

District of Barriere

# REPORT TO COUNCIL

<b>Date:</b> June 9, 2025	
<b>To:</b> Council	<b>From:</b> Department Heads
<b>Re: Departmental Updates</b>	

## **CORPORATE OFFICER:**

### **General:**

- Along with the CAO, participated in a meeting with the District's consultant for the Official Community Plan Refresh. A first draft is being prepared and will be presented to Council shortly prior to another Open House for public review and input. Key dates will be well advertised in advance.
- Attended a seminar in Kamloops with the Freedom and Information Privacy Commissioner.
- The District is nearing the completion of its first 12 month operation cycle of the Barriere Business Centre (BBC). Lease renewals are being finalized and additional rent calculations have been modified. As expected, the initial utility estimations were higher than the actual twelve-month total costs. Tenants will receive adjustment cheques for their overpayment.
- Reminders of the Property Tax Deadline of July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 are being sent out via E-News, posted on the District's website and on the Notice board downtown. Residents are reminded to ensure that, if eligible, to claim their homeowner grant before the deadline regardless of whether or not the tax amount owing is being paid in full.
- Responded to six (6) Bylaw Enforcement calls.

### **Recreation & Events:**

- Participated in a Rec Committee Meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup>. A Block Party working group has also been scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> to finalize details for the June 21<sup>st</sup> event.
- This year's Movies in the Park line up is scheduled:
  - [July 11, 2025](#) – Dog Man
  - [July 25, 2025](#) – The Wild Robot
  - [August 8, 2025](#) – Wicked (this event is a 'costume' event! Come dressed in your best Wicked/Wizard of Oz theme costume to WIN!)
  - [August 22, 2025](#) – Mufasa: The Lion King
- Canada Day in Barriere – July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 @2pm: Fadedear Park Bandshell.

### **UBCM 2025 (Victoria):**

- UBCM Minister and Staff Meeting booking deadlines have been released. Requests to meet with the Premier and/or Cabinet Ministers must be made before July 2, 2025. Requests to meet with Ministry staff must be made before August 20, 2025.
- Registration for the September 22-26, 2025 Convention opens July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

## **PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER:**

### **Roads:**

- Road marking long-lines (fog lines, divider lines) completed
- Grading completed on Railway Ave, Birch Lane, and lane behind Post Office
- Numerous asphalt repairs completed throughout the community (see list)
- Purchased used dump truck from Simpcw FN.

### **Parks:**

- Bandshell women's washroom repairs scheduled for June 23 to 30.
- Community Garden – 3 decent plots still available

**Utilities:**

- Water consumption is over 2000 m<sup>3</sup>/day and as high as 2500 m<sup>3</sup>/day.
- Installed drought level signage at three locations
- BC Hydro planned power outage now scheduled for Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup> 7am to 7pm

**Facilities:**

- Business Centre Unit #4 renovations – doors and windows have been installed. Flooring should be complete early in the week.

**New Wastewater Treatment Plant**

- Process design and equipment contract has been finalized
- 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:**

- The District's new Bush Truck was delivered to the Fire Department on May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- At the request of BC Wildfire, the new Bush Truck and three FD members (including Chief Hovenkamp) have deployed in aid to Fort Nelson for approximately 14 days.
- In partnership with FireSmart and the District, a fall Yard Waste Day is being organized – likely November 7<sup>th</sup>. Further details will be forthcoming later this summer.
- The Fire Dept, Fire Association and FireSmart teams are hosting a carwash/BBQ fundraiser at the Fire Hall on June 19<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-8pm.

**Weather:**

- On Friday, June 6, Environment and Climate Change Canada issued a special weather statement for parts of the province, including 100 Mile House, the North Thompson and Ashcroft. In its release, Environment Canada noted this is not a heat warning or extreme heat emergency, but this is the first stretch of consistently high temperatures this summer. As such, they are advising the public to take steps to ensure the health of themselves and their families and prepare for future heat events this summer.

*\*submitted for information*