



It was a heartfelt goodbye from the previous owners Shawn and Suzie Feadar and an embracing welcome to the Simpcw Resource Group (SRG) during a ribbon cutting ceremony held Jan. 9 at the Timber Mart store. Pictured from left to right are: Alison Green, Tina Donald and Amanda Celesta, Simpcw councillors, previous Timber Mart



Simpcw First Nation members are celebrating the purchase of the Barriere Timber Mart in Barriere. (Lisa Quiding photo - Barriere Star Journal)

Simpw First Nation's economic development arm, Simp Resources Group, has announced the purchase of the Barriere Timber Mart.

"Simpw Chief and Council is excited to announce that Simp Resources Group has purchased the Barriere Timber Mart. Shawn and Suzie Fadar have worked hard to grow this integral business in Barriere and Simpw is looking forward to further strengthening community partnerships," said George Lampreau, Chief of Simpw.

Barriere Timber Mart's origin dates to the late 1950's, when it was a small hardware store in Barriere, B.C. called Marshall-Wells Hardware. When Shawn and Suzie Fadar acquired the store in 2010, it was an IRLY Building Centre, until 2014 when the new store was constructed on Highway 5, a kilometre from downtown Barriere. The Timber Mart is approximately 9,000 sq. ft. featuring a diverse range of products, building materials, hardware, services, and lumber yard.

Simpw and the Fadar's have been engaged in discussions since early 2022. This followed with the idea of Simp Resources Group diversifying its core offerings into new local businesses. "We understand the importance of local ownership of this Timber Mart and are excited to be taking on an increasing role in the business community of Barriere," said Paul Donald, CEO of SRG. This acquisition reflects "how proud we are of growing up in this area and we want to give back to our local community" said Keith Matthew, SRG Board Chair.

Simpw commemorated the acquisitions and official ribbon cutting ceremony and plans to continue to the tradition of great services and products for years to come.

"We could not think of a better group to take over the operations of Barriere Timber Mart than Simp Resources Group. It gives us peace of mind to know that we leave our company in very capable and good hands and we wish them and our wonderful management and staff all the very best. Our family and the community of Barriere have been incredibly supportive of us over the years and we are so grateful. We leave with many fond memories. For that, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to them all! You are all so special to us" said Shawn and Suzie Fadar.

Simp Resources Group (SRG) is the economic development arm for Simp First Nation. SRG is a diversified construction resource company providing environmental, management, and operational services while preserving Simpw culture and heritage with respect towards the environment.