

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, April 20, 2026 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 Donna Kibble
	Councillor Louise Lodge - <i>absent</i>	Councillor Colin McInnis
	Councillor Brody Mosdell	Councillor Scott Kershaw
Staff:	Daniel Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer	Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
	Kathy Abel, Chief Financial Officer	Jamie Mosdell, Deputy Corporate Officer
	Alexis Hovenkamp, Fire Chief	Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager

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

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor McInnis
Seconded by Councillor Mosdell
That Council approve the April 20, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Moved by Councillor Mosdell
Seconded by Councillor Kershaw
That Council adopt the minutes of the March 30, 2026, PUBLIC HEARING and Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- a. Thompson-Nicola Regional Department (TNRD) re: Proposed Kamloops Search and Rescue Hall – J. Vieira, General Manager of Operations & Paula Davies, President of Kamloops Search & Rescue

Jamie Vieira and Paula Davies provided a PowerPoint presentation overview of the Regional District’s proposed Kamloops Search and Rescue Hall that incorporates all Search & Rescue departments within the region.

Mr. Vieira reported that the following resolution was passed by the TNRD Board at its January 22, 2026 meeting:

“THAT, staff be directed to initiate a process to seek public assent through an Alternate Approval Process (AAP) for the following:

1. *Establishment of a new Regional Search and Rescue Service contributing up to \$100,000 annually to fund a portion of the operating and maintenance costs of the new joint hall building; and*

2. *Borrowing up to \$6.3 million to contribute towards the construction of a joint hall for Kamloops Search and Rescue and Kamloops Fire Rescue.”*

Ms. Davies noted that plan is to build a shared hall for Kamloops Search and Rescue (KSAR) and Kamloops Fire Rescue (KFR) at 4420 Devick Road. The project would require the creation of a new regional service to cover borrowing for capital costs and operating expenses, which would include all ten (10) Electoral Areas and eleven (11) member municipalities.

The estimated cost is \$9,454,035, with cost sharing between the City of Kamloops (CoK) and the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) proportionate to the space within the facility. The City will pay 25% of the capital costs and the TNRD will be responsible for the remaining 75%. KSAR has also committed to raising \$1.4 million, which will go toward TNRD’s share. This means TNRD would need to finance approximately \$6.3 million through borrowing with requires the assent of the public.

b. Barriere and Area Men’s Shed (BAMS) re: Development Plan for Old Barriere Chamber building– R. Dane, President

Mr. Dane provided Council with a detailed overview of the organization’s planned works for the Old Chamber Building located at 4624 Barriere Town Road.

Council was informed that the anticipated costs and anticipated timeline associated with the necessary renovation work necessary for the building, as follows:

- Phase 1 – Interior demolition & upgrades: Estimated costs \$15k = 0 - 12 months
- Phase 2 – Exterior & structural improvements: Estimated costs \$60k = 0 - 48mo
- Phase 3 – Roofing completion: Estimated costs \$35k = 0 – 60mo
- Full Development: Estimated costs \$110k = 60 months

Exterior work is not included in this development plan as the building itself is the priority. The Men’s Shed noted that they are not anticipating any significant asbestos remediation as no drilling is part of the plan and will be encapsulating the flooring material.

Approximately 30% of the required funds are expected to be raised through various grant processes. The remainder will be fundraising by the Men’s Shed through a number of events, projects and item sales, for example.

4. **BYLAWS and POLICIES**

a. DRAFT Policy No. 59CN – Community Support Policy – T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer
**w/attachments*

Council was provided an overview of the draft Community Support Policy No. 59CN. The draft policy consolidates a number of older policies that are in need of updating and is

intended to simplify and modernize the District’s approach to community funding, support and partnerships.

**Moved by Councillor McInnis
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong**

1. THAT Council approve Policy No. 59CN as presented; and
2. THAT Council repeal Policy No. 5 – Council Grant-in-Aid Individual & Organizations; and
3. THAT Council repeal Policy No. 6 – Annual Conditional Grant; and
4. THAT Council repeal Policy No. 7 – Annual Un-Conditional Grant; and
5. THAT Council repeal Policy No. 32 – Partnerships with Non-Profit Organizations

CARRIED

- b. DRAFT Park and Public Spaces Access Bylaw No. 247– 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Readings – J. Mosdell, Deputy Corporate Officer
**w/attachments*

The draft Park and Public Spaces Access Bylaw updates and modernizes the District’s current Parks Regulation Bylaw by repealing the current bylaw and replacing it with this draft – Bylaw No. 247. Notably, the definition of Motorized Vehicles was modified to include recreational e-scooters and e-bikes. Motorized Vehicles are not permitted within District Parks and trails with the exception mobility aids for the disabled.

**Moved by Councillor Kibble
Seconded by Mayor Kerslake**

THAT Council give 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings to Park and Public Spaces Access Bylaw No. 247.

CARRIED

- c. DRAFT 2026 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 276 – 1st, 2nd and 3rd Readings – D. Drexler, CAO
**w/attachments*

Council reviewed the written report which presented the Draft 2026 Tax Rates Bylaw for first three readings. The Bylaw includes the rates necessary to meet our obligations to the Regional District and the Hospital board, and also the rates needed to meet the District’s needs as set out in the Financial Plan Bylaw:

Schedule “A” District of Barriere 2026 Tax Rates				
Property Class	Description	“A” General Municipal	“B” Regional Hospital	“C” Regional District
01	Residential	2.74266	0.31253	0.76229
02	Utility	40.00000	1.09384	2.66802
03	Supportive Housing	2.74266	0.31253	0.76229
04	Major Industry	10.75123	1.06259	2.59179
05	Light Industry	9.62674	1.06259	2.59179
06	Business & Other	6.71952	0.76569	1.86761
07	Managed Forest Land	8.25541	0.93758	2.28687
08	Recreational/Non-Profit	2.74266	0.31253	0.76229
09	Farm	2.74266	0.31253	0.76229

**Moved by Councillor Mosdell
Seconded by Councillor McInnis
THAT Council gives first three readings to the 2026 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 276.**

CARRIED

5. STAFF REPORTS

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

Council was provided an overview of the written report.
It was added that the Stakeholder's Collaboration event date was scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2026 at the Lions Hall.

Strategic Priorities Fund – The overseers of this Provincial funding program is no longer accepting multiple, eligible projects within a single application and has asked applicants to scale their application back to just one priority. Based on Council's Strategic Plan, the priority is the Asset Management Plan.

REDIP grant in partnership with the Barriere Chamber of Commerce – The Province has notified the District that our application was unsuccessful due to the fund being oversubscribed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. For Information
- b. For Action
- i. Grant Applications

1. Barriere Youth Soccer Association - \$500.00

**Moved by Mayor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Mosdell
THAT Council award Barriere Youth Soccer Association with a \$500 grant for the 2026 season.**

CARRIED

2. Barriere Elementary School PAC - \$500.00

**Moved by Councillor Mosdell
Seconded by Councillor McInnis
THAT Council award a \$500 grant to the Barriere Elementary School PAC.**

CARRIED

3. Rabbits BC - \$500.00

**Moved by Councillor Armstrong
Seconded by Mayor Kerslake
THAT Council award a \$500 grant to Rabbits BC.**

CARRIED

4. Barriere Trails Society - \$500.00

**Moved by Councillor Mosdell
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
THAT Council award a \$500 grant to the Barriere Trails Society.**

CARRIED

5. Barriere and District Heritage Society - \$500.00

Councillor Kibble declared a conflict of interest as a member of the Society & left the meeting at 7:16p.m.

**Moved by Councillor Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor McInnis
THAT Council award the Barriere and District Heritage Society a \$500 grant.**

CARRIED

Councillor Kibble returned to the meeting at 7:16p.m.

6. Event Advertising Sponsorship re: Annual BES Golf Tournament - \$500.00

**Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
THAT Council purchase a \$500 Albatross Sponsorship Package for the 2026 BES Golf Tournament.**

CARRIED

- ii. Barriere and Area Chamber of Commerce re: Commission Structure for Unit 4

Council reviewed a written request from the Barriere Chamber for the establishment of a “finders fee”/commission structure for tenants found for Unit 4 in the BBC that are secured through the Chamber.

**Moved by Councillor Kershaw
Seconded by Councillor McInnis
THAT Council instruct Staff to arrange for a “finders fee” for the Chamber for utilization of District rental spaces at the BBC, and to codify this arrangement with the following conditions:**

- **20% of revenue for rentals 3 months or less in tenure, 15% after that as part of a sliding scale of revenue;**
- **End date of this arrangement is the end date of the lease agreement;**
- **Does not include any other rentals derived from the District’s current and future leases where the District is the primary connection.**

CARRIED

iii. Barriere and Area Chamber of Commerce re: Approval of Sub-Lease

Council reviewed a written request from the Barriere Chamber for the approval of the ability to sub-lease portions of the Chamber's leased space within the BBC. Council discussed agreed upon parameters of such an arrangement that would be codified in a formal agreement with the Chamber.

Moved by Councillor McInnis

Seconded by Councillor Kershaw

THAT Council instruct Staff to allow the sub-lease of the small office space to Chamber members and to codify this arrangement with the following conditions:

- **To support establishment of new businesses;**
- **No more than 6 months for a single entity while other District rental spaces are available;**
- **End date of this support by Council is the end date of the lease agreement.**
- **Available to Chamber members only.**

CARRIED

7. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended the C2C in Valemount.
 - Was approached by the Legion who inquired if the District would be amenable to allowing the Legion to sponsor a garden plot in Fadear Park (the planters normally used by Council as part of the Barriere Blooms Program). Mayor Kerlake volunteered his planter for this use. Councillor Armstrong will inquire with the Legion if they would like to utilize all of the planters with individual Council members personally providing flowers if needed.
- b. Councillor Kershaw provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended the C2C in Valemount.
- c. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended the C2C in Valemount.
 - Inquired as to Council's wishes for this year's Fall Fair, District of Barriere Booth. The Fire Department's FireSmart program facilitators are prepared for operating a booth again this year. Ideas to increase engagement were discussed.
 - Met with Frank Caputo, MP.
 - Participated in a Rec Committee Meeting.
- d. Councillor Lodge provided a written report which was read by Ms. Mosdell in her absence:
 - Assisted the Rec Committee's table at the Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt.
 - Attended a meeting with the Chamber as the newly appointed Council Liaison.
 - Attended the C2C in Valemount,
 - North Thompson Communities Foundation's spring granting is complete
 - Appreciation for a \$10,000 donation from Carman and Barb Smith was expressed.
 - Attended Rec Committee Meeting
 - The Committee discussed the need to purchase a Square purchase terminal for all District and Recreation Committee activities. The Committee is

requesting that Council consider contributing half of the cost of the machine.
The total cost of the Square is approximately \$400.00 before taxes.

Moved by Councillor McInnis

Seconded by Councillor Mosdell

THAT the District contribute up to \$250 towards the purchase of a 'Square' payment system in partnership with the Rec Committee with the funds to come from the Council Grants line item.

CARRIED

e. Councillor Mosdell provided a verbal report on the following:

- Attended the C2C Meeting in Valemount.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- The Stamer Family has approved of a cemetery memorial wall design and initial cost estimate. Work should begin this year.
- Attended Barriere Rec Committee Meeting.
- Attended the C2C Meeting in Valemount.
 - Suggested a "Name" and Mission statement be created.
- Met with MP Frank Caputo with the CAO, CO and Councillor Kibble
- Participated in a number of TNRD Board Meetings.

9. CONSIDERATION OF DELEGATION REQUESTS

Moved by Councillor Mosdell

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

THAT Council instruct Staff to include the proposed development plan, milestones, and layout in the draft lease agreement with the Men's Shed; AND THAT the Barriere Men's Shed group be authorized to act as the agent for the purposes of executing building permits for the Old Chamber Building property.

CARRIED

Next Step: Staff will draft a lease agreement to distribute to the Men's Shed.

10. **PUBLIC INQUIRIES** - Wim Houben: Mad Hatter Event raised over \$500 this year.

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

12. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Mosdell

Seconded by Councillor McInnis

Pursuant to Sections 90(1)(e)(i) 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 8:08p.m.

CARRIED

13. **RECONVENE OPEN MEETING** – *the meeting reconvened into open session 8:58pm*

14. **NEXT MEETING** – *May 4, 2026 @ 5:30pm*

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Armstrong that the meeting adjourn at 8:58pm.

CARRIED

Original signed by, _____
Mayor Rob Kerlake

Original signed by, _____
T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer