

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, August 10, 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 Louise Lodge Councillor Brody Mosdell	Councillor Donna Kibble - <i>absent</i> 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 Jamie Mosdell, Deputy Corporate Officer Alexis Hovenkamp, Fire Chief – <i>via zoom</i>

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

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Mosdell
That Council approve the August 10, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
That Council adopt the minutes of the July 20, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- a. Trekor Metals Ltd. re: Detailed Project Description – Korah DeWalt-Gagnon and Ursula Johnston

Ms. Johnson and Ms. DeWalt-Gagnon provided a general update of Trekor Metals Ltd. (previously known as Taskeo Mines Ltd.) which included:

- Taseko Mines Limited has rebranded as Trekor Metals Limited, with the Yellowhead Project continuing under the Trekor name.
- an update on the Yellowhead Project Detailed Project Description (DPD) and the project's progress through the BC Environmental Assessment process.
- 2026 Economic Impact Study estimates approximately 3,030 direct construction jobs (8,815 total direct, indirect and induced) during the 2–3 year construction period, and approximately 525 direct jobs (3,305 total) during the anticipated 25-year operating life of the mine. The study estimates an average salary of approximately \$153,000/year and \$138 million/year in labour income within the TNRD.
- advised that approximately 70% of the project's economic activity is anticipated to occur within the Thompson-Nicola Regional District.
- The DPD incorporates feedback received through public, First Nations and government engagement, with key areas of public concern including water quality and use, wildlife

and habitat, air quality, noise, community and health impacts, economic impacts, greenhouse gases/climate change and the proposed transmission line.

- public feedback resulted in refinements to the preferred transmission line route, including changes intended to reduce impacts on private properties, ranching operations, community areas and views, and to increase separation from the Bridge Lake community.
- outlined upcoming community engagement, including a 100 Mile House information session on September 22, BC Environmental Assessment Office public engagement during Process Planning, and ongoing monthly Coffee and Conversation events in Barriere.

- b. Barriere Legion No. 242 re: Request for Remembrance Crosswalk Installation – Maryann Shewchuck

Ms. Shewchuck provided an overview of her request that Council consider installing a Remembrance Crosswalk in Barriere, preferably near the Barriere Legion. The Legion proposes that the design include the words “In Honour of Those Who Served” in English on one end, and in Secwepemc with a translation still to be determined. General discussion ensued regarding location (Legion is suggesting the converting the current crosswalk between BEEM and Canada Post), installation and maintenance costs. The Legion suggested that the initial install would be fundraised by the Legion with the maintenance responsibilities to be discussed between the parties.

4. STAFF REPORTS

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

Council was provided an overview of the written report.

5. BYLAWS and POLICIES

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

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

THAT Officers & Delegations of Authority Bylaw No. 278 be given 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings.

CARRIED

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

Moved by Councillor Mosdell

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

THAT Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 279 be given 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings.

CARRIED

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

Moved by Councillor Mosdell

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

THAT Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 280 be given 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. For Information
- b. For Action - *none submitted*

7. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Kershaw – Highway 5 Traffic
 - A number of residents in the community have brought the issue of increased traffic volume being experienced largely due to the summer tourist traffic, combined with the highway closures of other travel pathways impacted by ongoing wildfires. This was compounded last week when the Ministry had to make some emergency repairs to the Hwy 5 Bridge.
- b. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal update on the following:
 - Noted agreement on the traffic issue during these types of events and suggested that the Ministry consider traffic control measures on the highway through the boundary of Barriere.
 - Suggested boosting our Emergency Response Plan messaging on our website.
- c. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal update on the following:
 - Attended the Men's Shed Key Handover Ceremony
 - Attended the Children's Art Festival in Clearwater
 - Would like to invite the TNRD Area 'O' Director to a meeting once per year for the purpose of providing Council with annual reports.
 - Attended the Legion Golf Fundraiser
 - Begun Barriere Blooms Contest Judging with Ms. Mosdell and Ms. Baggio.
- d. Councillor McInnis provided a verbal update on the following:
 - Attended Legion Golf Fundraiser
 - Met with a member of the local RCMP as a Liaison
 - Provided a written report to Council via Email regarding the feasibility of establishing a Municipal Housing Corporation.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kerslake provided a verbal update on the following:

- Attended the BC Summer Games where his daughter was appointed as a Torch Bearer for the Games.
- Met with members of Council and the District of Clearwater regarding the ongoing issue of Physician recruitment and retention in our communities. Suggested a joint lobbying letter campaign with the various community leaders including the local MLA and MP.

9. CONSIDERATION OF DELEGATION REQUESTS

- a. Barriere Legion – Request for Installation of Remembrance Crosswalk – it was agreed that more research needs to be done to ensure that Council has all the necessary information such as longevity of the red paint and stenciled wording, the costs to keep that appearance to a standard that will likely have higher expectations from the public, and most appropriate location. Overall, Council supported the installation in principle, and will await the additional information from staff.

10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES – *none submitted.*

11. NOTICE OF MOTION – *none submitted*

12. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

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 6:55p.m.

CARRIED

13. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING - @ 8:25p.m.

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

15. NEXT MEETING – *August 31, 2026 @ 5:30pm*

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Lodge that the meeting adjourn at 8:25p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Rob Kerslake

T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer