

**DISTRICT OF BARRIERE**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers at Municipal Hall  
4936 Barriere Town Road, Barriere, B.C.

*"We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples of Simpcw First Nation  
within whose traditional lands we are meeting today."*

Present: Mayor Rob Kerslake  
Councillor Judy Armstrong      Councillor Scott Kershaw  
Councillor Donna Kibble      Councillor Louise Lodge  
Councillor Brody Mosdell      Councillor Colin McInnis – *absent*

Staff: Daniel Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer  
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer  
Kathy Abel, Chief Finance Officer  
Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager  
Jamie Mosdell, Deputy Corporate Officer

*Mayor Kerslake called the meeting to order at 5:30pm*

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Lodge  
Seconded by Councillor Kibble  
That Council approve the November 17, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- a. Moved by Councillor Lodge  
Seconded by Councillor Mosdell  
That Council adopt the minutes of the October 27, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

**3. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – *none scheduled*.**

**4. STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Department Updates – Department Heads  
*\*submitted for information*

Council was provided a verbal overview of the written report.

- b. DRAFT 2026 Regular Council Meeting & Acting Mayor Schedules – T. Buchanan, CO

**Moved by Councillor Lodge**  
**Seconded by Councillor Armstrong**  
**That Council approve the 2026 Regular Council Meeting & 2026 Acting Mayor**  
**Schedule as presented.**

CARRIED

c. TNRD Fire Services Agreement – D. Drexler, CAO

An overview of the written report was provided to Council. A summary of the key updates included in the new Fire Services Agreement with the TNRD were noted as follows:

- ❖ Gender-neutral and legal language updated
- ❖ 25% year-over-year funding increase through 2029
- ❖ Greater flexibility for cost and service adjustments
- ❖ CAO-level authority for operational efficiency
- ❖ Explicit inclusion of nuisance call response
- ❖ Simplified insurance documentation (Schedule D removed)
- ❖ New dispute resolution and force majeure clauses
- ❖ Improved mapping and Fire Chief authority provisions

**Moved by Councillor Lodge**

**Seconded by Councillor Kershaw**

**That Council authorize the Mayor and CAO to execute the new Structure Fire Protection Service Agreement (Contract No. 2025-016) between the District of Barriere and the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) for the provision of fire protection services within the Electoral Area “O” (Lower North Thompson) Fire Protection Service Area as presented for a five year term starting January 1, 2025.**

**CARRIED**

**5. BYLAWS and POLICIES**

- a. DRAFT Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 262 – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> readings – K. Abel, CFO  
*\*w/attachments*

A summary of the annual bylaw was provided and Council was reminded that the two Revenue Anticipation Bylaws within this agenda (No. 262 and No.263) must be adopted annually in order for a local government to borrow funds to cover operational expenses when needed in the anticipation of expected revenue through other sources.

**Moved by Councillor Lodge**

**Seconded by Councillor Armstrong**

**THAT Council gives first three readings to Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 262.**

**CARRIED**

- b. DRAFT Revenue Anticipation Bylaw No. 263 – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> readings – K. Abel, CFO  
*\*w/attachments*

**Moved by Councillor Lodge**

**Seconded by Councillor Armstrong**

**THAT Council gives first three readings to Revenue Anticipation Bylaw No. 263.**

**CARRIED**

- c. DRAFT Street Lighting Utility Billing Service Repeal Bylaw No. 264 – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> readings - D. Drexler, CAO  
*\*w/attached staff report*

It was noted that communication to the public regarding this change is important, including ensuring that the information is as easy to understand as possible with the suggestion of including info-graphic messaging.

**Moved by Councillor Lodge**

**Seconded by Councillor Mosdell**

**THAT Council gives first three readings to Street Lighting Utility Billing Service Repeal Bylaw No. 264.**

**CARRIED**

- d. DRAFT Water Regulations Bylaw No. 265 – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> readings – D. Drexler, CAO  
*\*w/attached staff report*

As an identified task in Council's Strategic Plan, an updated draft Water Regulations Bylaw was presented for consideration. The update focused on a number of items to better align including:

- Restricting development of new private wells on residential properties smaller than one acre in size and for agricultural purposes only.
- Transitioning to mobile home park owners being the customer of water service accounts instead of individual mobile homes.
- Added clarity that staff are authorized to disconnect or temporarily suspend water service in certain circumstances, including repairs.
- Watering scheduling changes of stages to better align with Provincial drought stages and legislation.

**Moved by Mayor Kerslake**

**Seconded by Councillor Kershaw**

**THAT Council gives first three readings to Water Regulations Bylaw No. 265.**

**CARRIED**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. For Information

- b. For Action

- i. Barriere Trails Society re: Request to extend CRA Flow Through Agreement

**Moved by Councillor Lodge**

**Seconded by Councillor Kibble**

**That Council approve the Barriere Trails Society's request to extend their CRA Flow Through Agreement with the District for another year to the end of 2026.**

**CARRIED**

**7. COUNCIL REPORTS**

- a. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal update on the following:
  - Attended the Fire Association's Pig Roast Fundraiser on November 8th
  - Santa's Elves Workshop is being hosted in the old Chamber Building this year.
  - Fire Department provided an education session to the After School Program
  - Attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Legion
  - Participated in the Strategic Planning Sessions
- b. Councillor Kershaw provided a verbal update on the following:
  - Attended the Remembrance Day ceremony in Chu Chua
  - Participated in the Strategic Planning Sessions
  - Attended the OCP Public Open House
- c. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal update on the following:
  - Participated in a Barriere Food Bank Board Meeting
  - Participated in the Strategic Planning Sessions
  - Attended the OCP Public Open House
- d. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal update on the following:
  - Attended the OCP Public Open House
  - Participated in the Strategic Planning Sessions
  - Attended the Fire Association's Pig Roast Fundraiser on November 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Legion
  - Attended the Simpcw Flag Raising Ceremony at the RCMP Detachment on behalf of the Mayor on October 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Participated in a North Thompson Communities Foundation Meeting
  - Chaired a Rec Committee Meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup>. The Committee is seeking volunteers for this year's Winterfest scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Rec Committee is proposing to fold the Committee as a Committee of Council and move to a Working Committee with a "Terms of Reference" and its own bank account. Council funds for the Recreation department would still be a request of the Committee and approved by Council during the annual budget process. A formal report will be presented to Council at the next Council meeting.
- e. Councillor Mosdell provided a verbal update on the following:
  - Attended the OCP Public Open House on November 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Participated in the Strategic Planning Sessions

**8. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor provided a verbal update on the following:

- October 28<sup>th</sup> – Met with TNRD staff with the Districts CAO, Corporate Officer, & CFO

- Telus Fibre Optics is coming to Barriere! Project is expected to be completed by this time next year. A press release has been drafted and is awaiting approval from Telus prior to distribution.
  - The CAO added that it may be an opportune time to request Telus extend the new service to the LCIP and residential homes within Louis Creek. Letters of Support will be asked for from TNRD Area 'O' and Simpcw First Nation for this extension. In addition, it was noted that Barriere's cell coverage is being looked at to repair and enhance should Council be amenable to this request.

**Moved by Councillor Lodge**

**Seconded by Councillor Armstrong**

**THAT the District request that Telus extend the planned FibreConnect service area in Barriere to include areas within the Louis Creek Industrial Park, along with the TNRD Louis Creek Eco-Depot, the community of Louis Creek and Simpcw IR4; and THAT the District request that Telus pursue additional cell coverage enhancements through solutions such as Micro-Cells.**

### **CARRIED**

- Attended two TNRD Meetings on November 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. Presented a motion at that meeting that was passed requesting an operational review of solid waste hours, days, and fees with the goal of reducing the \$30k requisition increases the organization is facing in 2026.
- Attended the OCP Refresh Public Open House on November 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Provided training to staff on changing the roof top units at the BBC.
- Attended a LNTCFS Board meeting on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended the BSS Remembrance Day ceremony and addressed the assembly.
- Attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Legion.
- Attended a SILGA sponsored seminar on municipal budgeting in Kamloops on November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- In consultation with Council, drafted a letter to the Minister of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation requesting clarification of the land claim issue.
- At the request of young Trick or Treaters at the door on Halloween, promised to "look into" making it Christmas all year long in the District of Barriere which brought a chuckle from Council, staff and the public in attendance.

**9. PUBLIC INQUIRIES – none presented**

**10. NOTICE OF MOTION – none presented**

**11. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

**Moved by Councillor Lodge**

**Seconded by Councillor Armstrong**

**Pursuant to Sections 90(1)(c)(e) of the Community Charter, that the public interest requires that persons other than Council Members and required staff be excluded from the meeting and that Council continues the meeting in closed session to discuss confidential matters at 6:25p.m.**

### **CARRIED**

12. **RECONVENE OPEN MEETING** - *the meeting reconvened into open session at 8:45p.m.*

13. **NEXT MEETING** – *Regular Council Meeting – December 15, 2025 @ 5:30pm*

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Lodge that the meeting adjourn at 8:46p.m.

CARRIED

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Mayor Rob Kerslake

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T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer