

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Village of Barons  
March 14, 2017**

- Present:*** Ed Weistra, Mayor  
Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor  
Sel Golding, Councillor  
Byron Fraser, Fire Chief
- Absent:*** Dan Coulter, Village Foreman
- Recording Secretary:*** Laurie Beck, Administrator
- Call to Order:*** Call to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Guests:*** None
- Approval of Agenda:*** **Motion made by Councillor Golding to approve the agenda as presented. Carried**
- Minutes:*** To accept the minutes of the February 14, 2017 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.  
**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the February 14, 2017 Regular Council meeting. Carried**
- Business Arising:*** a. **Tank Remediation Program**  
No report at this time.
- Village Foreman Report:*** Village Foreman Coulter and assistant Zuercher have gone to Banff to attend the Alberta Water/Wastewater Operator's annual conference. His report was provided to Administrator Beck. Village Foreman Coulter has spent a lot of time plowing and clearing sidewalks. There was a water break on Main Street and barricades are still up until things dry up and settle. There was a plugged sewer main but things are running smoothly now.
- Administrator Report:*** Metercor has started to retrofit water meters beginning March 1, 2017. Civic Solutions was here to finish off the TCA (Tangible Capital Asset) for the auditors. Interstrategy has been working on each of the computers and has installed programs to assist both him and the village in providing backup services. The new router has been installed. Carmangay Library asked if they could move the free book stand from the liquor store. Administrator Beck thought that by the Village Office would be ideal. The land purchase has been completed and the Village is in receipt of the cheque. All documents have been sent to the purchaser's lawyer. Had a meeting with Village lawyer, Greg Norman from Norman &

Company regarding the land registration of the property that was purchased and used for the storm water project. Once all signatures are obtained, the title can be registered at Land Titles. Council and the Administrator met with Rachel Harder, MP who likes to meet with the municipalities once a year to speak about issues that the municipalities may have. Question was asked of Council as to when the summer temporary outside worker would start as interest has been expressed by a few individuals. Budget is supposed to be released on March 16<sup>th</sup>; does Council want to schedule a planning/budget meeting after this?

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to have a planning/budget meeting March 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.**

**Carried**

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to hire the seasonal outside worker starting April 1<sup>st</sup> and ending September 30, 2017.**

**Carried**

***Correspondence:***

- AUMA – New Building Canada Fund
- CPO (Community Peace Officer) hours for week Feb 12 – 18<sup>th</sup>
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Population List
- CPO (Community Peace Officer) hours for week Feb 19 – 25<sup>th</sup>
- AUMA- Spring Mayors’ Caucus
- Alberta Emergency Management Agency – recruitment for Type 3 all hazard incident management teams.
- Alberta Municipal Affairs 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Minister Award for Municipal Excellence
- Assessment Service Branch – Designated Industrial Property
- CPO (Community Peace Officer) hours for week Feb 26 – Mar 4<sup>th</sup>
- Lethbridge County – Amendment to Lethbridge County Land Use Bylaw
- STARS Benefit – Special Guest Trevor Panczak

***Financial Reports:*** Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statements for February, 2017.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the accounts payable for the month of February, 2017.**

**Carried**

**Motion made by Councillor Golding to approve the monthly statements for February, 2017.**

**Carried**

**Committee Reports:**

- a) **ORRSC**  
Meeting with ORRSC and spoke with a Lethbridge lawyer who provided some liability issues that some communities faced. Spoke about the budget.
- b) **Fire Department**  
The new data program purchased by Lethbridge County has been purchased and will be installed in all County fire equipment including Barons. This will provide streamline reporting to all agencies. Fire Chief Fraser attended a Mutual Aid meeting with the Ag and Forestry Department to go over fire season which starts March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Wildland unit has a coolant line broken so is in for repair. The air compressor is out of service until Chief Fraser knows if it has passed the latest test. Training regularly. Fire Chief Fraser will be training Picture Butte.
- c) **Green Acres**  
No report at this time.
- d) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**  
Won some litigation. Loans are down. Partnering with a company is too risky to partake in this adventure.
- e) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**  
Councillor Golding and Deputy Mayor Gorzitza attended the All Councils' meeting in Taber. Provided a year in review that was very well done. Excellent supper and informative meeting.
- f) **Mayors and Reeves**  
MLA's presented updates. People from AHS who spoke about closing some palliative care beds but there was opposition to this.
- 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**

Discussion around standardizing some of the bylaws. Bylaw Enforcement is patrolling on weekends and has spoken with the Duncan's. How far does the Village want to go with respect to enforcement? Now they are claiming that the truck is his office so thereby he can park there. They obtained a business license – not sure if they think that entitles them to run their business out of their truck. The CPO made recommendations on changes to the Traffic Bylaw that is needed to better encapsulate what Council wants.

***New Business:***

**a. Revisit Barons Traffic Bylaw**

Concerns were raised regarding a ticket that was issued for angle parking along the one block of Noble Street. A motion was made back in 2013 to allow angle parking along this stretch of road once the ditch was filled in. Discussion. Administrator Beck was directed to make the necessary changes and present the revised bylaw at the next Council meeting in May.

**b. Change to the Number of Council Members**

At least six months before a general election, Council has the opportunity to change the number of Council members.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to remain at three members of Council for the Village of Barons. Carried**

**c. Administrator Vacation Request**

Administrator Beck wishes to take the week of March 20 – 23<sup>rd</sup> as vacation.

**Motion made by Councillor Golding to grant the Administrator's request for vacation leave. Carried**

**d. Council Code of Conduct – Bylaw #704**

When the new Municipal Government Act becomes law, a requirement will be for municipalities to adopt a Council Code of Conduct. Council was presented with Bylaw #704 for their consideration.

**Motion made by Councillor Golding to read Bylaw #704 a first time, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017. Carried**

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to read Bylaw #704 a second time, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017. Carried**

**And by unanimous consent of Council**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #704 a third and final time and finally passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017. Carried**

**Each member of Council signed Schedule “A”**

***Executive Session:*** None

***Adjournment:*** Adjournment of the meeting was at 7:38 p.m.

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**Mayor – Ed Weistra**

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**Administrator – Laurie Beck**