

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, October 27, 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 Colin McInnis Councillor Brody Mosdell

Staff: Daniel Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer
Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
Kathy Abel, Chief Finance Officer
Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager
Alexis Hovenkamp, Fire Chief

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

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Mosdell

That Council approve the October 27, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Moved by Councillor McInnis

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

That Council adopt the minutes of the October 6, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

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

4. BYLAWS and POLICIES

a. Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 222, Amendment Bylaw No. 261 – adoption.

It was noted that no comments have been received following the completion of legislated public notice.

Moved by Councillor Kershaw

Seconded by Councillor McInnis

THAT Council adopt Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 222, Amendment Bylaw No. 261

CARRIED

- b. Rescinding of Council Conflict of Interest Policy No.03 – T. Buchanan, CO

It was reported that *Council Conflict of Interest Policy No.03*, adopted in 2007, has now been deemed obsolete with the adoption of *Council Code of Conduct Bylaw No. 250* in December 2024. The rescindment of this policy is a matter of housekeeping.

Moved by Councillor Mosdell

Seconded by Councillor Lodge

THAT Council rescind Policy No. 3 – Council Conflict of Interest Policy

CARRIED

5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Quarterly (Q3) Budget Review – K. Abel, Finance Officer
**submitted for information*

The CFO provided a verbal overview of the written report.

- b. UBCM Emergency Preparedness Fund – Resolution – A. Hovenkamp, Fire Chief

In addition to reviewing the written report, the Fire Chief noted that ticket sales are low for BCFFA's annual Pig Roast Fundraiser this year, but last minute sales are often the norm. However, this can cause issues for planning. So, anyone interested in attending were urged to purchase their tickets as soon as possible.

It was also reported that the *Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP)* has now been completed.

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

THAT staff be directed to apply for funding in the amount of \$30,000 under the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund.

CARRIED

- c. Official Community Plan DRAFT Review – T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer & TRUE
**submitted for information*

It was reported that the District's consultant, TRUE Consulting, has completed a number of staff and Council workshops, conducted stakeholder surveys, as well as held a Public Open House in November of 2024. Data collected from those sessions, surveys and open house responses have been compiled and considered in this 1st formal draft presented for review. Discussion ensued. No changes were presented at the time of the meeting. However, Council was invited to send any later thoughts to the consultant over the next few days.

Next steps noted were:

- ✓ Council can make any desired changes to this initial draft prior to presenting it to the

- public at the upcoming open house.
- ✓ The draft, either as-is or with Council changes, will be presented to the Public Open House on **November 5, 2025 from 6pm – 8pm at the Seniors Centre.**
- ✓ The Draft will be referred to appropriate governing bodies and organizations.
- ✓ Comments will be collected by the District's consultant.
- ✓ A final draft will be presented to Council for formal readings prior to the scheduling of a Public Hearing and subsequent adoption.
- ✓ Upon adoption, staff will report to the Province that the District has fulfilled its legislative requirements.

- d. Strategic Priorities Update – D. Drexler, CAO
**submitted for information*

An overview of the graphs outlining the status of each strategic priority and capacity, was provided.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. For Information
- b. For Action - *none submitted*

7. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal report on the following:
- Assisted in the NTACS & Curling Rink Fundraiser Bingos
 - Elves Workshop will be hosted in the Old Chamber Building instead of the Ridge Gym this year.
- b. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
- Has been asked to sit on the Board of the Food Bank. The Food Bank is expected to need over 100 Christmas Hampers this year. Volunteers are needed for this needed program.
 - The Heritage Society is compiling information about the History of Baseball/Softball/Slow-Pitch in Barriere. A "History-Share" is taking place on November 20th at 1pm at the Museum.
 - Attended the Chamber of Commerce and Taseko Public Open House
- c. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal report on the following:
- Community Futures Foundation Sip & Support Fundraiser – profited over \$9,000 making the event very successful. Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets and supported the event.
- d. Councillor McInnis provided a verbal report on the following:
- In follow-up to the UBCM Housing Sessions attended at UBCM, has been in touch with the CAO of Creston & Housing Authority of Whistler, compiling data and ideas from various communities.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Dunsmuir Trails project – spoke with the Simpcw Eco-Biologist regarding the potential badger impact.
- Participated in various TNRD Board & Committee Meetings – The TNRD's mattress recycling fee is being increased next year to assist in the off-set of the taxpayer subsidy for this service.
- BC Assessment is planning to devalue the Pipeline Utility by 30% which will have a significant impact on communities such as Blue River and Clearwater.
- Will be participating in a meeting with CAO, CO and TNRD staff tomorrow regarding some cost reduction ideas to reduce the TNRD's potential tax increase.
- In regard to the letter from IHA in this meeting's information package – a phone call has confirmed they are taking action on the issue.
- Will be attending a SILGA Budget Session in Kamloops on November 14th.
- Was able to assist the Heritage Society by taking down the old flagpole at the Museum

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)(k)(l) 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 6:22p.m.

CARRIED

12. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING – *the meeting reconvened into open session at 8:30p.m.*

13. NEXT MEETINGS

a. *CLOSED – Strategic Planning Workshops:*

➤ *November 7, 2025 @ 5:30pm*

➤ *November 8, 2025 @ 9am*

b. *Regular Council Meeting – November 17, 2025 @ 5:30pm*

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor that the meeting adjourn at 8:30p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Rob Kerslake

T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer