

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, August 31, 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 - *absent*
Councillor Louise Lodge - *absent*
Councillor Brody Mosdell
Councillor Donna Kibble - *absent*
Councillor Colin McInnis
Councillor Scott Kershaw

Staff: Daniel Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer
Kathy Abel, Chief Financial 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 Mosdell
Seconded by Councillor McInnis
That Council approve the August 31, 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 August 10, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – none scheduled

4. STAFF REPORTS

- a. 2026 Q3 Strategic Plan 2026-2028 Update – D. Drexler, CAO
**submitted for information*

High-level updates of the following strategic priorities were provided as outlined in the written report:

- Implement an Organizational Asset Management Program
- Fiscally Responsible Operations
- Create Opportunities for Community Growth, and
- General Governance and Community Engagement

Council agreed to hold further housing discussions at Strategic Planning, post election.

- b. Roads Department Progress Update – Public Works Manager/CAO
**submitted for information*

As part of the 2026-2030 Financial Plan, to successfully establish the Roads Department, Council approved a \$150,000 capital budget which included the procurement of equipment and

tools and materials needed for the job, and the construction of the storage shed. Below is a high level summary of the expenses to date:

Item	Rough \$ amount (inclusive PST)
International Plow Truck	\$48,000
Ford F450	\$22,500
Various Smaller Tools & Equipment	\$22,500
Sand Storage Design & Trusses	\$7,000
Sand Storage Construction (estimated)	\$25,000
TOTAL	\$125,000

The next step is to procure an asset tracking platform that incorporates Global Positioning System (GPS) and the use of camera technology on some vehicles. At present, with the GPS system included for 2026 the total projected cost would be \$134,000, so still roughly \$16,000 under budget.

- c. Capital Projects Update – J. Mosdell, DCO
**submitted for information*

Council was provided an overview of the written report from the CAO. It was added that over the weekend, Deep Well #3 suffered an issue. Notice has been given to affected properties in the Riverwalk area. The extent of the damage is currently being assessed. If necessary, further water restrictions may be necessary while repair work takes place.

5. BYLAWS and POLICIES

- a. DRAFT Officers & Delegation of Authority Bylaw No. 278 – D. Drexler, CAO

Moved by Mayor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor Mosdell

1. THAT Officers & Delegations of Authority Bylaw No. 278 be adopted; and

Moved by Mayor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor Mosdell

2. THAT the following Policies be rescinded:

- Policy No. 18 – Budget Transfer Authority;
- Policy No. 21 – Remote Access Policy;
- Policy No. 26 – Accounting Software Access Policy;
- Policy No. 28 – Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy;
- Policy No. 30 – Human Resources Basics Policy; and
- Policy No. 38 – Staff Training and Development Policy.

CARRIED

- b. DRAFT Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 279 – Societies 2027 – T. Buchanan, CO

Moved by Councillor Kershaw

Seconded by Councillor Mosdell

THAT Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 279 be adopted.

CARRIED

- c. DRAFT Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 280 – Places of Worship 2027 – T. Buchanan, CO

Moved by Mayor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor Kershaw

THAT Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 280 be adopted.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. For Information

It was noted that staff received an email today inviting Convention attendees to request a meeting with the UBCM Grant Review Committee. Staff will request a meeting with the Committee for those on Council attending this year's UBCM Convention.

- b. For Action - *none submitted*

7. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Mosdell provided a verbal update on the following:
- Volunteered to sell tickets for the RCMP Musical Ride held at the Fall Fair Grounds.
- b. Councillor McInnis provided a verbal update on the following:
- Looking forward to discussions regarding Barriere's Policing needs at this year's UBCM Convention.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kerslake provided a verbal update on the following:

- Participated in a number of TNRD Board and Committee Meetings. Bylaws and Policy updates have been a priority. As of August 13th, the TNRD Wildfire Response costs are roughly \$5,000,000.
- Along with Mr. Drexler and Ms. Buchanan, met with a Paradigm representative regarding their housing needs in the area.
- At the RCMP Musical Ride, met with the area Sargeant regarding the policing needs of the Valley. Additional discussions have been made with this Sargeant, and he has indicated his support of Council's requests regarding policing in Barriere.
- Letters have been sent to the Ministry of Immigration regarding physician recruitment needs and some barriers that occur regarding retention.

9. **PUBLIC INQUIRIES** – *none presented.*

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

11. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor McInnis

Seconded by Councillor Mosdell

THAT pursuant to Sections 90(1)(c)(e)(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 6:10p.m.

CARRIED

12. **RECONVENE OPEN MEETING** – *the meeting reconvened into open session at 7:26p.m.*

13. **NEXT MEETING** – *September 21, 2026 @ 5:30pm*

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor McInnis that the meeting adjourn at 7:26p.m.

CARRIED

Original signed by
Mayor Rob Kerslake

Original signed by
T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer