

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Village of Barons  
November 12, 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:*** Barry Sarazin – Snow Removal  
Questioned the Village policy for snow removal. Discussion was held. Information was provided to the resident regarding the policy. The policy states that the homeowner is responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalks in the wintertime.

***Approval of Agenda:*** **Addition – Business Arising**  
**b) Community Hall**

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to approve the agenda with the changes as presented. Carried**

***Minutes:*** To accept the minutes of the October 9, 2019 Regular Council Meeting as presented.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the October 9, 2019 Regular Council meeting. Carried**

To accept the minutes of the October 9, 2019 Organizational Meeting of Council as presented.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to accept the minutes of the October 9, 2019 Organizational Meeting of Council. Carried**

***Business Arising:***

- a) **Village of Barons Policy #74**  
This policy reflects the changes made to Policy #59 with respect to remuneration.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to adopt Policy #74 – Council/Committee Fees. Carried**

- b) **Community Hall**  
Administrator Beck spoke with Tracy Elke, Secretary/Treasurer of the AG Society. It has come to their attention that any structural repairs are not covered under their financial agreements. They cannot use any casino money in order to fix the problems in the basement. They would like to know if Council will allow the Public Works to come and do the fixes in the basement as they should be relatively easy to do.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to stay with the agreement as signed and that the AG Society have a contractor come in at their expense to do the work. Carried**

***Village Foreman Report:***

The Village truck will be going into Lethbridge on Thursday to have the snow blade and sander installed. The ad has been placed on Kijiji for the sale of the tandem gravel truck. Had to fix the plug in at the recycling trailer. Plan on continuing with the replacement of the lights in the municipal building.

***Administrator Report:***

Auditors were here October 16<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. They have completed the interim audit for 2019 but will be back in February/March of 2020 to complete the audit. Sent in all renewal insurance forms for Council and Fire Department. Received payment in full for the UCANU properties in the amount of \$26,382.06. Received a complaint from a resident regarding sidewalk snow removal. Administrator Beck took pictures to provide facts. The damage that was done was on the south side of the sidewalk on Village boulevards. Council was shown the pictures for their reference. Attended a meeting at the Town of Coalhurst regarding their vision for their Bylaw Enforcement Program. They are looking to go with an CPO (Community Police Officer) position, that would enable them to provide additional services, while still focusing on Bylaw Enforcement. Administrator Hauta is to provide more information once it becomes available. Next week there are a couple of meetings – two at the County Office regarding the financial aspects of the County Fire Agreement and the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework as well as an Intermunicipal Development Plan meeting at ORRSC with Mayor Weistra and Administrator Beck.

Researching applicable grant programs is ongoing. The Village lawyer is drafting up a notice to the hotel owner, an order to have the owner clean up the property, draft and register a caveat at the Land Titles office for firefighting costs and a caveat for unpaid taxes. After this, an application to Queen's Bench for an order to have the property remediated. Administrator Beck re-invested two GIC's totaling \$151,899.17 for another one-year term.

- Correspondence:***
- AUMA – Expectations for the AB Government
  - Scase & Partners – Audit Planning Letter
  - RCMP – Appointment of District Officer for Southern Alberta RCMP
  - Lethbridge County – Emergency Advisory Committee appointments
  - Lethbridge County – Appointment to the County Intermunicipal Committee
  - City of Lethbridge – raising the 911 Levy for cellular devices
  - AUMA – Preliminary Analysis of the Government of Alberta's 2019 Budget
  - Save On Foods – Cancellation of Future Flu Shots
  - Service Alberta – High speed Broadband Services

***Financial Reports:*** Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statement for the month of October, 2019.

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to approve the accounts payable for the month of October, 2019. Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the monthly statements for October, 2019. Carried**

***Committee Reports:***

- a) **ORRSC**  
Next meeting will be held in December.
- b) **Fire Department**  
No report at this time.
- c) **Green Acres**  
BMO representative came in to give a financial report to the board members.
- d) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**  
Three community futures offices lost a joint loan. CFLR has started using a collection agency to retrieve payments on some of the outstanding loans which has resulted in good results.

- e) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**  
No report at this time.
- f) **Mayors and Reeves**  
Minister of Finance made a presentation. The Provincial Government will be cutting approximately 20% of municipal grants in addition there will be a 9% reduction in MSI funding for the next three years. Capital projects that are based on Alberta's business sector will be the focus of the Alberta Government and will received priority funding. The Town of Waterton will be celebrating their 100-year anniversary as a park next year. The Highway 3 committee is looking to have a tourism place located in somewhere in the median on Highway 3. Still working with Halo to see about funding.
- g) **Chinook Arch Library System**  
Elections for the board will be held at the next meeting in December.
- h) **AG Society**  
No report at this time.
- i) **Emergency Advisory Committee**  
No report at this time.
- j) **Carmangay Library**  
No report at this time.

***New Business:***

- a) **Bylaw #717 – Remuneration Bylaw**

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to read Bylaw #717 a first time, this 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. Carried**

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to read Bylaw #717 a second time, this 12<sup>th</sup> of November, 2019. Carried**

**And by unanimous consent of council**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #717 a third and final time and finally passed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019. Carried**

**b) Mutual Aid Agreement**

Council was presented with a Mutual Aid Agreement between Vulcan County and the Village of Barons for their consideration.

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to enter in a Mutual Aid Agreement with Vulcan County. Carried**

**c) Administrator Vacation Request**

The Administrator requests November 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup> as annual vacation.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to grant the vacation request of Administrator Beck. Carried**

*Executive Session:* None

*Adjournment:* Adjournment of the meeting was at 7:11 p.m.

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**Mayor – Ed Weistra**

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**Administrator – Laurie Beck**