

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Village of Barons  
May 8, 2018**

***Present:*** Ed Weistra, Mayor  
Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor  
Michelle Tarditi, Councillor  
Dan Coulter, Village Foreman  
Byron Fraser, Fire Chief

***Recording Secretary:*** Laurie Beck, Administrator

***Call to Order:*** Call to order at 5:58 p.m.

***Guests:*** **Mike White - Berm**  
Mr. White observed that the berm worked well except for certain areas. One thing that was observed was that the amount of water that came through their yard. Town Foreman Coulter responded that they ran out of slope in the ditch going north as it was getting too close to the pipeline. Asked Council to consider that the berm be made a little higher behind the White's property and continue adding to the height of the berm to the end going north. Administrator Beck is to contact MPE Engineering to consult with the engineer on this. Concerns also arose regarding those gaining access to the berm area by kids, dirt bikes, quads and snow mobiles.

***Approval of Agenda:*** **Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the agenda as presented. Carried**

***Minutes:*** To accept the minutes of the March 13, 2018 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Carried**

To accept the minutes of the March 27, 2018 Special Council Meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to accept the minutes of the March 27, 2018 Special Council meeting. Carried**

To accept the minutes of the April 24, 2018 Special Council Meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the April 24, 2018 Special Council meeting. Carried**

***Business Arising:*****a. Nobleford Water Treatment Plant Reservoir**

Due to the low raw water level at the raw water storage lagoon in Nobleford, residents were asked to conserve water wherever possible. On May 10, the LNID is scheduled to open the canals and Nobleford can once again begin pumping. The town man in Nobleford has been very good at communicating the status of the water situation to Barons. A new pump will be installed at the lagoon June 15<sup>th</sup>. Nobleford has also advised Barons that residents are not to water lawns or gardens. There may be an easing of this voluntary restriction after May 15.

***Village Foreman Report:***

Cleaning up things from the winter including oil changes on the equipment. Twice there has been a plugged main on Prince Street due to rags, wipes, etc. If this happens again, the resident will be charged. Have to repair the brake cylinder on the old truck.

***Administrator Report:***

Administrator Beck spoke with Maya Bilbao, Researcher from “Still Standing”. They were looking more at Mennonite population and the adjustments they have had to make in Canada. Ms. Bilbao was given the name and number of the liaison that works for the Lower German Mennonites in Barons. Fortis Alberta has been approved for some rate hikes in electricity. Residential customers will see a 0.6% increase, street lights will see a 2.0% increase and general service will see a 2.2% increase. The LGAA conference was well attended, with lots of good speakers. As always, it was a great networking opportunity. Administrator Beck attended a workshop in Coaldale regarding Municipal Development Plans and Intermunicipal Development Plans. All audited financial reports have been submitted to Alberta Municipal Affairs. Alberta Municipal Affairs approved the grant application of \$18,500 to help the Village with the Municipal Development Plan. AUMA is sending a letter to Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, in support of the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project – this support was expressed at the 2017 AUMA Convention. Municipalities are being asked if they would provide the Mayor’s name and logo from the community as a signatory to this letter. A “Notice of Intention to Sell Land” has been received that will impact a couple properties in Barons. Alberta Municipal Affairs has sent a letter indicated that the Tank Site Remediation Program has now closed. It is to be noted that because the grant program has ended, it does not remove the Village’s responsibility to remediate both sites. Advertisement for the Public Works Foreman position has been placed on the AUMA website. The Barons Legion has requested the use of the Village Foreman and machinery to dig a hole for their cenotaph.

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to provide the Mayor's name and logo as a signatory to the AUMA drafted letter being sent to the Prime Minister in support of the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project. Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to have the Village Foreman use the Village equipment to dig a hole for the Barons Legion. Carried**

***Correspondence:***

- Email from AB Municipal Affairs regarding a special conference call to discuss the 2018 provincial budget
- AUMA 2018 Provincial Budget Analysis
- Bylaw Enforcement Activity report for the weeks of March 12 – 25, 2018
- Town of Coalhurst – Non-approval of CPO budget
- Email from Mark Murphy re Budget
- Alberta Emergency Management Agency re Wireless Device notifications
- Telus – 911 Calls will be billed GST
- Town of Olds – Prevention of Quagga and Zebra Mussels
- AEMA – Changes to the Alberta Emergency Management Act
- Rural Municipalities of Alberta (formerly AAMDC) –re name change
- FCSS – Increase to the rates, so will be \$7.46 per capita
- AB Municipal Affairs – confirmation of MSI Funding
- Rachael Harder, MP – Second Annual Community Builders Award
- Bylaw Enforcement Quarterly Update – January 1 to April 1, 2018
- Bylaw Enforcement Update – re: ticket issued
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Municipal Accountability Program
- AUMA Municipal Leaders' Caucus meetings
- Town of Nobleford – Bulk Water Residential Domestic Use only
- Town of Coaldale – Community Peace Officer Program
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Builder License Implementation and Building Permit Applications
- ORRSC – Planning Priorities for Statutory Plans
- Bylaw Enforcement Activity report for the weeks of April 1 – April 30
- RCMP, Picture Butte Detachment email re Rural Crime Watch Association
- Town of Nobleford re: Residential use only for Bulk Water

***Financial Reports:***

Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statements for March and April, 2018.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the accounts payable for the months of March and April, 2018. Carried**

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

***Committee Reports:***

- a) **ORRSC**  
No report at this time.
- b) **Fire Department**  
It is reported that it is fairly slow at the department. A couple of new members have joined the department so will have a 1001 course in July sometime. The Fire Department will be switching the training nights to only one Wednesday and one Saturday per month. Two members took a four day course at Willow Creek which dealt with CISM – which deals with Critical Incidents. It was suggested that a regional Peer group could come out of this training. It is the Fire Chief’s plan to do building inspections this summer.
- c) **Green Acres**  
Meeting was held and discussion took place about those sites which have unions involved – negotiations appear to be going well. A two day retreat will be held in Waterton. A piece of land on the north side will be developed by Green Acres.
- d) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**  
Ratified some loans. A goal was set but unfortunately fell short. Spoke to the new Alberta labour laws and how they will affect small businesses.
- e) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**  
No report at this time.
- f) **Mayors and Reeves**  
Presentation made speaking about invasive species here in Alberta. No MLA’s or MP’s at the meeting. City will take responsibility of the airport from the County in the next couple of months. STARS cannot land on any unapproved landing strips or pads. There are eighty seven (87) communities that have been impacted by this decision made by the government. Landing rights have been lost at these sites until a government engineer has made a determination. At Waterton, the golf course and walking paths will be open with the exception of everything on the west side of the townsite which will still be closed. Del Bonita is looking to have a 24 hour border crossing up from the current 12 hour.

- 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**  
Coalhurst was assured that Barons is still supportive of the decisions made. Very interesting meeting and passions were apparent.
- l) Carmangay Library**  
The Library will be sponsoring an Author night on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Carmangay.

***New Business:***

- a. Angle Parking**  
Concerns have been raised regarding angle parking on some streets within the Village. Council is asked to consider signage for these areas: along the full length of Main Street, in front of the Firehall and Community Hall.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to allow angle parking on Main Street, Firehall and Community Hall and the one block of Noble Street and that signs are to be erected to indicate the same. Carried**

- b. Public Participation and Communication Policy**  
Council was presented with the policy for their consideration.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to adopt Policy #051, the Public Participation and Communication Policy. Carried**

- c. 2018 Final Budget**  
Council was presented with the 2018 Final Budget for their consideration.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to adopt the 2018 Final Budget as presented. Carried**

**d. Bylaw #707 – 2018 Taxation Bylaw**

Council was presented with the 2018 Taxation Bylaw for their consideration.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #707 a first time, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018. Carried**

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to read Bylaw #707 a second time, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018. Carried**

**And by unanimous consent**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #707 a third and final time and finally passed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018. Carried**

**e. Seniors' Week – June 3 – 9, 2018**

Seniors' Week will be June 3 – 9, 2018. Council was asked if they wish to do as in previous years and purchase a cake and have the Mayor present it to them.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to recognize the Barons Seniors Centre operating for 45 years, the administrator is instructed to do up a certificate from the Village, acknowledging the same. Carried**

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to proclaim June 3rd to 9th as Seniors' Week in the Village of Barons and to purchase a cake in recognition thereof. Carried**

*Executive Session:* None

*Adjournment:* Adjournment of the meeting was at 7:03 p.m.

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Mayor – Ed Weistra

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Administrator – Laurie Beck