event.
- c. Councillor McInnis provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Pleased with the District’s progress on speeding mitigations
- d. Councillor Mosdell provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended Non-profit Stakeholders Meeting
 - Attended annual Curling Club Golf Tournament

8. MAYOR’S REPORT

- a. Council Liaison Appointments

Moved by Councillor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

That Council appoint Councillor McInnis as the Community Policing Group Liaison.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor Kibble

That Council appoint Councillor Lodge as a Men’s Shed Society Liaison.

CARRIED

It was noted that Councillor Lodge will discuss with Thompson Region Division of Family Practice if a Council Liaison would be valued by their organization.

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Working with Staff on the Memorial Wall
- Challenged building code at the last TNRD Meeting but will not be proceeding at this time
- Attending FCM and meeting with CN

- Met with Chief Lampreau regarding Minister meetings at UBCM
- Attended Non-Profit Stakeholders Meeting

9. CONSIDERATION OF DELEGATION REQUESTS

a. NTFFRA Grant-in-Aid Requests

It was noted that last year's dumpster placements were valued by the NTFFRA and cost effective to the District.

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Mosdell

THAT Council approve the request of the NTFFRA for solid waste collection services at no-charge during the Fall Fair & Rodeo long weekend and allocate staffing resources to assist in traffic control and safety during the 2026 Fall Fair & Rodeo Parade.

CARRIED

10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

- a. Wim Houben – Thanked Council for hosting the Non-Profit Stakeholders Meeting.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION – *none presented.*

12. NEXT MEETING – *June 8, 2026 @ 5:30pm*

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Lodge that the meeting adjourn at 6:42p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Rob Kerslake

T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer

From: [Stamer.MLA, Ward](#)
To: [Tasha Buchanan](#)
Subject: Request to attend Council Meeting
Date: May 11, 2026 11:28:17 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning Tasha,

MLA Stamer would welcome the opportunity to attend the upcoming council meeting on **Monday, June 8 at 5:30 pm** as a Delegation, if possible. In addition, he would be available for a brief meeting prior to the council session should that be helpful.

This would provide an opportunity to discuss any concerns or challenges facing the District of Barriere and its community, as well as to offer support where needed.

If possible, MLA Stamer would be grateful to be scheduled first on the agenda to help confirm his availability.

We look forward to your response and appreciate your consideration.

Best regards,

[Suzy Lampman](#), Constituency Assistant
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District of Barriere
REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: June 8, 2026	Agenda Item:
To: Council	From: Department Heads
Re: Departmental Updates	

CORPORATE:

Development:

Development Activity			
Construction Activity:	May	2026 YTD	2025
Total Building Permit Applications:	2	10	21
Total Construction Value:	\$45,519	\$1,157,325	\$3,291,020
Total Building Permits Finalized:	3	5	15 (since June)
Total Construction Value Finalized:	\$307,000	\$1,047,500	\$989,500

- Processed 4 Building Information Requests (BIR)
- Processed 1 Zoning Confirmation Requests

Lease Agreements:

- As of July 1, 2026, Taseko Mines Ltd. will be including the square footage of Unit 4 in its entirety into its BBC lease agreement.
- Lease Agreement Renewals have been executed with other BBC tenants.
- For the approximate June 2025 - May 2026 rental period, the approximate net revenue of the BBC is just under \$30,000. With the anticipated additional revenue of Unit 4, this amount is expected to increase by approximately \$15,000 for the June 2026 - May 2027 rental period.
- The Draft Lease Agreement for the Old Chamber Building has been provided to the Barriere and Area Men's Shed for review.

Bylaw Enforcement:

- Seven bylaw enforcement files were acted on in May.

Governance:

- Per Diem, Travel & Mileage Allowances Policy – In progress
- Employee Appreciation Policy - In progress
- 2025 Annual Report – In progress

Sessions/Meetings:

- Completed Information Officer Course through JIBC
- Attended a meeting with the Community Health Facilitator from Interior Health

Recreation / Events:

- District of Barriere/FireSmart - Fall Fair Booth application has been submitted
- Bandshell Fridays have been scheduled for July 10th and 24th and August 7th and 28th.
- Movies in the Park have been scheduled for July 17th and 31st and August 14th.
- No Bandshell Fridays on August 21st due to the RCMP Musical Ride which will be happening at the Fall Fair Grounds.
- Canada Day Celebration is scheduled for 2pm on Wednesday, July 1st. Council will need to confirm who will be attending for the ceremony.

- The Recreation Committee has received a total of \$5,100.00 in Grants and Sponsorships from the TNRD, Taseko, Beem Credit Union, Tolko, Interior Plumbing and Heating and Trans Mountain for the Block Party that is scheduled for **Saturday June 20th at 2:45pm – 9:00pm**.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Operations:

Public Works			
	May	2026 YTD	2025
Potholes Filled:	20	93	195
Pavement Repairs:	2600	2600	17499
Burials:	1	1	0
Cremations:	1	1	4
Deceased Animal Recovery:	1	1	4
After Hours Call Outs: Irrigation	1	0	4
Water Distribution			
	May	2026 YTD	2025
New Construction Service Connections:	0	0	5
Water Service On/Off Requests:	7	23	34
Interior Health Water Quality Tests:	12	60	148
Water Usage:	45217	158739	448356
Waterline Repairs:	0	4	7
After Hours Call Outs:	0	3	16
Wastewater Collection & Treatment			
	May	2026 YTD	2025
New Construction Service Connections:	0	0	6
Ministry of Environment Wastewater Tests:	7	35	84
After Hours Call Outs:	0	0	0
General			
	May	2026 YTD	2025
BC One Calls Supported:	8	20	42
Events Supported:	0	2	17

- WWTP project RFP out for tender May 11. Closes June 18th. Started receiving equipment for project
- 2026 paving program Phase 1 road repairs completed by contractor
- Traffic calming project completed on Barriere Town Road – ICBC grant funded
- New 30 km/hr speed signs installed in Teacher’s subdivision. RCMP notified
- BBC storage room upgrades completed
- Tree planting for BC Hydro re-greening grant in Fadear & Community Parks completed
- All flowers planted and hanging baskets hung on bridge and wildfire monument.

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Fire Department			
	May	2026 YTD	2025
Fire	0	11	23
Rescue / Motor Vehicle Incidents	1	13	15
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	0	5	4
Service Call / Public Assist	2	9	23
Fire Burning Complaint / Fire Investigation / Fire alarm	3	11	36
False Alarm	0	0	20
Total Calls	6	49	121
Public Education & Events	2	6	18
FireSmart Assessments	7	13	17
Fire Prevention / Fire Inspections	2	23	4

Fire Department:

- Chief currently at the Fire Chief Conference
- Attended th Spring/Summer Hazardless Preparedness Workshop
- Meeting with BCAS – to determine CAD issues
- Meeting with Simpcw First Nation, SRG and Chu Chua Volunteer Fire Department to discuss seasonal preparedness and resources availability for summer 2026

FireSmart:

- Showcase property project underway
- Rebate Program has begun its intake
- Yard Waste Day took place on June 6, 2026 with 4 registrants
- Barriere FireSmart Coordinator received branding design recognition from FireSmart BC

Weather/Other:

- Dependent on May/June rainfall
- El Nino impacts projected throughout the year, including into the winter
- BC Wildfire Service has seen \$14M invested to expand on-the-ground firefighting equipment, such as tracks and camp infrastructure.

FINANCE:

Financial Services			
	May	2026 YTD	2025
Cash Collected:	\$374,166	\$1,474,835	\$4,963,536
Cash Disbursed:	\$398,269	\$1,879,610	\$5,861,273
	May	2026 YTD	Project Total
ICIP Wastewater Treatment Grant Funds Received:	\$38,055	\$62,485	\$341,465

- Tax notices were mailed out to residents mid May. There has been positive feedback received regarding the insert that accompanied the notices. Residents are appreciative of the graphs and information shared, which helps explain where tax dollars go.
- Residents who elect to take advantage of the preauthorized payment plan are now on pause for the months of June and July. This pause allows residents to make payments of any amounts outstanding as per their 2026 tax notices. Preauthorized payment amounts will be reviewed over the next few months to align payments with annual increases. Residents who are on the preauthorized payment plan will receive notice advising of any changes prior to the reinstatement of the program in August.
- Our 2025 Annual Expenditure Report for the Build Communities Strong Fund (formerly the Canada Community- Building Fund) has been submitted.
- 2025 audit has been started.
- Policies and procedures are currently being reviewed which impact our day-to-day banking processes. Recommended changes will be presented at the next council meeting.
- Purchase Order (PO) project underway. We are working on implementing an electronic purchase order system which will support better cashflow forecasting, budget adherence and overall accounts payable processing.

District of Barriere

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Request for Decision

Date: June 8, 2026	File: 530.20/Rpts
To: Council	From: Public Works Manager
Re: Proposed Eco Depot Trailhead	
Recommendation: THAT Council support the Thompson-Nicola Regional District's proposal to further investigate the development of a recreational trail utilizing a trailhead on District-owned property located at 3732 Louis Creek Road.	

Purpose

To present Council with information regarding a proposal from the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) to establish a trailhead on District-owned property located at 3732 Louis Creek Road, Barriere, with the trail continuing through the TNRD-owned Louis Creek Eco Depot property located at 4077 Agate Bay Road, Louis Creek, and to seek Council direction on how Staff should proceed.

Background

The TNRD has approached the District of Barriere regarding a potential recreational trail project that would utilize District-owned lands at 3732 Louis Creek Road as a trailhead location. The proposed trail would then continue through the TNRD-owned Louis Creek Eco Depot property located at 4077 Agate Bay Road.

The TNRD has indicated that it views the project as an opportunity for regional collaboration involving the District of Barriere, Simpcw, and the TNRD. Preliminary discussions have already occurred between the TNRD and Simpcw regarding the importance of undertaking a cultural assessment as an initial step in evaluating the feasibility of the project and identifying any cultural, archaeological, or heritage considerations.

The TNRD has requested feedback from the District regarding its level of support for the proposal and Council's preferred approach before advancing the project further.

Summary

Staff recommends that Council consider utilizing District owned property as a trailhead at 3732 Louis Creek Road.

The project presents an opportunity for collaboration between the District of Barriere, Simpcw, and the TNRD.

The TNRD would be responsible for all project-related costs, including planning, assessments, design, construction, operation, and maintenance. As a result, there are no anticipated capital, operating, or maintenance costs to the District of Barriere.

Benefits or Impact

General

The proposed trail could provide several potential community benefits, including:

- Increased recreational opportunities for residents and visitors;
- Opportunities to promote active transportation and healthy lifestyles;
- Potential economic benefits through tourism and outdoor recreation;
- Strengthened collaboration between the District of Barriere, Simpcw, and the TNRD.

Finances

The TNRD has indicated that it would be responsible for project planning, assessment, development, construction, and ongoing maintenance of the trail. The District's involvement would be limited to permitting the use of District-owned property as a trailhead location.

Strategic Impact

Priority #4 Goal #1 – Increase partnership with Simpcw.

The proposal aligns with community objectives related to recreation, outdoor tourism, active living, and collaborative partnerships with regional and Indigenous governments.

The project also presents an opportunity to strengthen relationships with Simpcw through meaningful engagement and participation in project planning.

Risk Assessment

Compliance: The project may require consideration of applicable provincial and federal legislation, environmental regulations, archaeological and cultural heritage requirements, and municipal policies. Completion of a cultural assessment and any necessary environmental reviews would assist in ensuring regulatory compliance.

Risk Impact:

- Cultural or archaeological impacts;
- Environmental impacts;
- Public safety considerations; and
- Liability associated with public access through the trailhead area.

As the TNRD would be responsible for project development and maintenance, financial and operational risks to the District are expected to be minimal.

Internal Control Process:

Should Council wish to proceed, Staff would work with the TNRD to establish a basic agreement clearly outlining ownership, maintenance responsibilities, liability provisions, and operational expectations to ensure the District incurs no ongoing costs or obligations beyond those approved by Council. Staff anticipates that the parking area may require some generic maintenance.

Next Steps / Communication

- Inform the TNRD of council's decision on the use of District property as a trailhead.
 - Work with the TNRD to accurately define what the trailhead will look like including parking, signage, and limiting vehicle access past the trailhead
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Attachments

- Maps – proposed trail head and trail network

Recommendation

THAT Council support the Thompson-Nicola Regional District's proposal to further investigate the development of a recreational trail utilizing a trailhead on District-owned property located at 3732 Louis Creek Road.

Alternative Options

1. Council could choose not to utilize District property as a potential Trail Head
2. Council could choose to find an alternative location for a Trail Head

Prepared by:

C. Matthews, Public Works Manager

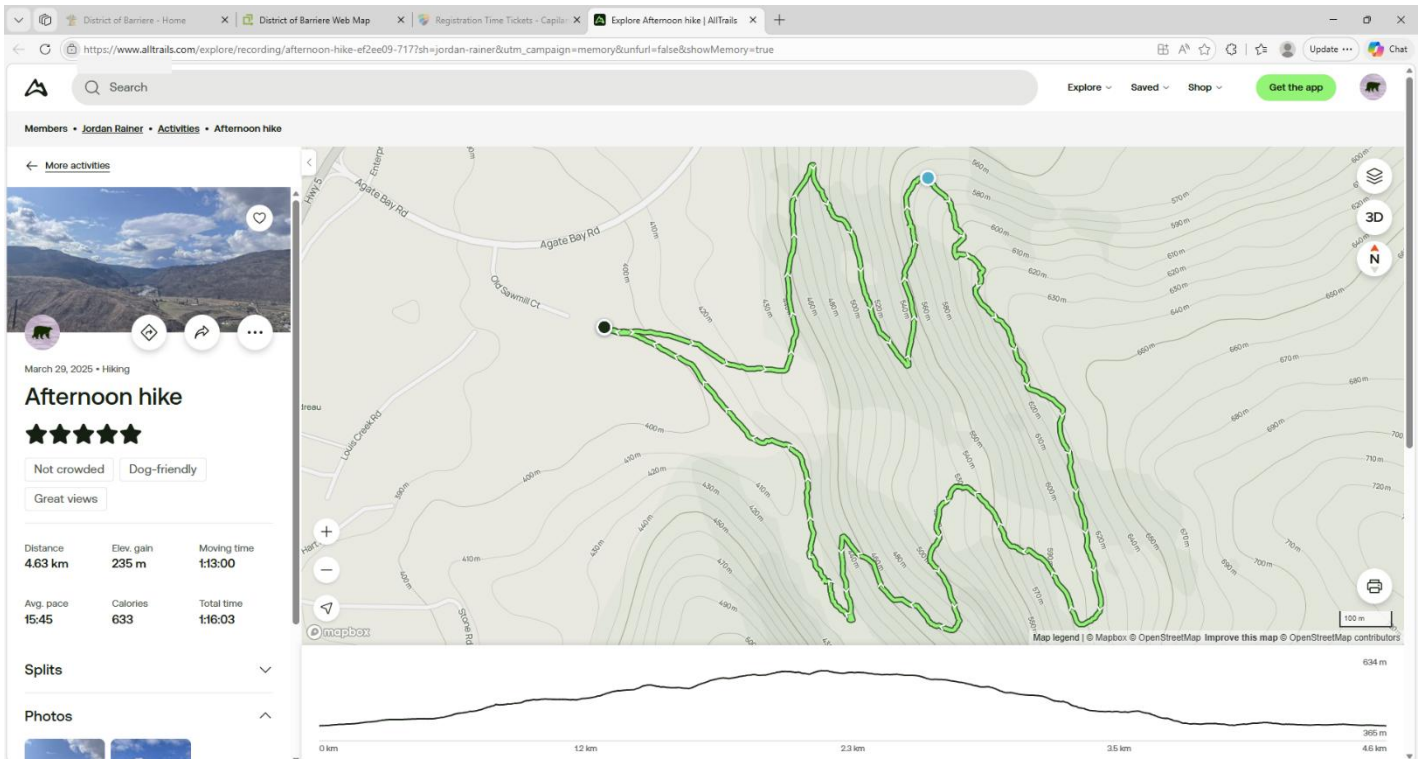
District Property (red) and Trail Head location (blue)



Proposed Trailhead



Proposed Eco Depot Trail



District of Barriere
REPORT TO COUNCIL
Memorandum

Date: June 8, 2026	File: 530.20/Rpts
To: Council	From: Deputy Corporate Officer
Re: Non-Profit Stakeholder Session	

Purpose

To provide Council with a summary of the feedback received during the Non-Profit Stakeholder Session and seek direction regarding potential next steps.

Background

As part of Strategic Planning, Goal 4 identified the need to raise the District's profile and to facilitate a workshop for community partners to share information and knowledge with each other while providing Council the opportunity to further understand their services and needs.

On Thursday, May 21, 2026 the District of Barriere Council and Barriere Chamber of Commerce hosted a Non-Profit Stakeholder Session which was attended by Council, Staff and the following community organizations:

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| Barriere and Area Chamber of Commerce | Barriere and Area Men's Shed |
| Barriere Curling Club | Barriere Firefighters Association |
| Barriere Food Bank | Barriere Heritage Society |
| Barriere Outdoor Club | Barriere Pickleball Club |
| Barriere Search and Rescue | Barriere Seniors Society |
| Barriere Trails Society | Emergency Support Services |
| Lower North Thompson Community Forests | Lower North Thompson Community Women's League |
| North Thompson Activity Centre | North Thompson Communities Foundation |
| North Thompson Fall Fair | North Thompson Game & Fish |
| Royal Canadian Legion #242 | Thompson Nicola Girl Guides |
| Yellowhead Community Services | Barriere Lions Club |

Other Organizations Invited:

- | | |
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| Barriere AG Expo | Barriere Farmers Market |
| Barriere First Responders | Barriere Hospice Society |
| Elementary and Secondary PACs | Barriere RCMP |

Organizations participated in facilitated discussions and the engagement boards provided focused on the following themes:

- Identifying gaps and overlap
- Partnerships and resource sharing
- Community impact and future vision
- Reducing barriers
- Strengthening communication

The feedback was then consolidated in two summary documents which are attached.

Several consistent themes emerged throughout the discussions:

- Volunteer recruitment, retention, and succession planning
- Increasing visibility and awareness of local organizations
- Improved coordination of events, fundraising activities, and community resources
- Transportation barriers impacting residents access to services
- Support for youth, young families, and seniors
- Assistance navigating grants and funding opportunities
- Opportunities for increased collaboration among organizations

Next Steps

Staff will distribute the attached summary documents to all organizations that were invited to and/or attended the session to ensure participants receive a consolidated overview of the feedback collected and resources identified through the engagement process.

Council may consider whether any follow-up actions or initiatives are warranted based on the feedback received and, if so, identify any priorities for consideration that should be included during the next Strategic Planning process.

Attachments

- Barriere Community Engagement: Strategic Priorities Map
- Barriere Resource Matchmaker

Prepared by:
J. Mosdell, Deputy Corporate Officer

Reviewed by:
D. Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer

Barriere Community Engagement: Strategic Priorities Map

A synthesis of feedback from local non-profit organizations to guide municipal strategy.

Critical Hurdles

- **Volunteer Burnout:** Aging boards, lack of succession planning, and dwindling commitment.
- **Operational Costs:** Financial strain from facility maintenance, insurance, and utilities.
- **Space Limitations:** Acute need for dedicated, affordable spaces and overcoming property opposition for trails.
- **Transportation Barriers:** Lack of accessible local transit, safe ride programs, and volunteer shuttles, which severely limits vulnerable residents' access to essential services like the food bank.
- **Duplication of Effort:** Accidental overlap in fundraising and scheduling.

Proposed "Resource Hub"

- **Centralized Calendar:** A master digital/printed schedule to coordinate events (including fundraisers) and share timelines.
- **Volunteer Matchmaker:** A system to connect residents' specific skills with organization needs.
- **Non-Profit Directory:** Standardized lists of contacts, mission statements, and available services.
- **Asset Registry:** A shared database of available facilities, parks, and rental equipment.

Under-Served Demographics

- **Youth & Teenagers:** Require mental health support, recreational amenities, and employment.
- **Parents & Guardians:** Lack time and need supervised childcare to participate.
- **Young Professionals (25-45):** A missing demographic with resources but low engagement.
- **Seniors:** Need accessible housing options and reliable transportation networks.

District Support & Advocacy

- **Strategic Advocacy:** Representing community needs at UBCM to prevent regionalization of key services.
- **Capacity Building:** Assistance with complex grant writing for large-scale projects.
- **Amplified Visibility:** Using District channels (website, mailers) for non-profit spotlights and "help wanted" ads.
- **Policy Optimization:** Easing red tape for trail development on District land.

The 5-Year Vision for Barriere

A thriving, interconnected non-profit sector characterized by **regular collaboration, coordinated community events, and younger residents stepping into leadership**. Supported by a central hub, organizations will thrive individually while sharing resources to move the community forward in a positive, successful manner.

Barriere Resource Matchmaker

A Collaborative Guide to Community Resources and Needs

Organization	What We Have	What We Need
District of Barriere	<p>Facility Rentals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ball Fields ● Concession & Field House at Ball Diamonds ● Barriere Business Centre (Units 4A, 4B & 4C) ● Community Hall (Arranged through the Lions Club) ● Ridge Gym ● Bandshell (No Charge) <p>Other Rentals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Backhoe with operator ● Tool-Cat with operator ● Sound Equipment ● Projector/Screen at Bandshell ● Hot Dog Roller/BBQ <p>District Support Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grant-in-aid opportunities ● Scholarship opportunities ● Event promotion on municipal channels ● Volunteer recognition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>No current needs listed</i>
Barriere Seniors Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kitchen ● Accessible space (ramp) ● Projector & screen ● Sound system ● Outdoor games & linens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grant writing support ● Funding for insurance & utilities ● Volunteer promotion ● Event advertising space
Royal Canadian Legion #242	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Event space & kitchen ● Gaming licence (for non-profit fundraising) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funding ● Event coordination ● Event advertising space ● Patrons for bar sales
Barriere Search	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Quads (one w/ plow) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● More members

Organization	What We Have	What We Need
& Rescue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trailers & sleds ● Radios & drones ● Mapping system ● Event transport (requires SAR operator) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Crew truck
North Thompson Communities Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Website/FB presence ● Spring grants & emerging funds ● Non-profit expertise (grant writing, AI, budgets) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Volunteers & partner groups ● Increased visibility ● Board planning support ● Younger demographic engagement
Lower North Thompson Community Forest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Non-profit funding ● School education programs ● Future fund creation ● Firewood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● More members ● Community education & awareness channels
Barriere Trails Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Landscaping tools & dump trailer ● Trail development expertise ● Passionate members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visibility ● Better District communication ● District machinery support (trucks/bobcats) ● High school student grants
Barriere Food Bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Food & hygiene items ● Developing community garden center ● Shared resources with local centers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Expert knowledge sharing ● Education on food security & economic meals
North Thompson Fish & Game	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sport shooting range (skeet, long range, archery, pistol) ● Sheds & washrooms ● Lunch shelter & BBQ ● 350 members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>No current needs listed</i>
Barriere Outdoor Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Warming hut facility ● Skiing, snowshoeing, & hiking trails ● Certified ski instructors & lessons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Volunteers (especially youth) ● Trail building materials (seed, gravel) ● Trail maintenance help
North Thompson Fall Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilities ● Fundraising opportunities ● Grant application support for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Volunteer succession planning

Organization	What We Have	What We Need
	non-profits	
Barriere Pickleball Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Experienced players/coaches ● Starter gear (paddles, balls, nets) ● Registration assistance ● Cleanup tools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Court maintenance assurance ● Designated club area
Barriere & Area Mens Shed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 730 members with trades skills (carpentry, metalwork, auto) ● Mentorship for new non-profits ● Specialty tools ● Skilled labour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Short-term funding for shed upgrades ● Collaboration opportunities
Thompson Nicola Girl Guides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Eager volunteers for tasks ● Event support (concessions, face painting) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community experts to share knowledge (e.g., gardening) ● Barter/community service opportunities
Barriere Heritage Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Local historical records ● Old newspapers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funding for insurance & heat ● Mowing assistance near CN Rail property

District of Barriere
REPORT TO COUNCIL
Memorandum

Date: June 8, 2026	File: 530.20/Rpts
To: Council	From: Chief Administrative Officer
Re: Leonie Dam Decommissioning Study – Final Update	

Purpose

To provide Council a final update for the Leonie Dam Decommissioning Study project.

Background

Council initiated the Leonie Dam Decommissioning Study in 2023 when Staff was directed to apply to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF).

Since the funding approval by UBCM (received in July 2023), a full Decommissioning Study has been completed by Interior Dams, with True Consulting acting as the Districts engineer.

Staff and True Consulting further undertook a holistic review of the findings in 2025. Updates were presented to Council on a continuous basis which resulted in Council determining that the option to “Keep the Dam” was the most desirable solution at this time.

Feedback from the public was also sought out through the Open House in January 2026, through dedicated engagement with Simpcw First Nation, and by mailing potentially affected property owners. No additional comments were received from the affected property owners. Simpcw has provided a letter of support toward the next step in maintaining the Leonie Dam.

The attached memorandum from True Consulting is summarized on a high level in bullet form below:

- The Decommissioning Study project confirmed that the District remains the owner and licence holder of the Leonie Lake Dam and is responsible for its operation, safety, and regulatory compliance.
- The study also confirmed that the Dam is classified as a High Consequence Dam and is currently non-compliant with dam safety requirements.
- Although full decommissioning was initially considered, the assessment found that decommissioning and rehabilitation have similar order-of-magnitude costs.
- Based on technical findings, water security considerations, and engagement feedback, the preferred approach is to retain the Dam at this time and proceed with a Dam Safety Review (DRS) to define rehabilitation needs, costs, and future management options.
- The Province is requiring the District to maintain the water storage at approximately 50% capacity until a DSR is completed.

This now substantially completes this Decommissioning Study project.

Next Steps

- TRUE Consulting will be finalizing the grant reporting on our behalf in the coming weeks.
 - TRUE Consulting will review grant opportunities to fund the next step (Dam Safety Review) as they become available.
 - Staff will include the “Leonie Dam – Dam Safety Review” as a project on the next Strategic Planning Workshop for Council.
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Attachments

1. Memorandum from True Consulting – June 4, 2026

Prepared by:

D. Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer



Memorandum

To: District of Barriere
Attn: Daniel Drexler, CAO
Date: June 4, 2026

From: TRUE Consulting
File No: 346-492

RE: Summary Report Leonie Dam Decommissioning Study

1. Introduction

This memorandum provides a summary of the Leonie Lake Dam Assessment Project, funded through the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) in 2023.

The purpose of the project is:

- Assess the current condition of the Leonie Lake Dam
- Review applicable legal and regulatory requirements
- Evaluate future management options for the dam
- Engage with First Nations and interested parties
- Identify a preferred path forward for the District of Barriere

The project timeline is summarized below.

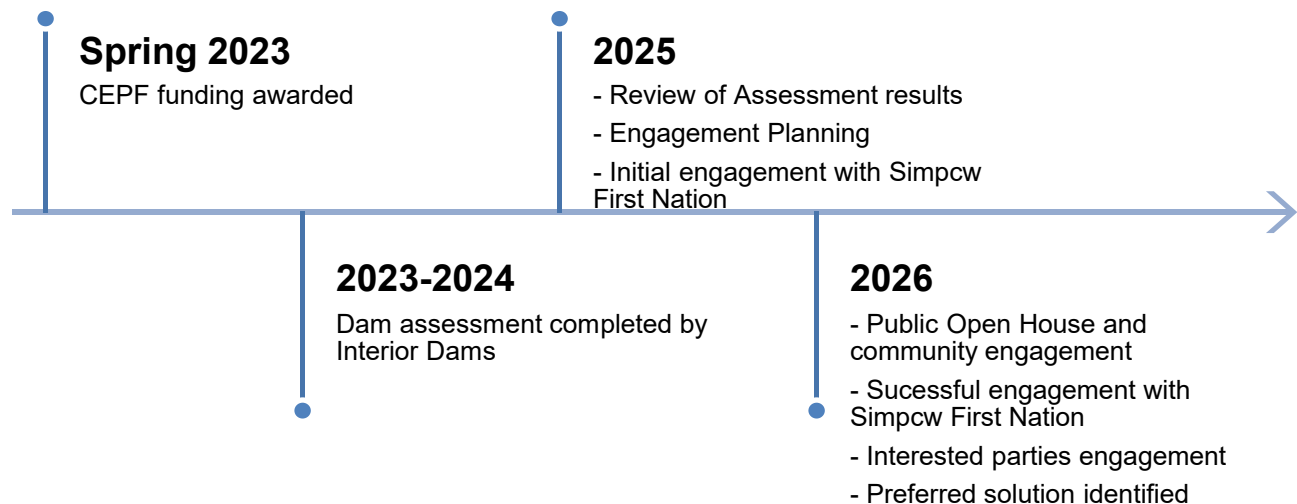


FIGURE 1-1. TIMELINE OF THE PROJECT

2. Background

The Leonie Lake Dam is classified as a High Consequence Dam under the BC Dam Safety Regulation. A failure of the dam could result in loss of life, significant damage to infrastructure, and impacts to environmental and cultural values.



FIGURE 2-1. LEONIE DAM DRONE PHOTO (INTERIOR DAMS, 2024)

A 2023 dam breach assessment concluded that a hypothetical failure of the dam could result in:

- Peak flows in the Barriere River approximately 22% greater than the 1-in-500-year flood event
- Washout of multiple road crossings along Leonie Creek that provide access to residences
- Significant erosion and debris flow hazards within the Leonie Creek watershed
- Flooding impacts extending into the District of Barriere
- Damages consistent with a High Consequence dam classification

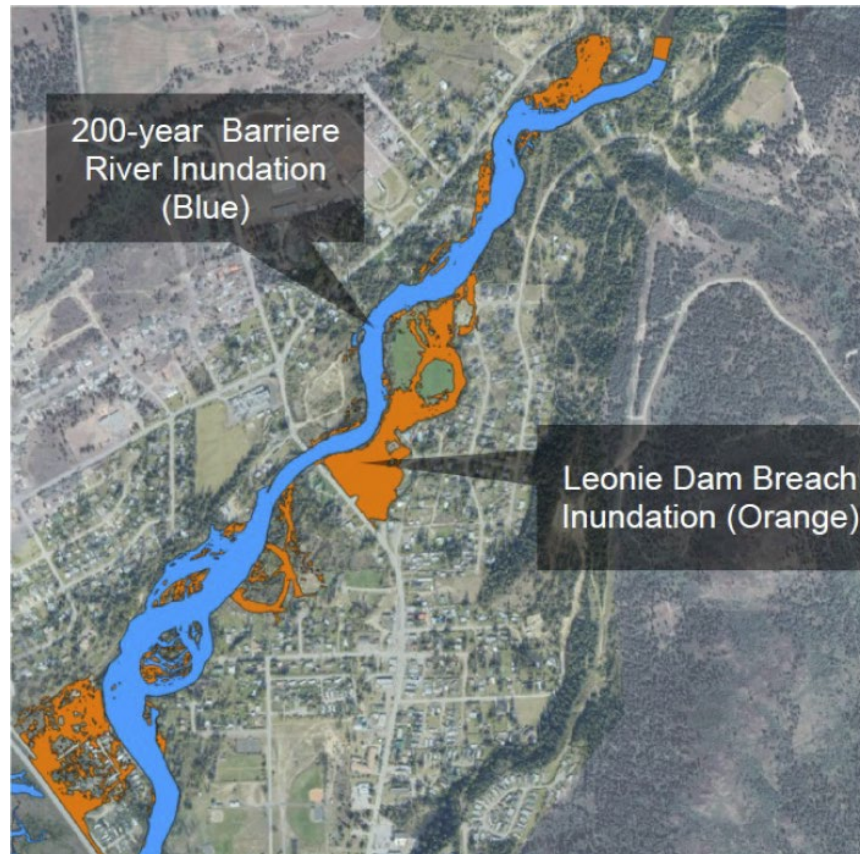


FIGURE 2-2. LEONIE LAKE DAM BREACH FLOW RELATIVE TO THE 1-IN-200-YEAR FLOW FOR THE BARRIERE RIVER (TRUE, 2023)

Although the Leonie Lake Dam has not supplied drinking water to the District since the late 1990's, the District remains responsible for:

- Dam operation
- Maintenance
- Public safety
- Regulatory compliance

3. Dam Assessment Findings

3.1 Water Use Licences

The assessment confirmed that Water Licence C050375 is the only active storage licence directly associated with the Leonie Lake Dam and reservoir.

The licence remains active and is registered to the District of Barriere. As a result, the District is both the registered dam owner and the sole licence holder responsible for operation, maintenance, and regulatory compliance of the Leonie Lake Dam.

3.2 Current Condition Review

A review of inspection records, surveillance reports, dam safety documentation, and site conditions identified several deficiencies and information gaps that affect the long-term viability of the dam.

The assessment identified:

Low-level outlet works	Near end of service life
Slide gate system	Near end of service life
Access structures	Deteriorated
Freeboard	May not meet current standards
Vegetation	Excessive growth present
Hydrologic assessment	Outdated
Geotechnical assessment	Not completed to current standards
Seismic assessment	Not completed to current standards
Dam Safety Review	Outstanding since 2022

FIGURE 3-1: SUMMARY OF FINDING IN CURRENT CONDITION OF THE DAM

The review concluded that the dam is currently non-compliant with regulatory requirements and requires additional investigation to determine the extent of rehabilitation needed to meet current dam safety standards.

3.3 Management Options Assessment

Three options were evaluated as part of the study:

Option 1 - Full decommissioning of the dam and restoration of the stream channel

Option 2 - Retain and rehabilitate the dam to meet current standards

Option 3 - Partial decommissioning through reduction of reservoir storage

The assessment determined that partial decommissioning was not a practical long-term solution because the remaining structure would continue to require ownership, operation, maintenance, regulatory compliance, and future capital investment.

As a result, the assessment focused on comparing full decommissioning and retaining the dam.

3.3 Cost Comparison

TABLE 3-1: CLASS D - COST COMPARISON

OPTION	ESTIMATED COST (GST EXCLUSIVE)
Full Decommissioning	\$1.50 million
Retain and Rehabilitate Dam	\$1.0 million to \$1.7 million*

*Final rehabilitation costs are dependent on the findings of a Dam Safety Review.

The assessment concluded that both options are technically feasible; however, the final rehabilitation scope and associated costs cannot be confirmed until completion of a comprehensive Dam Safety Review.

3.4 Key Findings

- Leonie Lake Dam is classified as a High Consequence Dam.
- The District of Barriere is the sole licence holder and dam owner.
- The dam is currently non-compliant with dam safety requirements.
- Significant information gaps remain regarding geotechnical and seismic performance.
- Rehabilitation and decommissioning have similar order-of-magnitude capital costs.
- Community engagement identified continued interest in retaining water storage capacity within the watershed.

4. Preferred Solution

At the outset of the project, full decommissioning was considered the most likely outcome due to the District no longer relying on Leonie Lake as a municipal water supply source.

However, the technical assessment, increasing awareness of future drought and water security risks, and feedback received through engagement activities highlighted the ongoing value of maintaining water storage within the watershed.

As a result, the preferred solution is to retain the dam at this time while pursuing the studies and upgrades necessary to address dam safety and regulatory requirements.

Key considerations supporting this approach include:

- Preserving future water storage opportunities
- Maintaining water availability for potential agricultural and irrigation uses
- Increasing resilience to future drought and climate change impacts
- Maintaining flexibility while partnership and ownership opportunities are explored.

The District will continue exploring opportunities for a partial or full ownership transfer or partnership arrangement with interested parties. If no transfer opportunities are identified, the District recognizes the ongoing operational and capital costs associated with retaining the dam and will incorporate these requirements into future planning and budgeting activities.

5. Engagement

5.1 First Nations Engagement

Meaningful engagement with Simpcw First Nation was a key component of the project. The District initiated engagement in December 2025 by providing the Leonie Lake Dam Assessment Report to Simpcw First Nation for review.

Subsequent engagement activities included:

- Joint participation in the public open house on January 27, 2026
- Ongoing project discussions with Simpcw representatives
- A dedicated meeting on April 20, 2026 to discuss project findings, future management options, and potential partnership opportunities

Discussions focused on:

- Findings of the Dam assessment
- Future management of the dam
- Potential ownership and partnership opportunities.

Simpcw First Nation is currently evaluating the feasibility of a potential ownership arrangement; however, no decision has been made at this time.

As an outcome of the engagement process, Simpcw First Nation provided a letter of support for the proposed next phase of work and expressed interest in continuing discussions regarding future collaboration.

5.2 Community and Interested Parties Engagement

Community engagement was completed through a public open house held on January 27, 2026.

The event provided information regarding:

- Project objectives
- Assessment findings
- Potential future management options
- Opportunities for public input

Feedback received during the engagement process highlighted the importance of maintaining water storage capacity within the watershed, particularly for agricultural and irrigation purposes.

In May 2026, the District contacted identified interested parties, including:

- Property owners located downstream of the dam along Leonie Creek; and
- Water licence holders within the watershed.

Notification letters were distributed to inform interested parties of the District's preferred approach to retain the dam and to provide an update on dam operations. The correspondence also communicated the Province's request to keep the outlet valve open in order to maintain the reservoir at approximately 50% of its maximum storage capacity. Following freshet, the outlet valve can be adjusted as required to maintain this target storage level. The final operation of the dam will be reassessed after a Dam Safety Review (DSR).

The letters provided recipients with an opportunity to submit comments, questions, or concerns regarding the project and the proposed path forward.

No comments or responses were received during the two-week response period.

6. Next Steps

The District has selected to retain the Leonie Lake Dam and pursue the investigations required to establish a long-term rehabilitation strategy and partnership options.

The next phase of work will include:

1. Completion of a comprehensive Dam Safety Review (DSR)
2. Identification of dam deficiencies and rehabilitation requirements
3. Development of detailed engineering design
4. Refinement of construction cost estimates
5. Implementation of rehabilitation upgrades


The Dam Safety Review will be the critical first step in addressing existing information gaps and determining the scope of work required to bring the dam into compliance with current dam safety requirements.

The District will also continue discussions with Simpcw First Nation and other interested parties regarding potential partnership opportunities and future ownership arrangements for the dam.

Regards,

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