

District of Barriere
REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: June 8, 2026	Agenda Item:
To: Council	From: Department Heads
Re: Departmental Updates	

CORPORATE:

Development:

Development Activity			
Construction Activity:	May	2026 YTD	2025
Total Building Permit Applications:	2	10	21
Total Construction Value:	\$45,519	\$1,157,325	\$3,291,020
Total Building Permits Finalized:	3	5	15 (since June)
Total Construction Value Finalized:	\$307,000	\$1,047,500	\$989,500

- Processed 4 Building Information Requests (BIR)
- Processed 1 Zoning Confirmation Requests

Lease Agreements:

- As of July 1, 2026, Taseko Mines Ltd. will be including the square footage of Unit 4 in its entirety into its BBC lease agreement.
- Lease Agreement Renewals have been executed with other BBC tenants.
- For the approximate June 2025 - May 2026 rental period, the approximate net revenue of the BBC is just under \$30,000. With the anticipated additional revenue of Unit 4, this amount is expected to increase by approximately \$15,000 for the June 2026 - May 2027 rental period.
- The Draft Lease Agreement for the Old Chamber Building has been provided to the Barriere and Area Men's Shed for review.

Bylaw Enforcement:

- Seven bylaw enforcement files were acted on in May.

Governance:

- Per Diem, Travel & Mileage Allowances Policy – In progress
- Employee Appreciation Policy - In progress
- 2025 Annual Report – In progress

Sessions/Meetings:

- Completed Information Officer Course through JIBC
- Attended a meeting with the Community Health Facilitator from Interior Health

Recreation / Events:

- District of Barriere/FireSmart - Fall Fair Booth application has been submitted
- Bandshell Fridays have been scheduled for July 10th and 24th and August 7th and 28th.
- Movies in the Park have been scheduled for July 17th and 31st and August 14th.
- No Bandshell Fridays on August 21st due to the RCMP Musical Ride which will be happening at the Fall Fair Grounds.
- Canada Day Celebration is scheduled for 2pm on Wednesday, July 1st. Council will need to confirm who will be attending for the ceremony.

- The Recreation Committee has received a total of \$5,100.00 in Grants and Sponsorships from the TNRD, Taseko, Beem Credit Union, Tolko, Interior Plumbing and Heating and Trans Mountain for the Block Party that is scheduled for **Saturday June 20th at 2:45pm – 9:00pm**.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Operations:

Public Works			
	May	2026 YTD	2025
Potholes Filled:	20	93	195
Pavement Repairs:	2600	2600	17499
Burials:	1	1	0
Cremations:	1	1	4
Deceased Animal Recovery:	1	1	4
After Hours Call Outs: Irrigation	1	0	4
Water Distribution			
	May	2026 YTD	2025
New Construction Service Connections:	0	0	5
Water Service On/Off Requests:	7	23	34
Interior Health Water Quality Tests:	12	60	148
Water Usage:	45217	158739	448356
Waterline Repairs:	0	4	7
After Hours Call Outs:	0	3	16
Wastewater Collection & Treatment			
	May	2026 YTD	2025
New Construction Service Connections:	0	0	6
Ministry of Environment Wastewater Tests:	7	35	84
After Hours Call Outs:	0	0	0
General			
	May	2026 YTD	2025
BC One Calls Supported:	8	20	42
Events Supported:	0	2	17

- WWTP project RFP out for tender May 11. Closes June 18th. Started receiving equipment for project
- 2026 paving program Phase 1 road repairs completed by contractor
- Traffic calming project completed on Barriere Town Road – ICBC grant funded
- New 30 km/hr speed signs installed in Teacher’s subdivision. RCMP notified
- BBC storage room upgrades completed
- Tree planting for BC Hydro re-greening grant in Fadear & Community Parks completed
- All flowers planted and hanging baskets hung on bridge and wildfire monument.

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Fire Department			
	May	2026 YTD	2025
Fire	0	11	23
Rescue / Motor Vehicle Incidents	1	13	15
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	0	5	4
Service Call / Public Assist	2	9	23
Fire Burning Complaint / Fire Investigation / Fire alarm	3	11	36
False Alarm	0	0	20
Total Calls	6	49	121
Public Education & Events	2	6	18
FireSmart Assessments	7	13	17
Fire Prevention / Fire Inspections	2	23	4

Fire Department:

- Chief currently at the Fire Chief Conference
- Attended th Spring/Summer Hazardless Preparedness Workshop
- Meeting with BCAS – to determine CAD issues
- Meeting with Simpcw First Nation, SRG and Chu Chua Volunteer Fire Department to discuss seasonal preparedness and resources availability for summer 2026

FireSmart:

- Showcase property project underway
- Rebate Program has begun its intake
- Yard Waste Day took place on June 6, 2026 with 4 registrants
- Barriere FireSmart Coordinator received branding design recognition from FireSmart BC

Weather/Other:

- Dependent on May/June rainfall
- El Nino impacts projected throughout the year, including into the winter
- BC Wildfire Service has seen \$14M invested to expand on-the-ground firefighting equipment, such as tracks and camp infrastructure.

FINANCE:

Financial Services			
	May	2026 YTD	2025
Cash Collected:	\$374,166	\$1,474,835	\$4,963,536
Cash Disbursed:	\$398,269	\$1,879,610	\$5,861,273
	May	2026 YTD	Project Total
ICIP Wastewater Treatment Grant Funds Received:	\$38,055	\$62,485	\$341,465

- Tax notices were mailed out to residents mid May. There has been positive feedback received regarding the insert that accompanied the notices. Residents are appreciative of the graphs and information shared, which helps explain where tax dollars go.
- Residents who elect to take advantage of the preauthorized payment plan are now on pause for the months of June and July. This pause allows residents to make payments of any amounts outstanding as per their 2026 tax notices. Preauthorized payment amounts will be reviewed over the next few months to align payments with annual increases. Residents who are on the preauthorized payment plan will receive notice advising of any changes prior to the reinstatement of the program in August.
- Our 2025 Annual Expenditure Report for the Build Communities Strong Fund (formerly the Canada Community- Building Fund) has been submitted.
- 2025 audit has been started.
- Policies and procedures are currently being reviewed which impact our day-to-day banking processes. Recommended changes will be presented at the next council meeting.
- Purchase Order (PO) project underway. We are working on implementing an electronic purchase order system which will support better cashflow forecasting, budget adherence and overall accounts payable processing.