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Message from the Chamber of Commerce

Barriere is the Gateway to the North Thompson Valley. We are surrounded by an abundance of hunting, fishing, hiking, snowmobiling and remote areas in which to relax.

Our setting and climate makes our community a close knit place to live that has attracted new residents at a controlled rate over the years. This has allowed for a well laid out Community.

We have many natural resources on which we depend — forestry being our mainstay. We also have three schools, many businesses and farming to help complete a balance.

We are the home of the North Thompson Fall Fair and Rodeo on the Labour Day weekend which is like a “home coming” once a year.

We invite anyone who is looking for a good place to live and invest to explore Barriere.



William (Bill) Kershaw, President
Barriere Chamber of Commerce

Barriere Community Profile

Legend has it that: “during the early days of the Cariboo gold rush, an old trapper named MacDonald, hailing from Scotland, was plying his trade in the central North Thompson Valley. Each winter he would stockpile his pelts at Little Fort. In the spring each year, he would load up his pelts on his old mare and with the help of a young Chu Chua Indian, would set out on the Old Highway for Kamloops. On one of his annual trips, the old man and his young companion stopped for lunch at the site of what is today: Barriere. Following lunch, the Old Mare refused to start up again. The old Scot gave her the buggy whip and she suddenly keeled over and died. His Indian companion said to MacDonald: ‘What are you going to do now?’...to which the old man replied, “Bury-Her”. From which Barriere got its name.”

....from a story re-told by local authority: David Baines

It has also been said that the community probably got its name from the natural ‘roadblock’ created by a swift river flowing into the North Thompson in the area, today known as the Barriere River. This second attempt to explain how the community came by its name gains credence when one finds that all the locals pronounce the word Barriere as “BARRIER”.

Community Overview

The community of Barriere is located 66 kilometers (45 minutes) north of Kamloops on the Yellowhead #5 Highway, nestled in the mountains at the southern end of the North Thompson River Valley.

Barriere is a small and friendly community that has all the major conveniences of a city, but offers a life of quiet living. Though traditionally a forestry driven town, tourism is now becoming prevalent in the area with over 75 lakes within 40 kilometers of the community.

Barriere is quickly gaining a reputation for its spectacular scenery but more importantly, for being a community that encourages new business enterprise while maintaining its attractive quality of life. For entrepreneurs interested in business, Barriere offers an ideal setting to operate a storefront or home based business.

Barriere’s relaxing lifestyle and low costs of living make the community attractive to seniors and young working families. The safe and peaceful community includes all the amenities of a sustainable community including education, health care and recreational opportunities. Health care is provided through a health centre. Education is available from kindergarten through grade 12 and post-secondary opportunities are also available. Emergency services include a fire department, R.C.M.P. detachment and an ambulance service. Recreational opportunities abound in the area with up to date facilities and a wilderness backcountry. Current infrastructure includes a recently upgraded water system that can serve an increasing population. The area also has more than 115 businesses offering a wide range of services.

Geographic Location

Barriere is situated at the confluence of the Barriere and North Thompson rivers, nestled in the mountains at the southern end of the North Thompson River Valley. The eastern side of the valley is defined by the Shuswap Highlands, rising to 1,830 meters. The western side of the valley is dominated by the extensive Fraser Plateau, which extends to the Cariboo-Chilcotin region of British Columbia.

The elevation of the community is 373 meters above sea level. Its latitude and longitude coordinates are: 51°19' north by 120°13' west.

City	KM	Miles	Travel Time
Calgary	686	426	8 ½
Edmonton	746	464	9 ½
Kamloops	81	43	1
Kelowna	232	144	3
Prince George	470	293	6
Vancouver	414	257	4 ¾
Seattle	525	327	6

Climate

Barriere boasts an attractive climate. In the summer the days are warm and the evenings are cool while the short winters are moderate with little snow falling in the valley.

Climate Statistics	
Annual Mean	6.8
July Mean	18.8
January Mean	-8.2
Rainfall (mm)	345.8
Snowfall (mm)	124.8

Trading Area

Barriere is the primary service centre for a trading area that includes the communities of Little Fort and Darfield to the north, Louis Creek and McLure to the south. The population of the area is estimated at 5,200.

Little Fort

Little Fort, known as the “Hub of the North Thompson”, is situated at the junction of Highway #24 and the Yellowhead #5 Highway. It lies 26 kilometers north of Barriere and serves as a support centre for local hunting and fishing activities. The storied Cariboo is connected by Highway #24 that runs west from Little Fort to 93 Mile House. Unlike many smaller North Thompson communities, Little Fort does not have a major employer. The economy consists of traditional agriculture operations such as hay and cattle farms and service based businesses. Businesses rely heavily on highway traffic and tourists and the community has seen an increase in the number of businesses and its residential population over the past few years.

Darfield

Half way between Little Fort and Barriere lays the rural community of Darfield. Situated 12 kilometers north of Barriere, it is host to a sawmill that manufactures speciality wood products, several logging contractors and over 20 farms.

Louis Creek

Louis Creek lies six kilometers south of Barriere on the Yellowhead #5 Highway. It is situated at a junction that provides road access to the communities of Adams Lake, Fadear Creek Valley and Chase. Louis Creek is rebuilding after fire destroyed the Tolko Mill, stores and many residences.

McLure

McLure is situated midway between Barriere and Kamloops. The small residential base relies on farming and logging as the primary source of family income. The ability to work in a larger community and live in the country is an attractive feature such that many residents choose to commute to Barriere or Kamloops for work.

Economic Base

Forestry, ranching and tourism form a strong, diversified economic base for Barriere and area. Although forestry is dominant, tourism is the fastest growing industry in the region. The phenomenal growth of tourism is characterized by the substantial resurgence of resorts on the lakes that surround the community. Agriculture, though small in scale, is still a significant industry with most of the cleared land in the region principally devoted to range for beef cattle, for which use the land is most suited.

The film industry is a budding economic sector for Barriere and the entire region. Numerous movie and television productions have been shot in the region and the number will continue to grow as the TNRD's Film Commission continues to actively market the area as ideal for production.

Important Economic Activities

Forestry

Approximately 75% of the area's labour force is either directly or indirectly dependent on the forest industry. More than half of the businesses of Barriere and the surrounding area are directly dependent on the existence of an active forestry industry.

The predominant timber source in the North Thompson Valley consists of the softwoods: spruce, fir, pine and cedar. The timber supplies one major mill in the area: Gilbert Smith Forest Products (Barriere).

There are potential business opportunities for value-added products. Currently, locally produced wood and wood by-products represent excellent opportunities for furniture making, wood pellet production, wood trim and other novelty items.

Tourism

The construction of the Yellowhead Highway through the North Thompson Valley 40 years ago opened the valley to tourism. The industry has experienced recent growth and this trend shows no signs of slowing down.

The lakes and rivers of the area are teeming with fish and are considered as some of the best fishing lakes in the entire province. Anglers of any skill will enjoy an unforgettable experience. Boat rentals are available and fishing derbies are held each and every summer.

The Fall Fair is Barriere's biggest event of the year. Since 1949, the fair has attracted people from around the region on Labour Day Weekend when the community comes alive with activity. There is a parade, livestock shows, chuckwagon and chariot racing, a rodeo sanctioned by the British Columbia Rodeo Association and other events in the exhibition building. Other activities include displays and competitions for arts, crafts, gardening and baking. The annual fair offers an incredible variety of good food and the evening dances provide something for everyone.

The recent addition of a professionally designed 3,150 yard nine hole public golf course situated in the gently rolling hills just north of the community complements an array of sporting facilities. Ball diamonds, a curling club, tennis courts and a driving range all lie within the community boundaries and provide competitive sporting facilities.

In the winter, wide snowy vistas provide unlimited opportunities for snowmobilers and cross-country skiers. Approximately 17 kilometers out of town are the Barriere Heritage Society's cross-country ski trails. They offer marked trails that are not groomed and are best enjoyed from January till March.

Agriculture

Beef cattle ranching is the predominant activity in this sector, but a significant amount of land is also dedicated to hay farming. The alfalfa hay cultivated on the lush valley floor in the area is the best in British Columbia.

Film Production

In 1988, the Thompson-Nicola Regional District established a Film Commission whose mandate was to promote the region as a location to the film and television industry. In 1998, a re-constituted Film Commission Board was established to better position itself and to take advantage of film industry opportunities.

Numerous feature films, movies of the week, television episodes and commercials have been filmed in the area. The feature film, "The Pledge", directed by Sean Penn and starring Jack Nicholson and Robyn White conducted principle photography in the year 2000.

Other projects shot in this area include:

- The Sweet Here After
- Christmas in Calico
- Hard Core Logo
- Cadence
- Jack Rabbit Patrol
- X-Files
- America's Most Wanted
- Eyes of a Cowboy
- 5th Estate - Cattle Drive
- Bird on a Wire

Also, numerous commercials have been shot for clients such as Toyota, Ford, Kodak, Miller Beer, Nescafe, Yamaha, Canadian Tire and Chivas Regal to name a few. These projects provide a boost to the local economy with large production crews taking advantage of the services offered in the community and local residents obtaining parts as extras during filming.

Demographic Profile

The following information is based on Statistics Canada's 2001 Census, unless otherwise stated.

Population Characteristics

The 45-64 age group represents the largest percentage of the population at 29.6%, compared to 25.1% provincially. The population of Barriere and area represents 2.7% of the regional population of 119,222.

Age Distribution				
Age Group	Male	Female	Total	BC
0-14	300	280	580	706,065
15-24	175	175	350	514,340
25-44	420	405	825	1,174,775
45-64	495	475	965	979,455
65+	270	255	525	533,085
All Ages	1,660	1,595	3,255	3,907,740

Source: Statistics Canada

Average Family Size			
Family Size	Approx. #	Community	BC
2-Person	478	48.4%	47.0%
3-Person	187	18.9%	21.0%
4-Person	200	20.2%	22.0%
5-Person	123	12.5%	11.0%

Source: Statistics Canada

Income Characteristics

Since 1996, the community has seen a 4.7% increase in annual male income and a 3.8% increase in annual female income.

Average Annual Income		
Income	Community	BC
Average	\$24,656	\$31,544
Median	16,367	22,095

Source: Statistics Canada (Thompson-Nicola O – Regional District Electoral Area)

Income Source		
Source	Community	BC
Earnings	68.2%	75.8%
Government Transfers	17.4%	11.8%
Other Money	14.3%	12.4%

Source: Statistics Canada

Employment Characteristics

Unemployment Rates				
Rates	Male	Female	Total	BC
Unemployment	15.5%	16.0%	16.1%	8.5%
Participation	69.9%	56.4%	63.2%	65.2%

Source: Statistics Canada

Currently the largest employing industry is agriculture and other Resource based industries. It employs approximately 27% of the total work force compared to 5% provincially.

Labour Force By Industry		
Industry	Community	BC
Total Experienced Labour Force	1,695	2,014,600
Agriculture and Other Resource Based Industries	27%	5%
Manufacturing and Construction Industries	21%	16%
Wholesale and Retail Trade	9%	16%
Finance and Real Estate	2%	6%
Health and Education	12%	17%
Business Services	11%	20%
Other Services	19%	21%

Source: Statistics Canada

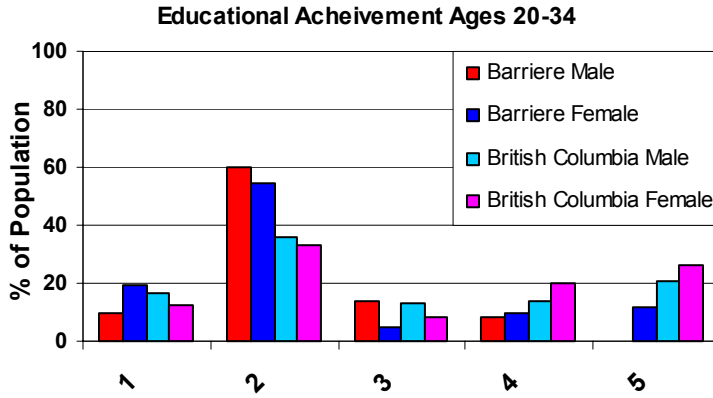
1996 BC Statistics show Barriere's self-employment rate for males at 22% and 17.3% for females. The 2001 BC Statistics show a 7.1% increase for females and a 2.2% increase for males for self-employment.

Employment vs. Self-Employment		
Gender & Status	Community	BC
MALES		
Paid Employees	75.7%	90.2%
Self-Employed	24.3%	9.8%
FEMALES		
Paid Employees	74.6%	89.1%
Self-Employed	24.4%	10.9%

Source: Statistics Canada

Education Characteristics

School District #73 currently enrolls 16,467 students while the schools in Barriere currently have a student body of 585.



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| 1 | Less than High School Graduation Diploma | 4 | College Certificate or Diploma |
| 2 | High School Graduation Diploma | 5 | University Degree or Masters |
| 3 | Trades Certificate or Diploma | | |

Source: Statistics Canada

Construction & Housing Characteristics

The average cost of rent in Barriere is 31.8% less than the provincial average of \$751. The same can also be said for the average value of homes that are 33.9% less than the provincial average of \$230,645.

Dwelling Characteristics		
Characteristics	Community	BC
Dwellings Owned	1,040	1,017,490
Avg. Major Payment	\$637.00	\$904.00
Dwellings Rented	315	512,365
Avg. Rent	\$512.00	\$751.00
Avg. Value of Dwelling	\$152,506	\$230,645

Source: Statistics Canada

Building permit activity is current as of November 2003. Over the past five years there has been an average of 24 permits issued at an average yearly value of \$886,600.

Building Permit Activity										
	Residential		Commercial		Industrial		Remaining		Total	
Year	#	Value(\$)	#	Value(\$)	#	Value(\$)	#	Value(\$)	#	Value(\$)
2003	6	638,000	1	119,000	0	-	6	475,000	13	1,232,000
2002	3	85,000	1	12,000	0	-	20	382,000	24	479,000
2001	2	190,000	0	-	1	150,000	10	93,000	13	433,000
2000	8	835,000	3	259,000	0	-	22	305,000	33	1,399,000
1999	5	523,000	3	25,000	0	-	26	342,000	34	890,000
Totals	24	2,271,000	8	415,000	1	150,000	84	1,597,000	117	4,433,000

Source: Thompson-Nicola Regional District

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| • Wayne Boychuk | Phone: (250) 672-0019 | Fax: (250) 672-2027 |
| • Kathy Campbell | Phone: (250) 672-1070 | |
| • Principle Realty | Phone: (250) 672-0067 | Fax: (250) 672-5173 |

Employment Services

Barriere Employment Services (BES) is sponsored by the Barriere & District Chamber of Commerce and funded by Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC). BES offers both employee and employer services.

The primary purpose of BES is to assist unemployed individuals, first nation's people and older, displaced workers wishing to re-enter the work force. This is accomplished through the extension of HRDC's Employment Services and Initiatives.

Services available to employees:

- local job listings
- self-employment assistance
- local employers directory
- college and training courses
- swift notification of job posted
- casual work available year round
- re-training/upgrading
- workshop information
- Canada Employment Centre counseling
- resume writing/interview preparation
- counseling for re-entering the work force
- University College of the Cariboo extension services
- market/job research

Services available to employers:

- access to skilled labour
- provision of casual workers
- screening & referral services
- interview referrals
- information on subsidized programs for wages and training
- positions posted on Job Exchange Board

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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|------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Barriere Employment Services | Phone: (250) 672-0036 | Fax: (250) 672-2159 |
| | E-mail: barreempl@telus.net | |

The Business Community

There are in excess of 115 businesses currently operating in Barriere and the surrounding trading area. This total is double that of 20 years ago. This increase was fueled by the recent surge of home-based businesses throughout the area. For more information contact the Barriere and District Chamber of Commerce.

Number of Businesses by Type			
Categories	#	Categories	#
Accounting/Bookkeeping/Tax Services	2	Mills	3
Art	4	Mobile Home Parks	6
Auto Repairs/Parts/Auto Body/Towing	6	Hotels/Motels/Resorts	8
Cable TV Service	1	Newspapers	1
Cattle Ranches/Farms	20	Pet Grooming	2
Construction: Road/buildings/Logging	5	Pharmacies	1
Contractors	9	Photography	1
Feed Dealers	1	Physicians	2
Financial Institutions	1	Real Estate Services	2
Nurseries/Silviculture	2	Recreation Facilities	6
Golf Courses	1	Repair & Maintenance	4
Grocery Stores	1	Restaurants/Pubs	5
Government Services	8	Retailers	6
Hair Stylists	4	Septic Services	1
Insurance Agencies	1	Service Stations	3
Laundromats	1	Taxi Services	0
Legal Services	3	Trucking Services	8
Liquor	3	Video Stores	2
Logging	12	Miscellaneous	3

Source: Barriere Chamber of Commerce

Community Infrastructure

Transportation Infrastructure

All roads are the responsibility of the B.C. Ministry of Transportation and Highways due to Barriere's Improvement District status.

Major Highways

Barriere is located 66 kilometers north of Kamloops on the Yellowhead Highway #5, the main north-south artery of the North Thompson region. Ten kilometers south of Barriere lies the Agate Bay Road that provides access from Louis Creek to Adams Lake, Chase and Shuswap Lake. Highway #24 lies north of Barriere and connects Little Fort with Highway #97 and the Cariboo-Chilcotin Region

Rail Services

The Jasper-Kamloops-Vancouver link of the Canadian National Railway's (CNR) mainline runs through Barriere and there are no rail passenger services available.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

CNR Phone: 1-888-888-5909 Web: www.cn.ca

Air Services

The closest scheduled air services are provided at the Kamloops Airport, 66 kilometers to the south. The Kamloops airport accommodates two scheduled airline companies that provide flights to Vancouver, Calgary and Prince George. There is an average of more than 75 scheduled flights in and out of the airport every week. The runway and the navigation system allow for the landing of modern commercial jets and turbo-prop aircraft.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kamloops Airport Phone: (250) 376-3613

Bus Services

Greyhound Bus Lines serve Barriere with a regularly scheduled service.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Greyhound Bus Lines Phone: (250) 672-562 Web: www.greyhound.com

Trucking Services

Trucking services are available in Barriere. For more information contact the Barriere and District Chamber of Commerce.

Taxi Services

Taxi services are available in Barriere.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barriere Taxi

Phone: (250) 571-9864

Communications Infrastructure

Newspaper

- Star Journal
- Kamloops Daily News

Phone: (250) 672-5611
Phone: (250) 372-2331

Fax: (250) 672-9900
Fax: (250) 374-3884

Radio

- CFFM 105.3 FM
- CBC 104.9 AM
- CFJC/NL 610 AM
- CIFM 105.9 FM
- CKRV 101.2 (cable only)
- JC-55 102.9 AM

Television

Off-Air:

CFJC (CBC affiliate) channel 7
Knowledge Network channel 9
BCTV channel 10

Cable:

50 channels are currently available in Barriere.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barriere Cable

Phone: 1-800-665-7303

Telephone Services

Telus provides telephone services to Barriere and area. Telephone calls from Barriere to Kamloops are toll free.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

TELUS

Phone: (250) 372-4264
Toll Free: 1-888-811-2323

Web: www.telus.com

Internet Services

Internet service is available in Barriere via any of the service providers in Kamloops.

Political/Government Infrastructure

Barriere and the surrounding area are within Electoral Area 'O' of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD). Although Barriere was first incorporated under the Water Act as an Irrigation District, November 9th, 1943, it was later changed to an Improvement District January 30th, 1968. Five trustees manage the Barriere Improvement District, each serving 3-year overlapping terms.

The services provided by the Barriere Improvement District include:

- community hall
- garbage pick-up
- street lighting

Barriere and area residents are levied taxes for General Municipal Services provided by the TNRD and for capital costs of hospital facilities provided through the Thompson-Nicola Regional Hospital District.

The TNRD, covering an area of 45,279 square kilometers, was incorporated in 1967. A Regional Board of Directors that consists of ten elected rural directors and twelve appointed municipal council members manages it. An elected director represents Electoral Area 'O', encompassing Barriere and area.

As Regional Government, the TNRD provides the following functions and services:

- Administration Building and Site
- Building Inspection
- Cemeteries
- Community and Regional Parks
- Film Commission
- Fire Protection
- Fireworks Regulation
- Recreational and Community Planning/ Subdivision & Zoning
- Hospital and Diagnostic & Treatment Centre
- Capital Financing
- Mosquito Control
- Noxious Weed Control
- Public Library Services
- Recreation Facilities and Community Halls
- Solid Waste Management/Refuse Disposal
- Television Re-Broadcasting
- Untidy & Unsightly Premises
- Waterworks System

For more information contact the TNRD. 1-800-377-8673 or (250) 377-8673

In addition to the above, the Provincial Government maintains a number of offices in Barriere:

- Diagnostic and Treatment Centre Phone: (250) 672-9731
- Liquor Distribution Branch Phone: (250) 672-9755
- Ministry of Highways Phone: (250) 672-5545
- Motor Vehicle Licenses Phone: (250) 672-9634
- Provincial Ambulance Service Phone: (250) 672-9244
- South Central Health Unit Phone: (250) 672-9731

The Federal Government operates:

- Barriere Post Office Phone: (250) 672-9955
- Barriere R.C.M.P. detachment Phone: (250) 672-9918

First Nations also have a presence in the community.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

North Thompson First Nations

Phone: (250) 672-9995

Fax: (250) 672-5858

Utilities

Natural Gas

Natural Gas is not available in the North Thompson Valley.

Propane

Propane can be purchased in bulk form in the Barriere area from a number of suppliers. For more information contact the Barriere and District Chamber of Commerce.

Electricity

The area is serviced by B.C. Hydro's provincial grid system. A distribution sub-station located in Barriere serves Barriere and area.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

B.C. Hydro

Phone: 1-800-BCHYDRO (224-9376)

Web: www.bchydro.bc.ca

For more information on any of the following utility infrastructure contact the Barriere Improvement District.

Water System

A recent (1994) upgrade to the water system has replaced the traditional water source from Leonie Lake with two deep wells. Improvements to the reservoir and the water main system in the community allowed the new system to easily serve the entire community's needs. In 1995, the community turned the water system over to the TNRD.

Sewage System

Septic tanks are utilized for sewage disposal.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tri Service

Phone: (250) 672-9747

Garbage Collection

Garbage collection is provided weekly through Improvement District.

Taxation

Taxes are not collected locally. The Provincial Surveyor of Taxes is responsible for collecting school, provincial and local taxes.

Tax Rates		
	2003	2002
Residential	1.9353	1.928
Utilities	6.7736	6.748
Light Industry	6.58	6.5552
Managed Forest	5.8059	5.784
Business/Other	4.7415	4.7236
Farm	1.9353	1.928
Unmanaged Forest	7.7412	7.712
Major Industry	6.58	6.5552
Recreation Non-Profit	1.9353	1.928

Source: Ministry of Provincial Revenue – Property Taxation Branch

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Government Agent's Office

Phone: (250) 828-4540

Education

Barriere is located within School District #73 administered from Kamloops. Barriere currently has an excess capacity with no portable classrooms. Barriere and area schools include the following:

Primary:

- Barriere Elementary Phone: (250) 672-9916
- Barriere Ridge Elementary Phone: (250) 672-9916
- Brennan Creek Elementary
- Chu Chua Elementary

Secondary:

- Barriere Secondary Phone: (250) 672-9943

For more information on either primary or secondary education within the area contact:

School District #73

Phone: (250) 374-0679
Fax: (250) 372-1183

Post Secondary:

There are a number of post-secondary and continuing education opportunities available through organizations in Kamloops, including:

- University College of the Cariboo
Phone: (250) 828-5000
Web: www.cariboo.bc.ca
- The Open Learning Institute
Phone: 1-800-663-1663
Web: www.ola.bc.ca
- Native Indian Teacher Education Program
Phone: (250) 828-9780
Fax: (250) 828-9780
- Community Futures Development Corporation of Thompson Country
Phone: (250) 828-8772
Fax: (250) 828-6861
Web: www.cfdctc.bc.ca

Community Services

Financial

Barriere has one financial institution that serves the residents of Barriere and outlying areas.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

- Thompson Valley Savings Credit Union
Phone: (250) 672-9736
Web: www.tvscu.com

Health Care

- Barriere & District Health Centre
Phone: (250) 672-9731
Fax: (250) 672-5144

The Thompson Health Region operates the Barriere Health Centre. Health Care is also provided in Barriere through

- Health Unit
Phone: (250) 672-5515
- Barriere Respite Home
Phone: (250) 672-9707
- Barriere House-Long Term Care
Phone: (250) 672-9707
- Barriere Special House-Mental Health
Phone: (250) 672-9731

The major referral hospital in the region is Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

- Royal Inland Hospital
Phone: (250) 374-5111

Emergency Services - 911

- B.C. Ambulance Service Phone: (250) 672-9244
- Barriere Search and Rescue Phone: (250) 672-0246
- Barriere Fire Department Phone: (250) 672-9711
- Emergency Social Services Phone: (250) 672-5901
- Provincial Emergency Program (P.E.P.) Phone: (250) 828-4357

Police Protection - 911

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (R.C.M.P.) provide police protection from a local detachment.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barriere R.C.M.P. Phone: (250) 672-9918

Legal Services

Legal services are available in Barriere.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

- Jensen, Mitchell & Carrol Phone: (250) 672-9232
- Mair, Jensen, Blair Fax: (250) 828-6697
- Taylor, Epp & Dolder Phone: (250) 672-5654
- Lawyer Referral Service Phone: (250) 672-5244
- Phone: 1-800-663-1919

Court Services

Court services are available in Kamloops.

Supreme:

- Court of Appeals
- Adult Criminal
- Divorce
- Small Claims
- Adoptions
- Probate

Provincial:

- Criminal Youth
- Traffic
- Small Claims
- Family Court

The courthouse also provides settlement conferences and masters chambers.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kamloops Court House Phone: (250) 828-4344

Community Lifestyle

Clubs/Groups/Organizations

Barriere boasts a very active citizenry. The following list illustrates the myriad of clubs, organizations and associations that are active in the community. For more information contact the Barriere and District Chamber of Commerce.

- 2nd Barriere Brownie Pack
- 4-H Ridge Riders
- Barriere & District Chamber of Commerce
- Barriere & District Food Bank
- Barriere & District Health Society
- Barriere & District Heritage Society
- Barriere & District Riding Club
- Barriere & District Senior's Society
- Barriere Alternate Justice
- Barriere Cancer Society
- Barriere Cemetery Board
- Barriere Crime Stoppers
- Barriere Curling Club
- Barriere District Action Group
- Barriere Elementary Age Basketball
- Barriere Elementary Age Soccer
- Barriere Friendly Club
- Barriere Heart & Stroke Foundation
- Barriere Men's Fastball
- Barriere Museum
- Barriere Parks Board
- Barriere Secondary Booster Club
- Barriere Slow Pitch Association
- Barriere Snowmobile Club
- Barriere Team Ropers
- Barriere Writer's Club
- Girl Guides
- Lady Lion's Club
- Legion Lady's Auxiliary
- Lion's Club
- North Thompson Fall Fair & Rodeo Association
- North Thompson Recreation Society
- RCAC Cadets 2924
- Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 242
- Sponsors Group for Cadets
- Squam Bay Community Club
- Thompson Valley Players
- TOPS
- Wolf Cubs
- Yellowhead 4-H Club
- Yellowhead Pioneer Resident's Society

Churches

- Anglican
- Baptist
- Catholic
- Jehovah's Witness
- Pentecostal
- Seventh Day Adventist
- United

Cultural Facilities

Library

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District Library System operates the Barriere Library.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barriere Library

Phone: (250) 672-5811

Museum

The Barriere & District Heritage Society operate the Barriere Museum. The museum only operates during the summer months.

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Barriere Museum and Archives

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Recreational Facilities

- basketball courts
- cross-country ski trails
- curling rink
- driving range
- horseshoe pits
- outdoor ice arena
- rodeo grounds
- softball diamonds
- golf course
- tennis courts

Annual Events

- Fall Fair and Rodeo September

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