

**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.



**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**

*Adjournment:*

Adjournment of the meeting was at 7:00 p.m.

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**Mayor – Ed Weistra**

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**Administrator – Laurie Beck**