

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, May 5, 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 – *via Zoom*
Councillor Louise Lodge
Councillor Colin McInnis

Regrets: Councillor Brody Mosdell

Staff: Daniel Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer

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

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
That Council approve the May 5, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a. Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor McInnis
That Council adopt the minutes of the April 14, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS – none scheduled

4. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Departmental Updates – Department Heads
**submitted for information*
- b. Request for Wastewater Service Connection of 4639 Barriere Town Rd. to 4629 Barriere Town Rd. (Old Chamber property) – C. Matthews, Public Works Manager

Moved by Councillor Kershaw
Seconded by Councillor Lodge
THAT Council instruct Staff to deny the request by the owners of 4639 Barriere Town Road to connect to the wastewater utility through the 4629 Barriere Town Road (Old Chamber building) lot to tie into the Barkley Road wastewater main, AND THAT the owner be directed to work with Staff on a connection permit to a dedicated connection on Barriere Town Road.

CARRIED

It was suggested that staff look into the feasibility of using some barricades and/or items that would restrict traffic from cutting through the parking lot to bypass the Barriere Town Rd./Barkley Rd intersection.

c. Community Hall Lease Agreement Renewal – CAO

It was reported that the Community Hall Lease Agreement that the District has with the Lions Club, has been refreshed and enhanced in the renewal presented to Council.

The key terms were listed within the written report and verbally relayed by the CAO.

Bill Christmas of the Lions Club noted his appreciation to Mr. Drexler on the hard work put into this revision and is pleased with the draft presented.

Moved by Councillor McInnis

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

THAT Council approves in principle the attached Lease Agreement; and instructs Staff to finalize and execute the Agreement with the Barriere Lions Club for the facility located at 4350 Borthwick Avenue.

CARRIED

Notice of disposition will be given in the local newspaper as required by legislation before the lease is formally signed.

d. OCP Refresh Update – CAO

**submitted for information*

TRUE Consulting, the District's contracted consultant to prepare the OCP Refresh, provided a "What We Heard" Report. This report will be published on the District's OCP Refresh Project webpage and after Council has a chance to review the first draft of the refreshed OCP, an additional Public Open House is expected to be scheduled in the early fall.

5. BYLAWS and POLICIES

a. DRAFT 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 254 – adoption

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor McInnis

THAT 2025-2029 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 254 be adopted.

CARRIED

b. DRAFT 2025 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 255 – adoption

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

THAT 2025 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 255 be adopted.

CARRIED

- c. DRAFT Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 73, Amendment Bylaw No. 256 – 1st, 2nd & 3rd readings.
*w/attached staff report

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor McInnis

THAT Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 73, Amendment Bylaw No. 256 be given 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings.

CARRIED

6. CORRESPONDENCE

a. For Information

b. For Action

- i. Request for Support in Redesigning the Kamloops BC Cancer Care Centre – Joint Letter from MLA Ward Stamer, MLA Peter Milobar

The Mayor circulated an information sheet from the Thompson Nicola Regional Hospital Board regarding this topic. In summary of the joint MLAs' concern, is that the current design of the Cancer Centre, physically splits two of the large, service components into two different site locations that are overseen by two different entities. This is believed will result in inconsistencies and create inequitable access to cancer care for residents in the region.

Moved by Councillor Kibble

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

That a letter to the Minister of Health be sent requesting that the Minister address the concerns raised by the medical community and regional MLAs outlined in their letter dated April 28, 2025.

CARRIED

7. COUNCIL REPORTS

a. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal report on the following:

- Attended the 2025 SILGA Convention with Mayor Kerslake and Councillor Lodge.
- Participated in the community Easter Egg Hunt event hosted by the Lions Club.

b. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal report on the following:

- Participated in a Block Party Working Group
 - Attended the Barriere Chamber of Commerce Social Networking event.
 - Attended the 2025 SILGA Convention with Mayor Kerslake and Councillor Armstrong.
- Key topics and attended sessions noted were:
- Presentation regarding GDP didn't project much of a positive outcome
 - Creative City Network – Community Planning Tourism
 - Future of Rural BC Presentation – conference in June
 - Legal Presentation regarding Council Meeting decorum.
 - Community Forests Break-out Session – Would like to see more direct partnership between the District and LNTCFS.
 - Met with TOTA representatives re funding opportunities.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- a. SIMPCW Working Group – Committee Appointments: The Mayor appointed Councillors Mosdell and Lodge with Councillor Kibble as an alternate. In addition, the staff appointed are the CAO and Public Works Manager with the CO as an alternate.
- b. Upcoming virtual BC Hydro Meeting with C2C Meeting Community Representatives. Councillor Lodge will attend in the Mayor's absence.
- c. Attended the Lions Easter Hut event along with Councillor Armstrong
- d. Met with Councillor Karpuck of the City of Kamloops
- e. Attended a Budget presentation hosted by the CAO at the Barriere Fire Department
- f. Attended 2025 SILGA with Councillors Armstrong and Lodge. A session of great interest was a food waste program available. Would like to invite the "company" to make a presentation to Council at a future meeting.
- g. Participated in the Fire Fighter's Walk Fundraiser on Saturday with Mr. Drexler and the participating Barriere Fire Fighters.

9. PUBLIC INQUIRIES – *none presented*

10. NOTICE OF MOTION - *none presented*

11. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor McInnis

That pursuant to Sections 90(1)(c)(d)(e)(j)(k) 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 6:58 p.m.

CARRIED

12. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING – *the meeting reconvened at p.m.*

13. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION (*if required*)

14. NEXT MEETING – *Regular Council Meeting - May 26, 2025 @ 5:30pm*

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor that the meeting adjourn at 8:50p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Rob Kerslake

T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer