

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Village of Barons  
February 20, 2018**

- Present:*** Ed Weistra, Mayor  
Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor  
Michelle Tarditi, Councillor
- Absent:*** Dan Coulter, Village Foreman  
Byron Fraser, Fire Chief
- Recording Secretary:*** Laurie Beck, Administrator
- Call to Order:*** Call to order at 11:56 a.m.
- Guests:*** None
- Approval of Agenda:*** **Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to approve the agenda as presented. Carried**
- Minutes:*** To accept the minutes of the January 9, 2018 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.
- Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Carried**
- To accept the minutes of the February 6, 2018 Special Council Meeting minutes as presented.
- Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the February 6, 2018 Special Council meeting. Carried**
- Business Arising:*** a. **Tank Remediation Program**  
No information at this time.
- Village Foreman Report:*** Snow removal constantly. Put together lockers for Fire Hall. A few plugged sewers. Sent in year-end report to Alberta Environment.
- Administrator Report:*** Administrator Beck is working on year-end reporting. Auditor was here February 7<sup>th</sup>. Barons School is planning another LGM info night for March 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 9:00 pm. An invitation has been forwarded to the Village asking for their attendance and in addition, Mayor Weistra is being asked to share a brief greeting. The 2018 Assessment roll is now complete and will be sending these by Thursday. “Still Standing” is on the hunt for potential communities in Alberta. Administrator Beck will pursue.

Administrator Beck would like to request two days of vacation for February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. A workshop will be held at Coaldale for the Mayor and Administrator on March 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 3:00 pm regarding an Inter-municipal Collaboration Framework and Inter-municipal Development Plan.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to send Mayor Weistra and Administrator Beck to the workshop in Coaldale on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Carried**

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the two days of vacation for Administrator Beck. Carried**

***Correspondence:***

- Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Report
- Bylaw Enforcement Report for the weeks of Jan. 15 – Jan. 28, 2018
- Too Far Too Fast email re: prevention of opening of cannabis store in our communities
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Minister Awards for Municipal Excellence
- AUMA – Funding of Police Services
- Bylaw Enforcement Report – member on medical leave
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – New Home Buyer Protection Program
- Bylaw Enforcement Report for the weeks of Jan 29 to Feb. 11, 2018
- ORRSC – Discontinued Fax line

***Financial Reports:*** Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statements for January, 2018.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the accounts payable for the month of January, 2018. Carried**

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to approve the monthly statements for January, 2018. Carried**

***Committee Reports:***

- a) **ORRSC**  
Diane Horvath, Planner attended special meeting with Council and Administrator. She went over the results of the Community Survey Results that was conducted in July, 2017. ORRSC sent a

revised Memorandum of Understanding for signing. Ms. Horvath was provided the plans for the regional waterline whereby it spoke to the population projections over years for water and sewer capacity.

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to sign the revised Memorandum of Understanding between the Oldman River Regional Services Commission and the Village of Barons.**

**Carried**

- b) Fire Department**  
Chief Byron Fraser submitted a proposal for half time employment for Fire Department as well as submitted pictures of engines for sale that the Village could look at. Deferred to another meeting.
- c) Green Acres**  
No information at this time.
- d) CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**  
Showed a pamphlet that one entrepreneur made up. A petition has been started asking that the Community Future Groups not be cut back in funding. Approved new loans.
- e) FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**  
Special Meeting was held regarding updating Board Policies. An All Councils Meeting will be held March 28, 2018 in Taber at Luigi's. An RSVP is needed to inform FCSS who will be attending.

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi for all members of Council to attend the All Councils Meeting on March 28, 2018.**

**Carried**

- f) Mayors and Reeves**  
Discussion was held re cannabis and linear taxes. Theft in small communities was also discussed.
- g) Subdivision Appeal Board**  
No report at this time.
- h) Chinook Arch Library System**  
No report at this time.
- i) AG Society**  
No report at this time.
- j) Emergency Advisory Committee**  
No report at this time.

**k) CPO Regionalization Committee**

Coaldale presented the committee with a revised budget. The committee is being asked to go to their respective Council's and approve said budget.

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to not approve the 2018 CPO revised budget as presented. Carried**

**l) Carmangay Library**

No report at this time.

***New Business:***

**a. AWWOA Annual Conference, March 14 – 16, 2018 Banff**

No one will be attending the conference this year.

**b. LGAA Annual Conference – April 3 – 6, 2018 Red Deer**

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to send Administrator Beck to the LGAA Annual Conference in Red Deer. Carried**

**c. Planning Date(s)**

Council is asked to offer some dates for planning/budget.

**d. Big Horn Wind Project**

Information only. The proposed wind farm east of the village will be hosting open houses for land owners and stakeholders within the next month or so. Council was presented with information about this project.

***Executive Session:***

None

***Adjournment:***

Adjournment of the meeting was at 12:48 p.m.

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**Mayor – Ed Weistra**

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**Administrator – Laurie Beck**