

District of Barriere

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: June 23, 2025	
To: Council	From: Department Heads
Re: Departmental Updates	

CORPORATE OFFICER:

General:

- Participated in a Block Party Working Group Meeting
- Submitted annual Recycle BC reporting. The District of Barriere currently collects curbside recycling material from 796 residential properties.
- Facilitated a Board of Variance Hearing on June 19th, 2025. The application was approved by the Board allowing a minor variance in an accessory building roof height.
- Tax Deadline reminder E-News emails have been sent once a week this month.

Recreation & Events:

- Block Party was held Saturday, June 21st. Thank you to all those who helped make the day a memorable one.
- Canada Day in Barriere – July 1st, 2025 @2pm: Fadear Park Bandshell.

UBCM 2025 (Victoria):

- At the last Council Meeting, Council agreed on which Ministry Meetings to request and their respective topics. Staff will ensure these requests will be submitted prior to the July 2nd deadline.
- Registration for the September 22-26, 2025 Convention opens July 2nd, 2025.

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER:

Roads:

- Grading to be done on Dixon Creek Road
- Crack sealing treatments scheduled for next month. To be done in-house.

Parks:

- Bandshell women's washroom repairs scheduled for June 23 to 30.

Utilities:

- Water consumption is averaging 2500 m3/day
- Dustin Doherty is enrolled in the Wastewater Treatment Level III training course in anticipation of our new wastewater treatment plant.

Environmental Services:

- Five used dumpsters were purchased and have been delivered.

Facilities:

- Business Centre Unit #4 renovations nearing completion –Flooring and baseboards done. Remaining electrical to be finished this week.

New Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Received draft letter of authorization from MOE for the new works
- Prior to construction we will be doing a preliminary dig at SRS for Archeology Risk Mitigation this summer
- Funds spent to date \$323,636. Grant funding \$7M

FIRE CHIEF:

Fire Department:

- 13 Day Wildfire Deployment in Fort Nelson, Bush truck returned from northern BC on Tuesday June 17th
- Duty Chief from Thursday June 5th, 2025, to June 11th, 2025 – Lt. Baggio
- Duty Chief from Wednesday June 11th to June 17th, 2025 – Cap. Tom Jackson
- Command Truck is currently with two of the members in Olds, Alberta for Heavy Rescue Training
- Open House / Carwash on June 19th was a success
- Attended Grad Parade

Training:

- June 5th, 2025 – Truck inspections NFPA 1911 and cleaned/washed all trucks
- June 12th Hose Testing
- June 16th Wildland Training

Incidents:

- June 15th Rural Rescue – stood down by BCAS

FireSmart Updates:

- FireSmart information booth at the Open House on June 19th
- Home Assessment (on volunteer time) has been completed – FireSmart Coordinator and a Local FireSmart Representative attended together
- Vehicle decals were purchased and added to Command truck 1

Weather:

Wildfire Summer Outlook

- - Northeast corner drought level – high –
- - Interior drought level – high –
- - As of June 9th 2025 323,427ha have been burned due to wildfires in BC
- - During the remainder of this week we are expecting lightning strikes to hit and start more fires
- - We are also expecting lightning and thunderstorms in July and August 2025]

River Forecast Center

- - Interior has reports of high North Thompson River and washouts on HWY 5

Heat Update 2025

- - Same heat warning as in 2024
- - Expecting the heat to continue for the remainder of the summer
- - Heat to be expected the same for summer of 2026

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

- A “Year in Review” – PowerPoint presentation

**submitted for information*