# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL of the Village of Barons January 8, 2019

**Present:** Ed Weistra, Mayor

Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor Michelle Tarditi, Councillor Brian Passmore, Village Foreman

**Absent:** Byron Fraser, Fire Chief

**Recording Secretary:** Laurie Beck, Administrator

Call to Order: Call to order at 6: 00 p.m.

Guests: Peter Casurella, Executive Director, SouthGrow Regional

**Initiative** 

Three executive members of SouthGrow made a presentation to

Council.

Laurie Lyckman, County of Vulcan, SouthGrow Board

**Member** – made introductions of the attendees. Spoke about her introduction to SouthGrow as being the new board member.

Peter Casurella presentation: Economic Development in Southern Alberta is currently seeing a big push. SouthGrow would like for Barons to join. They are one of nine economic development groups within the province and they are a non-profit organization. They are considered a connecting part to other rural areas because the economy is linked to our neighbours. Mr. Casurella brought along a handout for Council. Other services that SouthGrow provides are development tools and support and marketing of the region internationally.

Ron Lagemaat, Town of Coalhurst, SouthGrow Board

**Member** - SouthGrow started in 2002. SouthGrow presently represents 26 out of 28 communities. They believe they have a sustainable model. To join SouthGrow, the membership fee is .35 cents per capita. One member of Council would need to sit on the quarterly meeting. SouthGrow does not pay for any meetings but will pay for mileage.

Council wishes to defer making any decision until they see what benefit it would be and where things are going with SouthGrow.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the agenda as

presented. Carried

Minutes: To accept the minutes of the December 11, 2018 Regular Council

Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the minutes

of the December 11, 2018 Regular Council meeting.

**Carried** 

Business Arising: None

Village Foreman Report: New LED lights were installed in the Village Office. This project

is using MSI grant funding. In the near future, the entirety of Village owned buildings will see an upgrade to the lights.

Foreman Passmore is working on a project to put together a sander for the back of the truck. Year-end water reporting has been

completed and sent to AB Environment. The reservoirs are full at Nobleford so the issues with shortage of water last spring should

not occur again.

*Administrator Report:* Administrator Beck is working on the 2019 budget and capital expense

requirements as set out by Alberta Municipal Affairs. January is the start of the year end reporting. At a meeting held at the County, discussion was held regarding a few items. There was talk about the County dividing up funds for recreation on a per capita basis and have the urbans do what they want with it. The county has prepared an inventory of the recreational facilities of all municipalities and will plot them out on a map for the next meeting (this will include the City). Generally, everyone agreed that funds need to come with no strings from the County and that the formula would need to be

flexible.

*Correspondence:* - Alberta Transportation – Highway 23 Projects

- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Eligible Project

- Town of Coalhurst – Bylaw Enforcement

- Community Foundation – Community Priorities Grant Application

Guidelines

- Interstrategy Inc. – Server Migration and Upgrade

*Financial Reports:* Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statements

for December, 2018.

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

# Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to approve the monthly statements December, 2018. Carried

#### Committee Reports:

#### a) **ORRSC**

No report at this time.

#### b) Fire Department

To date, attended one MVC this year. Piping for the BA compressor has been completed and just waiting for an inspection to put it back into use. January sees the continuation of the 1001 course.

#### c) Green Acres

No report at this time.

#### d) CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)

Ratified some loans. Wrote off some bad loans. Discussion was held regarding some municipalities going full solar.

#### e) FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)

No report at this time.

### f) Mayors and Reeves

Discussion was held regarding electric car hookups. SouthGrow made a presentation. RMA (Rural Municipalities Association) spoke about the TransCanada pipeline – costs have continued to rise. The Highway 3 Committee is still trying to get this highway twinned.

### 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) Carmangay Library

No report at this time.

#### New Business:

### a) Tangible Capital Asset (TCA) Service Renewal Contract with Civic Solutions

The contract with Civic Solutions for the TCA Assistance is up for renewal. The new contract covers 2019 - 2021.

Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to renew the agreement with Civic Solutions for Tangible Capital Asset services.

Carried

## **b.** Local Government Administrator's Association Annual Conference

Local Government Administrator Association (LGAA) Annual Conference will be held April 2 – 5, 2019 in Red Deer.

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

Carried

### c. 2019 Planning Date(s)

Council is being asked to set a date(s) in February/March for planning. Council has agreed that Feb 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am works for everyone.

Executive	Session:	None
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Adjournment: Adjournment of the meeting was at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor – Ed Weistra

Administrator – Laurie Beck