

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Village of Barons
June 12, 2018**

- 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 5:53 p.m.
- Guests:*** **Diane Horvath, Oldman River Regional Services Commission**
Ms. Horvath met with Council to go over some of the highlights in the Municipal Development Plan. A public meeting will be held in conjunction with the September's Council meeting in September 11, 2018. Also spoke about the new Cannabis legislation and the possible impacts to the Land Use Bylaw.
- Approval of Agenda:*** **Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to approve the agenda as presented. Carried**
- Minutes:*** To accept the minutes of the May 8, 2018 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.
Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the May 8, 2017 Regular Council meeting. Carried
- Business Arising:*** None
- Village Foreman Report:*** A couple of issues regarding the bathrooms at the Community Hall were brought forward. Did water/sewer lines on 225 King Street as well as hauled away old cement. Another dig needs to be done in the alley along the same block (King Street) due to problems in the sewer. Lots of mowing.
- Administrator Report:*** Benchmark Assessment Services was out in the community trying to contact everyone to ensure that the information that was on file for their respective properties and buildings was correct. Any changes will reflect in the 2019 assessment year. Administrator Beck attended a workshop regarding EOC (Emergency Operations Centre) on May 9th. It was very informative. All MSI Grant applications have been applied for. FortisAlberta will be replacing 13 poles and adding 2 additional poles. The 2017 Statistical Information Return and 2018 Taxation Bylaw has been sent to Municipal Affairs. Concerns were raised regarding FortisAlberta destroying trees when they come in to trim the trees back from the powerlines. Administrator Beck contacted FortisAlberta and arranged a meeting between the contractor and the Village Foreman so they understand what the Village is referring to. Amendments are being

made to the Emergency Management Act and a workshop will be held June 25th. Administrator Beck would like to attend.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to send Administrator Beck to the Emergency Management Act workshop held on June 25, 2018. Carried

- Correspondence:**
- Picture Butte RCMP Detachment – Commander’s Report January 1 – May 31, 2018
 - Town of Magrath – The Future of Canadian Agriculture
 - Town of Coaldale – Annual Settler Days July 7, 2018
 - Community Foundation – Community Matters
 - Bylaw Enforcement Activity Report – May 1 – 31, 2018
 - Coalhurst Miner’s Days – August 10 & 11
 - Picture Butte Chamber of Commerce – Parade August 18, 2018
 - Alberta Emergency Management Agency South Region Newsletter
 - Diane Horvath, ORRSC – Coverage during absence
 - Resident concern re vandalism
 - Chinook Arch – Maggie Macdonald to receive an honorary PH. D. from the U of L.

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

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the accounts payable for the month of May, 2018. Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the monthly statement for May, 2018. Carried

Committee Reports:

- a) **ORRSC**
Attended barbecue. Spoke about the cannabis legislation. Discussion was also held regarding plagiarism by one community.
- b) **Fire Department**
Fire Chief Fraser is attending an ICS 300 course. The Fire Department will be starting the 1001 course next month.
- c) **Green Acres**
Having a retreat in Waterton. General discussion at the last meeting.
- d) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**
CFLR is looking at creating an Entrepreneur Centre. Audit went fine. Approved two loans and denied one. The Entrepreneur Challenge is looking for more agricultural based businesses to get involved.
- e) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**
No meetings until the fall. Changes to the rotation between communities north of the river will take place every year versus every two years.

- f) **Mayors and Reeves**
Spoke about Bill 6, new standards out for organic foods, looking for communities to tracking the cost of allowing cannabis businesses in their communities. Summer Games will be held in Taber. New replacement for the MSI grant program will be announced in the fall.
- 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**
Email was sent to see if any community would like to meet. No interest has been expressed at this time. A letter was sent by the Town of Coaldale to further clarify the termination of the Joint Peace Officer Shared Agreement.
- l) **Carmangay Library**
No report at this time.

New Business:

- a. **Bylaw #708 – Adoption of the Municipal Development Plan**
Council was presented with the Municipal Development Plan. Council is asked to consider reading the Bylaw a first time.

Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to read Bylaw #708 a first time, this 12th day of June, 2018. Carried
- b. **Bighorn Wind Project**
Northland Power will be hosting a Open House meeting on June 18, 2018 from 4:30 to 8:00 pm at the Barons Community Hall. Administrator Beck to put the information about this project on social media.
- c. **MSI Funding**
Alberta Municipal Affairs sent out a letter which outlined the 2018 MSI funding for each community. This amount has been revised from the original amount, which resulted in a loss of \$49,960 in MSI funding. This has implications on the submitted grant applications for projects that were approved by Council in March during the planning days. Administrator Beck will apply for Gas Tax for the substitution of one submitted project to the MSI program and remove this project from the MSI Grant component listing.

d. Summer Council Meeting Dates

As in previous years, Council was asked to consider the necessity of having regular Council meetings in the summer. This would also include having no newsletter for these months.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to not have any Council meetings or newsletters in July or August unless some emergent issues arise, resulting in holding a special meeting.

Carried

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Adjournment of the meeting was at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor – Ed Weistra

Administrator – Laurie Beck