

District of Barriere

# REPORT TO COUNCIL

<b>Date:</b> February 2, 2026	<b>Agenda Item:</b> 4d
<b>To:</b> Council	<b>From:</b> Department Heads
<b>Re: Departmental Updates</b>	

## **CORPORATE OFFICER:**

- MOU Committee Meetings – As per the MOU, Committee Meetings are to be held quarterly:
  - February – Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm (virtual)
  - May
  - August
  - November
- The 2026 Community to Community Forum (C2C) is scheduled in Valemount on Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup>, arriving the evening before on April 8<sup>th</sup> as dinner is scheduled. Agenda details will be finalized early in the spring.
- The Public Open House held in partnership with Simpcw and SRG, with facilitation help from TRUE Consulting, along with Corporate Service, Public Works and Fire Department staff, was a success. A kind comment received from an attending member of Council: *“This was a good event. The work that went into the displays and information was next level. Thanks for the hard work.”* Comments heard from public attendees were similar; complementing the work involved, noting that they were impressed by all the projects the District and Simpcw are working on, and all the experts on site who were available to answer questions. The poster boards showcased at the event have been published on the District’s website.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Indigenous Engagement re: Emergency Planning & Personnel Event – is scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 5:30pm – 8:30pm at the Lions Hall. This non-public event meets the legislative engagement requirements with First Nations regarding Emergency Response communications and planning.
- SILGA 2026 – Revelstoke April 29 – May 2, 2026. Accommodation has been booked with attendee confirmation necessary. Registration is expected to open mid-late February.

## **DEPUTY CORPORATE OFFICER:**

*\*verbal report*

## **PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER:**

Operations			
Public Works			
	January	2026 YTD	2024
Potholes Filled	25	25	195
Pavement Repairs	0	0	17499
Burials	0	0	0
Cremations	0	0	4
Deceased Animal Recovery	1	1	4
After Hours Call Outs	1	1	4

Water Distribution			
	<b>January</b>	<b>2026 YTD</b>	<b>2025</b>
New Construction Service Connections	0	0	5
Water Service On/Off Request	4	4	34
Interior Health Water Quality Tests	12	12	148
Water Useage	23644	23644	448356
Waterline Repairs	0	0	7
After Hours Call Outs	1	1	16
Wastewater Collection & Treatment			
	<b>January</b>	<b>2026 YTD</b>	<b>2025</b>
New Construction Service Connections	0	0	6
Ministry of Environment Wastewater Tests	7	7	84
After Hours Call Outs	0	0	0
General			
	<b>January</b>	<b>2026 YTD</b>	<b>2025</b>
BC One Calls Supported	1	1	42
Events Supported	1	1	17

- Operating DW3 at 37 L/sec (586 gpm) - increase of 1 L/sec since end of December
- DW2 operating at 42 L/sec (665 gpm)
- Two water leaks repaired on residential properties by the home owner.
- WWTP process design virtually complete. Structural & electrical engineering in progress. Construction RFP projected for early March.
- Participated in a joint Dangerous Goods tabletop exercise with CN, Barriere FD, Simpcw
- Ice rink was well used during favourable conditions. Closed as of January 29 and will reopen if/when conditions improve.

## **FIRE CHIEF:**

Fire Department			
Calls	January	2026 YTD	2025
Fire	0	0	23
Rescue / Motor Vehicle Incidents	5	5	15
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	1	1	4
Service Call / Public Assist	2	2	23
Fire Burning Complaint / Fire Investigation / Fire alarm	1	1	36
False Alarm	0	0	20
<b>Total</b>	9	7	121
Public Education & Events	0	0	18
FireSmart Assessments	0	0	17
Fire Prevention / Fire Inspections	10	10	4

### **Fire Department Updates:**

- Minor Renovations for office space have started in the hall. TimberMart donated 50 10ft 2x4's to the Barriere Firefighters Association to assist with this CRI Grant (FireSmart) announced cuts impacting funding, because Barriere applied last year, this will not affect current programming.
- Contract signed with BCEHS
- Meeting with Simpcw First Nations regarding proposed cost sharing
- Emergency Plan Review and Training with Simpcw First Nations
- CN Table Top Training with Simpcw First Nations, CN, Transport Canada, District Management and Fire Department Members
- NFPA 1001 training back in full swing
- Captain Tom Jackson stepped away from the FD after 9 years of service. We thank Tom for his 9 years of countless hours volunteering for the community

### **Fire Smart:**

- Meeting with BCWS about ongoing fundings
- Successful candidate was offered the position for the Wildfire Mitigation Specialist
- Registered for Wildfire Resiliency Training Summit in Victoria

### **Weather:**

- January 15th Snowpack Provincially - 127%
- North Thompson sitting at 103%
- No extreme weather advisories expected

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:**

Financial Services			
	January 2026	January 2025	2025
Cash Collected	\$ 350,948	\$ 336,684	\$ 4,963,536
Cash Disbursed	\$ 351,576	\$ 356,737	\$ 5,861,273
ICIP Wastewater Treatment Grant Funds Received		\$ 278,980	

- Department is working through GL reconciliation in support of 2026 budget items and preparation for 2025 audit.
- KPMG in office for a day.
- Year end reporting underway.

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:****Development:**

Development Activity			
Construction Activity:	January	2026 YTD	2025
Total Building Permit Applications:	1	1	21
Total Construction Value:	\$729,000	\$729,000	\$3,291,020
Total Building Permits Finalized:	0	0	15 (since June)
Total Construction Value Finalized:	\$0	\$0	\$989,500

- Continuation of construction on a property that was started 3-4 years ago.
- 2 Stop Work Orders were issued. 1 additional Stop Work order is currently under review.

**Governance:**

- Agreements / Contracts:
  - BCEHS Agreement – complete
  - Chamber – Wayfinding funding agreement – in progress
- Policies / Bylaws:
  - Wastewater Bylaw – Draft Bylaw for final reading on this agenda
  - OCP Refresh Update draft – In progress
  - Solid Waste Bylaw – complete
  - Business Licencing Bylaw – complete

**Administration:**

- Hosted Budget 2026 Workshop for Council on January 26, 2026.
- Continuing in-depth work on Budget 2026.

*\*submitted for information*