

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, July 21, 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
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
Kathy Abel, Finance Officer
Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager
Alexis Hovenkamp, Fire Chief

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

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Kershaw
Seconded by Councillor Lodge
That Council approve the July 21, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Moved by Councillor Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Kibble
That Council adopt the minutes of the June 23, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS

- a. Shane Baykey – re: Wastewater Service Connection

Mr. Baykey provided an overview of his wastewater connection request for his commercial property located at 4639 Barriere Town Road. The Veterinary Clinic is already hooked into the system but the other units, need to be brought on board to the community wastewater system downtown. Mr. Baykey would like to connect through the District's owned property where the old Chamber of Commerce building is located.

Due, in part, to the unknown development potential of the Old Chamber site, it was explained that utilizing that connection is not possible and the property owner will have to explore other options of connection to the system to the Barriere Town Road tie-in as standard. It was agreed to discuss the matter further later the agenda.

4. STAFF REPORTS

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

Council was provided an overview of the written report.

- b. Finance Quarterly 2 Update – D. Drexler, CAO
**submitted for information*

Council was provided an overview of the written report.

- c. Permissive Tax Exemption Application (LNTCFS) – T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer

Councillor Kershaw declared a conflict of interest as a Director on the LNTCFS Board and left the meeting at 6:10pm

The Permissive Tax Exemption legislation was reviewed along with the application by the Lower North Thompson Community Forests Society (LNTCFS) for a 2026 Permissive Tax Exemption.

Moved by Councillor McInnis

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

That Council grant authorization for the delegates of the LNTCFS to speak to their application for a Permissive Tax Exemption.

CARRIED

Harley Wright, Society President, provided a Power Point presentation outlining the LNTCFS, its history, finances, mandate and community involvement.

Moved by Councillor McInnis

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

That Council direct staff to prepare a draft amendment of the District of Barriere Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 222 for formal consideration by Council at the September 15, 2025 and October 6, 2025 Council Meetings.

CARRIED

Councillor Kershaw re-entered the meeting at 6:45pm

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Mayor Kerslake

That the Meeting recess at 6:40pm and reconvene at 6:50pm

CARRIED

The meeting reconvened at 6:50pm

- d. Development Permit Application: DP-25-01 BMI – T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer

Councillor Armstrong declared a conflict of interest as an adjoining property owner and left the meeting at 6:50pm and did not return.

An application for the Barriere Motor Inn's (BMI) planned seven (7) rental unit development to be located behind the BMI at 370 Lilley Road was reviewed by Council. The property has successfully passed through multiple development processes including subdivision, rezoning and a variance with a Development Permit being the final stage prior to building permit issuance. Utility servicing, fencing, screening vegetation, lighting, parking and paving of travelled surfaces are included requirements in the presented Development Permit.

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor McInnis

That Development Permit Application No. 25-02 BMI be approved as presented.

CARRIED

- e. Strategic Planning – D. Drexler, CAO

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Kershaw

THAT Council instructs Staff to include, in addition to the "ATV/Side by Side on District Roads" item, the following items for discussion at the Strategic Planning Update workshop to be held later this year:

- 1. Dog/Animal Control Options;**
- 2. Dumpster rental program.**

CARRIED

5. BYLAWS and POLICIES

- a. DRAFT Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 257 – 1st, 2nd, 3rd readings & adoption
**with attached staff report – re: General Amendments*

The Corporate Officer provided an overview of the written report.

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor McInnis

That Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 257 be given 1st, 2nd, 3rd readings and final adoption.

CARRIED

- b. DRAFT Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 258 – 1st, 2nd, 3rd readings & adoption
**with attached staff report – re: RZ-25-01*

The Corporate Officer provided an overview of the written report. After legislated public notice completion, no public comments on the application were formally provided to staff.

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Mosdell

That Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 258 be given 1st, 2nd, 3rd readings and final adoption.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. For Information

- b. For Action

- i. North Thompson Fall Fair & Rodeo – re: Request for solid waste collection at 2025 event.

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor McInnis

THAT the District of Barriere grant the NTFFRA's request of complimentary solid waste collection over the weekend of the 2025 Fall Fair & Rodeo.

CARRIED

- ii. CN Rail – re: National Rail Safety Week Support Request

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Mosdell

THAT Council support national Rail Safety Week to be held from September 15 to 21, 2025.

CARRIED

7. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Kershaw provided a verbal report that he attended and volunteered at the District's Canada Day event on July 1st.
- b. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
- The Heritage Society has hired two summer students.
 - Attended the District's Canada Day Event on July 1st
- c. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal report on the following:
- Volunteered at the Curling Rink's Cooling Centre.

- Attended the Taseko Open House.
- Along with Councillor Kibble and the CAO, attended a meeting with Frank Caputo, MP, who declared his support for the District's upcoming Strategic Priorities grant funding application.
- Attended and volunteered at the District's Canada Day Event on July 1st
- Attended a Barriere Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- Participated in a Rec Committee Working Group Meeting
- North Thompson Communities Foundation is seeking art donations for its upcoming fundraiser.

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Attended and volunteered at the District's Canada Day Event July 1st
- Continues to receive complaints regarding the speeding along Barriere Town Road (the residential stretch).
- Unfortunately missed the last TNRD Board Meeting.

Mr. Baykey's request for District assistance to connect to the municipal wastewater connection was re-presented to Council for debate.

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor McInnis

That staff be directed to work with Mr. Baykey on a wastewater connection permit along Barriere Town Rd. connection point and that no financial support from the municipality be made available.

CARRIED

9. **PUBLIC INQUIRIES**

- Stephen Boyle inquired if the District has floodplain mapping available for public review and it was answered that a web map is available on the District's website: www.barriere.ca where various layers can be chosen to review that include floodplain mapping, utilities, zoning etc.

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

11. **CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor McInnis

That pursuant to Sections 90(1)(c)(k)(f) 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 7:48pm.

CARRIED

12. **RECONVENE OPEN MEETING - the meeting reconvened into open session at 9:52 p.m.**

13. **NEXT MEETING** – *Regular Council Meeting – August 18, 2025 @ 5:30pm*

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Lodge that the meeting adjourn at 9:52pm.

CARRIED

Original signed by, _____
Mayor Rob Kerslake

Original signed by _____
T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer