

District of Barriere  
**REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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| <b>Date:</b> May 4, 2026        | <b>Agenda Item:</b> 5a        |
| <b>To:</b> Council              | <b>From:</b> Department Heads |
| <b>Re: Departmental Updates</b> |                               |

**CORPORATE:**

**Development:**

| Development Activity                |              |                 |                 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                     |              |                 |                 |
| <b>Construction Activity:</b>       | <b>April</b> | <b>2026 YTD</b> | <b>2025</b>     |
| Total Building Permit Applications: | 1            | 8               | 21              |
| Total Construction Value:           | \$12,000     | \$1,111,806     | \$3,291,020     |
| Total Building Permits Finalized:   | 0            | 2               | 15 (since June) |
| Total Construction Value Finalized: | \$0          | \$740,500       | \$989,500       |
|                                     |              |                 |                 |

- Processed 4 Building Information Requests (BIR)
- Processed 3 Zoning Confirmation Requests
- Proctored an Exam for a local Paramedic Student – CO
- Beginning Emergency Management - Information Officer course through JIBC

**Bylaw Enforcement:**

- Two bylaw enforcement files were acted on in April.

**Governance:**

- Indemnity Bylaw – Draft bylaw for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings on this agenda
- Per Diem, Travel & Mileage Allowances Policy – In progress
- Employee Appreciation Policy - In progress
- Community Support Policy – Complete & provided for future reference to community organizations whom often seek District support.
- Park and Public Spaces Access – consideration for adoption on this agenda
- 2026 Tax Rates Bylaw – consideration for adoption on this agenda
- 2025 Annual Report – In progress

**Sessions/Meetings:**

- Completed LGMA Elections Workshop which provides Election Officials updated legislation updates for this upcoming General Local Election.
- 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. The event is in need of at least four (4) volunteers to assist in various activities of the event.
- Attended the Barriere Fire Rescue Open House

## **PUBLIC WORKS:**

### **Operations:**

| Public Works                              |              |                 |             |
|---|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
|   | <b>April</b> | <b>2026 YTD</b> | <b>2025</b> |
| Potholes Filled:                          | 28           | 73              | 195         |
| Pavement Repairs:                         | 0            | 0               | 17499       |
| Burials:                                  | 1            | 1               | 0           |
| Cremations:                               | 1            | 1               | 4           |
| Deceased Animal Recovery:                 | 1            | 1               | 4           |
| After Hours Call Outs:                    | 0            | 0               | 4           |
|   |              |                 |             |
| Water Distribution                        |              |                 |             |
|   | <b>April</b> | <b>2026 YTD</b> | <b>2025</b> |
| New Construction Service Connections:     | 0            | 0               | 5           |
| Water Service On/Off Requests:            | 3            | 16              | 34          |
| Interior Health Water Quality Tests:      | 12           | 48              | 148         |
| Water Usage:                              | 42500        | 113522          | 448356      |
| Waterline Repairs:                        | 2            | 4               | 7           |
| After Hours Call Outs:                    | 1            | 3               | 16          |
|   |              |                 |             |
| Wastewater Collection & Treatment         |              |                 |             |
|   | <b>April</b> | <b>2026 YTD</b> | <b>2025</b> |
| New Construction Service Connections:     | 0            | 0               | 6           |
| Ministry of Environment Wastewater Tests: | 7            | 28              | 84          |
| After Hours Call Outs:                    | 0            | 0               | 0           |
|   |              |                 |             |
| General                                   |              |                 |             |
|   | <b>April</b> | <b>2026 YTD</b> | <b>2025</b> |
| BC One Calls Supported:                   | 8            | 12              | 42          |
| Events Supported:                         | 0            | 2               | 17          |
|   |              |                 |             |

- All grading and dust control completed.
- Roadway line marking completed over the weekend
- Staff starting up park irrigation
- Staff participated in a Shoring & Excavation safety course
- Upgrades to Community Garden plots and cleanup completed by community members. Upgrades paid for by Gary Botkin.



*Newly replaced garden plot frames*

**FINANCE:**

| Financial Services                              |           |             |               |
|---|-----------|-------------|---------------|
|   | April     | 2026 YTD    | 2025          |
| Cash Collected:                                 | \$338,104 | \$1,093,837 | \$4,963,536   |
| Cash Disbursed:                                 | \$340,861 | \$1,436,742 | \$5,861,273   |
|   |           | 2026 YTD    | Project Total |
| ICIP Wastewater Treatment Grant Funds Received: |           | \$24,430    | \$303,410     |

- Tax preparation work is underway, once the Tax Rate Bylaw has been finalized, notices will be prepared and mailed out. Mail inserts will accompany the bill this year and have information for residents regarding our 2026 budget, changes to the Homeowner Grant Program starting next year, changes to the Tax Deferment Program and separate inserts for those residents who have arrears and delinquent tax amounts.