

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 14th, 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

Mayor Rob Kerslake

T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer