

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Village of Barons  
September 11, 2018**

**PUBLIC MEETING HELD AT 6:00 PM  
FOR MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, ADMENDMENTS TO LAND USE BYLAW AND  
ADVERTISING BYLAW**

- Present:*** Ed Weistra, Mayor  
Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor  
Michelle Tarditi, Councillor  
Brian Passmore, Village Foreman
- Absent:*** Byron Fraser, Fire Chief  
Dan Coulter, Village Foreman
- Recording Secretary:*** Laurie Beck, Administrator
- Call to Order:*** Call to order at 6:51 p.m.
- Guests:*** **Diane Horvath, Oldman River Regional Services Commission**  
Ms. Horvath was present for the Public Meeting to answer any inquiries from Council, staff or residents.
- Tom Howell, Corporal RCMP Picture Butte Detachment**  
Rural Crime Association has been formed to help the RCMP be the eyes in the community. Statistics were provided by Corporal Howell. Lots of patrols have been conducted in the area daily. More persons need to report on events when they happen.
- Approval of Agenda:*** **Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to approve the agenda as presented. Carried**
- Minutes:*** To accept the minutes of the June 12, 2018 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.
- Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to accept the minutes of the June 12, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Carried**
- To accept the minutes of the July 10, 2018 Special Council Meeting minutes as presented.
- Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the July 10, 2018 Special Council meeting. Carried**
- Business Arising:*** None
- Village Foreman Report:*** A few water breaks, tree trimming was done, the telehandler is down right now but looking for parts. Sewer flushing was done due to a plugged sewer. Spoke with the Administrator about plans for regular maintenance on water lines, reservoir, etc.

***Administrator Report:***

Administrator Beck withdrew the MSI Capital application for Dust Abatement and applied for the Federal Gas Tax grant for the same. The funding for the project has come in but have not heard back from the County with respect to the quote they were supposed to submit to the Village. An incident whereby chemicals were being mixed and discharged along Railway Avenue was reported to the office. The owner was notified that this was not acceptable and must be done outside the boundaries of the Village. The assessment review conducted by Benchmark Assessments has now been completed. MSI Capital Grant funding has been received. The application to provide for Interac/Credit card payments for residents has been sent to ATB and the machine has been received. Unfortunately it came with no instructions and the Administrator could not access the help desk after long periods of being on hold. An email was sent asking for assistance to come in and program the machine and provide some user training. The Village received a letter from a concerned resident regarding the development directly east of them. The Fire Chief had setup an appointment with the property owner and the owner would not let the Fire Chief in for inspection and informed the Fire Chief that it was not safe. The building is unsightly and in danger of collapsing as it appears the structural integrity of the building is compromised. The letter, pictures and a copy of the Unsightly Bylaw have all been submitted to the Village lawyer to get his recommendations.

***Correspondence:***

- Bylaw Enforcement Report – June 1 – 15, 2018
- FortisAlberta Power Outage Notification
- RCMP Picture Butte re The Cannabis Act
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – 2017 – 2018 Annual Report
- Justice and Solicitor General – Peace Officer Program Changes
- Bill Seymour – Alberta Emergency Management Agency re Alberta Emergency Alert training and National Disaster Mitigation Program
- AUMA – Municipalities still lack funding to support Cannabis Legalization
- Alberta Fire Training Conference – donations needed
- Northland Power – Letter re Bighorn Wind Project Open House
- Alberta Emergency Management Agency – changes to the Alberta Emergency Alert System
- Philip Bryden, Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Solicitor General re the Cannabis Act
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Changes to the Municipal Government Act
- Premier Notley Re support of the Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion Project
- Bylaw Enforcement Report - July 1 – July 31, 2018
- Town of Nobleford Centennial Celebration – August 10 – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks and Development Plans
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Approval of MSI Capital Grant Applications
- Community Foundation – Invitation to the launch of the 2018 Vital Signs Publication
- Bylaw Enforcement Report – August 1 – 31, 2018

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

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the accounts payable for the month of June, July and August, 2018. Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the monthly statements for June, July and August, 2018. Carried**

**Committee Reports:**

- a) **ORRSC**  
Jaime Thomas reported on the GIS program.
- b) **Fire Department**  
Financial donations are being raised for the Alberta Fire Training Conference that is being held October 17 – 20, 2018. Spoke about the Hotel Fire and how well things went considering. Concerns were raised regarding the fire pump and if know one was available when it was needed. The 1001 course for the region has 15 in the course and these were all new members. One fireman is enrolled in a EMT course.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to donate \$100.00 to the Alberta Fire Training Conference. Carried.**

- c) **Green Acres**  
No report at this time.
- d) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**  
No report at this time.
- e) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**  
All municipalities will have voting representation on the Board effective November 1, 2018.
- f) **Mayors and Reeves**  
Discussed changes to the industrial. Southgrow meetings will be held every three months other than monthly. Talks about replacing the greyhound with eight stops between Lethbridge and Medicine Hat.
- g) **Subdivision Appeal Board**  
No report at this time.
- h) **Chinook Arch Library System**  
The Chinook Arch Library Board approved the 2019 – 2022 Plan of Service and a new 4 year budget. Municipalities are being asked to consider the 2019 – 2022 Municipal Levy Schedule.

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to approve the Chinook Arch Library Board 2019 – 2022 Municipal Levy Schedule. Carried**

- i) **AG Society**  
No report at this time.
- j) **Emergency Advisory Committee**  
No report at this time.
- k) **CPO Regionalization Committee**  
No report at this time.
- l) **Carmangay Library**  
No report at this time.

***New Business:***

- a. **Bylaw #708 – Adoption of the Municipal Development Plan**  
Bylaw #708 is presented to Council for their consideration of providing a second and third reading of said bylaw.

**Deferred to next meeting.**

- b. **Bylaw #709 – Cannabis Consumption Bylaw**  
Bylaw #709 being the Cannabis Consumption Bylaw, was presented to Council for their consideration.

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to read Bylaw #709 the first time this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018. Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #709 the second time this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018. Carried**

**And by Unanimous Consent of Council**

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to read Bylaw #709 the third and final time and finally passed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018. Carried**

- c. **Bylaw #710 - Amendment to Existing Municipal Land Use Bylaw# 677 – First Reading**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #710, Amendment to the Existing Municipal Land Use Bylaw# 677 the first time this 11th day of September, 2018. Carried**

- d. **Bylaw #711 – Advertising Bylaw – First Reading**  
Council was presented with Bylaw #711 for their consideration.

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to read Bylaw #711 the first time this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018. Carried**

**e. AUMA Convention**

AUMA Convention will be held in Red Deer, September 25 – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to have Administrator Beck and Michelle Tarditi to attend the AUMA Convention from September 25 – 28<sup>th</sup> in Red Deer, Alberta. Carried**

**f. ATCO 2019 Franchise Fee**

The current franchise fee as per the agreement is 14.97%. If the village wants to change the franchise fee percentage amount for 2019, ATCO Gas will need to know to begin the process.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to keep the ATCO Gas franchise fee at the same rate for 2019. Carried**

*Executive Session:*

None

*Adjournment:*

Adjournment of the meeting was at 8:23 p.m.

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**Mayor – Ed Weistra**

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**Administrator – Laurie Beck**