

The Bylaw updates and modernizes the District's current Parks Regulation Bylaw by repealing the current bylaw and replacing it with this draft which was presented for final adoption.

**Moved by Councillor Lodge
 Seconded by Councillor McInnis
 THAT Council adopt Park and Public Spaces Access Bylaw No. 247**

CARRIED

- b. DRAFT 2026 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 276 – adoption – D. Drexler, CAO
 *w/attachments

The Bylaw was presented for final adoption and 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 Lodge
 Seconded by Councillor Kibble
 THAT Council adopt 2026 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 276**

CARRIED

- c. DRAFT Indemnification Bylaw No. 277 – 1st, 2nd and 3rd Readings – J. Mosdell, Deputy Corporate Officer
 *w/attachments

Council was provided an overview of the draft Indemnification Bylaw. The presented Bylaw has been updated and modernized since the District's initial adoption of an Indemnification Bylaw shortly after Incorporation in 2008. Bylaw No. 277 will repeal the outdated Bylaw No. 003 should it successfully achieve adoption.

**Moved by Councillor Kershaw
Seconded by Councillor Lodge
THAT Council give 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings to Indemnification Bylaw No. 277**

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 public engagement on the Leonie Lake Dam has been distributed with a feedback deadline of Wednesday, May 13th.

It was also added that due to the extreme fire risk, as of today, Category 2 and 3 fires are now prohibited in the District of Barriere. This notice has been published on the District's website, E-News and Social Media channels.

- b. Capital Updates – J. Mosdell, Deputy Corporate Officer

The written report was reviewed and makes up part of the public record online within this Meeting's agenda.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. For Information

- b. For Action

- i. Barriere Curling Club re: Cooling Centre Request for Transportation

The Barriere Curling Club's correspondence requests that the District consider funding, organizing and operating a transportation component for residents who may require assistance in accessing the free Cooling Centre provided by the Club within the height of the summer.

It was agreed that the program is extremely valued by not only the District, but to all those who find the reprieve essential during periods of intense heat events.

It was reported that unfortunately, public transportation services are highly regulated by legislation and the District does not have the means to undertake that process; at least, in time for this upcoming season. The suggestion was made that the Curling Club reach out to Simpcw First Nation as they provide transportation service annually to the Fall Fair and may be in the position to be able to assist.

**Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Mayor Kerlake
THAT the correspondence be received for information.**

CARRIED

7. COUNCIL REPORTS

a. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal report on the following:

- Attended the SILGA Convention in Revelstoke
- A resident has made a suggestion that our E-News include a message reminding residents to not feed the deer population.
- At SILGA, spoke to a representative from ICBC who explained that one speed capture sign is available to Barriere at no cost. Voiced that she would like the District to take ICBC up on that offer. A suitable location can be discussed at a later date.
- Additional topics/ideas discussed at SILGA were Transforming Health Care, Investing in Rural Resilience, in-house marketing (including information video production), expanding programming and safety mandates in Libraries with the suggestion that the TNRL be invited to provide an update to Council at a future meeting, ICBC Road Improvement Programs and funding options, Roadmap to Building Trust & Alignment as well as including excellent Networking.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kerslake provided a verbal report on the following:

- Attended SILGA Convention in Revelstoke. The District's submitted Resolution was endorsed and now will be forwarded to UBCM in the fall.
- Met with the Minister of Land and Water Stewardship, and engaged in discussions with the Fraser Basin Council.
- Met with TransMountain who will send a report to Council updating on their efforts to obtain more hydro power in the Valley in order to meet not only their needs, but for everyone.
- Stamer Memorial Wall in the Cemetery – Council has previously approved the installation of a Memorial Wall in the Cemetery which is being funded by the Derek Stamer and his family. The District has a qualified contractor that has been approved by Mr. Stamer and Staff. In order to sole source this work, a resolution of Council is required.

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Kershaw

That Council sole source the construction of the Cemetery Memorial Wall to R. Bordeleau Construction Ltd. in the amount of up to \$40,000 with the funds for the project being provided to the District from Derek Stamer; and further, that Council authorize the issuance of a tax receipt to Derek Stamer for the funds provided for the project.

CARRIED

9. CONSIDERATION OF DELEGATION REQUESTS

- a. North Thompson Communities Foundation re: "Legacy in Motion" Donor Installation

Councillor Lodge declared a conflict of interest as a director on the Board of the NTCF and left the meeting at 6:35pm.

Council reviewed a request from the NTCF to permit the installation of a donor art piece, at their expense, in the available wall space within the lobby area of the BBC. It was agreed that the piece will need to be relocatable/removable if need be and the Foundation will need to agree that any damage or maintenance needs will be the responsibility of the Foundation.

Staff will present a draft agreement for Council approval at the next Council Meeting.

Councillor Lodge returned to the meeting at 6:41pm.

10. **PUBLIC INQUIRIES** – *none presented*

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

12. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Kershaw

THAT pursuant to Sections 90(1)(c)(d) 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 6:43p.m.

CARRIED

13. **RECONVENE OPEN MEETING** – *the meeting reconvened into open session at 7:25p.m.*

14. **NEXT MEETING** – *May 25, 2026 @ 5:30pm*

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Lodge that the meeting adjourn at 7:25p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Rob Kerslake

T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer