

District of Barriere

# REPORT TO COUNCIL

<b>Date:</b> April 20, 2026	<b>Agenda Item:</b> 5a
<b>To:</b> Council	<b>From:</b> Department Heads
<b>Re: Departmental Updates</b>	

**CORPORATE:**

**Development:**

Development Activity			
Construction Activity:	March	2026 YTD	2025
Total Building Permit Applications:	2	7	21
Total Construction Value:	\$102,806	\$1,099,806	\$3,291,020
Total Building Permits Finalized:	2	2	15 (since June)
Total Construction Value Finalized:	\$740,500	\$740,500	\$989,500

- Completed a number of annual surveys for various government agencies (i.e. Nature Canada, Business Licence Regulations, Election Remuneration).
- After the adoption of the District’s refreshed Official Community Plan, the financial report was submitted to the Province – The District has now met all the legislated requirements regarding Bill-44. One final funding report will be required to be completed this year.
- The District’s website host, All-Net, changed ownership in 2024. As the District’s contract with All-Net expires in 2027, the renewal is now with the new owner (Catalis – who also owns Muniware, the District’s finance software). The website will receive a refresh in 2027 as part of our contract and some features will be enhanced. The annual cost remains the same with the same annual percentage increase outlined in the District’s contract with All-Net.

**Bylaw Enforcement:**

- One bylaw enforcement file was acted on in March.

**Governance:**

- Indemnity Bylaw – In progress
- Per Diem, Travel & Mileage Allowances Policy – In progress
- Employee Appreciation Policy - In progress
- Community Support Policy – Draft policy for approval on this agenda
- Park and Public Spaces Access – Draft bylaw for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings on this agenda
- 2026 Tax Rates Bylaw – Draft bylaw for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings on this agenda
- 2025 Annual Report – In progress
- Council Liaison Policy - Complete
- OCP Refresh Update – Complete
- Development Approvals Bylaw – Complete
- 2026-2030 Financial Plan draft – Complete
- Fees & Charges Bylaw – Complete
- Public Engagement Policy – Complete

**Sessions/Meetings:**

- Attended the 2026 Community to Community Forum (C2C) in Valemount with Council.
- Participated in a meeting with TRUE Consulting, the Chamber and Simpcw regarding approval for Concept 1 for the Wayfinding Project. Another review with a revised draft is expected to be brought to Council in May.

- Participated in a meeting with MP Frank Caputo
- Participated in a Recreation Committee Meeting – We have a new resident Committee Member who is already offering her support and help – Adriana Martin.
- Reminder to those attending SILGA in Revelstoke from April 29 – May 2, 2026.

**Events:**

- Attended the Lions Club Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt – Approximately 80 kids brought or decorated an Easter Basket to enter themselves for a prize giveaway.
- The Welcome Summer Block Party is set for Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 3pm – 9pm and planning is underway. The Musicians of Barriere to kick start the day on the Bandshell and the Angie Heinze Band headlining.
- Bookings for Bandshell Friday’s are starting to be received and we have 2 sponsorships confirmed so far – Thank you to Gilbert Smith Forest Products and North Thompson Bookkeeping and Tax Services for their generosity.
- Received funding for Canada Day 2026 for \$2410.00 from Canadian Heritage Grant.

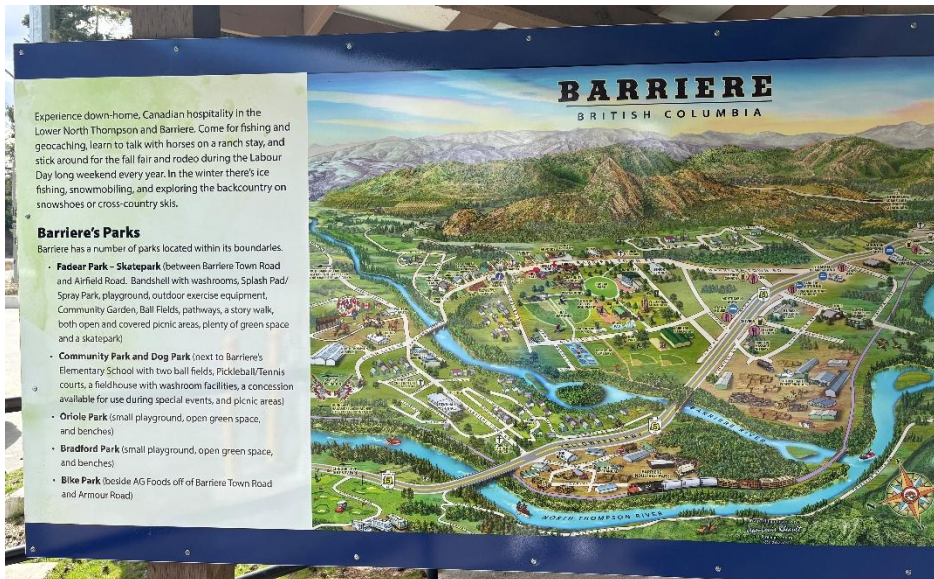
**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**Operations:**

Public Works			
	March	2026 YTD	2025
Potholes Filled:	10	45	195
Pavement Repairs:	0	0	17499
Burials:	0	0	0
Cremations:	0	0	4
Deceased Animal Recovery:	0	0	4
After Hours Call Outs:	0	0	4
Water Distribution			
	March	2026 YTD	2025
New Construction Service Connections:	0	0	5
Water Service On/Off Requests:	6	13	34
Interior Health Water Quality Tests:	12	36	148
Water Usage:	23,680	71,022	448356
Waterline Repairs:	1	3	7
After Hours Call Outs:	2	2	16
Wastewater Collection & Treatment			
	March	2026 YTD	2025
New Construction Service Connections:	0	0	6
Ministry of Environment Wastewater Tests:	7	21	84
After Hours Call Outs:	0	0	0

General			
	March	2026 YTD	2025
BC One Calls Supported:	8	12	42
Events Supported:	0	2	17

- Purchased plow truck from JDV Lot Restoration. Will be purchasing F550 with dump box and snow clearing accessories at the end of April.
- Received \$5,000 in funding from ICBC for traffic calming pilot project on Barriere Town Rd (North).
- Received \$10,000 BC Hydro Re-Greening Grant.
- 70% load restrictions for municipal roads were rescinded as of April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Street sweeping completed as of April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Some grading and dust control completed.
- The old & weathered Yellowhead Hwy signs were replaced. New Fire Lane signs installed on Genier Rd
- Auto locks recently installed on washrooms at Bandshell.



*Newly installed, artistic tourism map at Fish Trap Rest Area*

**EMERGENCY SERVICES:**

Fire Department			
Calls	March	2026 YTD	2025
Fire:	2	5	23
Rescue/Motor Vehicle Incidents:	2	8	15
Hazardous Condition (No Fire):	1	3	4
Service Call / Public Assist:	0	3	23
Fire Burning Complaint / Fire Investigation / Fire Alarm:	3	5	36
False Alarm:	0	0	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>121</b>
Public Education & Events:	1	1	18
FireSmart Assessments:	0	4	17
Fire Prevention / Fire Inspections:	5	17	4

**Fire Department Updates:**

- Campfire Permit
  - Discussions with other municipalities with what has worked in the past, how they implemented programming, etc.
  - Review of other bylaws, discussions with BCWS, review of Bylaw 55 and Wildfire Act have all taken place.
  - Council should see recommendations at the May 25<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.
- 2 Day Wildland Firefighter Course for members (14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>)
- Hired Fire Protection Officer/Building Inspector - Full-time
- Death and Dying Workshop attended by 1 member with Kamloops Fire Rescue
- Cleaned the Multi-Purpose courts and ice rink tarp with Barriere Pickleball Group
- Chainsaw Course with District Staff and FD Members
- Annual ladder testing for all ladders – Passed
- Compressor for SCBA Cylinders broke – Repaired in April

**FireSmart:**

- Attended Spring Market at Sundance Acres
- FireSmart Coordinator certified as landscape professional and Farm and Ranch Assessor
- IDA Pharmacy signed up with BC FireSmart Plant Program
- Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Training with Chu Chua Fire – 5 Members from BFR attended

**Weather:**

- Verbal

**Invitation to Council and Community Members:**

- BFR is hosting an Open House on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and is inviting Council and Community Members – Poster attached in info.

**FINANCE:**

Financial Services			
	March	2026 YTD	2025
Cash Collected:	\$97,815	\$755,734	\$4,963,536
Cash Disbursed:	\$366,819	\$1,095,881	\$5,861,273
		2026 YTD	Project Total
ICIP Wastewater Treatment Grant Funds Received:		\$24,430	\$303,410

- 2026 Q1 Utility billing complete. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> utility billing to reflect the removal of street lighting.
- 2024 LGDE report has been submitted.
- Delinquent and arrears tax letters were sent out in early March. A handful of phone calls have been received by staff; feedback has been that residents are appreciative of the notice. So far approx. \$13,500 has been collected.
- CRA remittance changes because of payroll thresholds being met. Growing pains resulted in small penalty (\$536) for late filing.
- Audit preparation work continues, we are scheduled to start the preliminary audit process in May. This timeline will have us a little late for 2025 but closer to back on track than previous years.

*\*submitted for information*