

25 March 2026

Code No.: 140

District of Barriere  
Tax Department  
PO Box 219  
Barriere, BC V0E 1E0

Attention: Tax Collector/Financial Officer

- Re: (1) **Notification of Preliminary Grant Calculation for 2026 and;**  
(2) **Potential Changes to the Grant Payment for Land & Buildings in Future Years**

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In accordance with Order in Council 449/2024, the preliminary calculation of BC Hydro's grant to be paid to your municipality for 2026 is **\$29,902.75** which is comprised of the amounts shown in the table below. The total amount reported represents our determination of the grant payable for 2026 as at the date of this letter.

Order in Council 449/2024 sets out the parameters for calculating the maximum amount of the annual grant that BC Hydro is authorized to pay to a municipality while providing us with the discretion to pay a lesser amount. The total amount reported is the maximum that BC Hydro is authorized to pay to your municipality for 2026. Order in Council 449/2024 stipulates that the annual grant must be paid on or before November 30.

Grant: Land & Buildings	\$ 2,141.38
<b>Deduct: Prior-Year Overpayments</b>	<b>- 1,334.82</b>
Grant: 1%-of-Revenues	29,096.19
Total Net Grant for 2026	\$ 29,902.75

Please review the enclosed 2026 Municipal Grant Schedule. The grant for each folio is a payment in lieu of general municipal, local improvement and regional district property tax levies. The grant calculation for 2026 for each folio is based on the applicable 2025 assessed values and 2025 tax rates from the prior year. If it appears there is an error or omission, please contact me and provide details so that I can investigate and make an amendment, if appropriate.

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Only those land and improvements with assessed values that are assigned an Exemption/Taxation Code of 41, 46 or 48 in the current year are subject to the grant-in-lieu. Note that any assessed values that are assigned an Exemption/Taxation Code of 42, 44 or 45 are deemed to be covered under our 1%-of-revenue grant payment.

**Potential Changes to BC Hydro's Grant Payment for Land & Buildings in Future Years**

As you will recall from our previous notifications, BC Hydro is concerned about the overall trend of significant increases in recent years to the Land and Buildings component of our grant payments. We are exploring options that would provide BC Hydro with greater cost certainty and more stable and manageable grant payments going forward. This review is ongoing, and we will reach out through a separate communication when we have further updates to share.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 604-220-3241 or by email at [seymour.douglass@bchydro.com](mailto:seymour.douglass@bchydro.com)

Yours truly,



Seymour Douglass,  
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Attachment (2026 Municipal Grant Schedule)

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**JURISDICTION**    **345**    **District of Barriere**

Folio Number	Assessed Values				Grants							
	TC	PC	Land	PC	Imprv	Total	General	Reg. Dist.	Other	Loc. Impr.	Adjust.	Total
23 73    345    01520.010	41	02	75,800	02	10,600	86,400	1,641.31	500.07	(1,334.82)			806.56
	41	06	129,000			129,000						
	46	02	17,100			17,100						
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>			221,900		10,600	232,500	1,641.31	500.07	(1,334.82)			806.56
<b>REVENUE GRANT</b>												29,096.19
<b>DAMS / RESERVOIR GRANT</b>												
<b>TOTAL</b>							\$1,641.31	\$500.07	(\$1,334.82)	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$29,902.75</b>

**GRANT RATES:**

Grant Description	Applies To	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09
General Municipal	All	2.41605	8.48033				5.91932			
Regional District	All	0.73724	2.58033				1.80623			

**GRANT COMMENTS:**

Roll #01520.010: There is a deduction of \$1,334.82 applied to the 2026 grant in order to recover overpayments of the 2023, 2024 and 2025 grants. The grants paid in the prior years were calculated based on the pre-appeal assessments for this folio. We subsequently received PAAB Decisions that changed the property classification for a portion of this folio such that we overpaid the maximum authorized grants for 2023, 2024 and 2025.

The assessed values for Roll #01520.010 reflect the changes issued in a 2025 Property Assessment Appeal Board Decision for this folio.

Grants for each folio for 2026 are calculated using assessed values for Land & Buildings from the prior year (2025) and tax rates for general municipal, regional district and local improvement purposes from the prior year (2025). Improvements that are used by BC Hydro in the generation, transmission or distribution of electricity are exempt from the Grants.