

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Village of Barons  
January 14, 2020**

***Present:*** Ed Weistra, Mayor  
Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor  
Michelle Tarditi, Councillor

***Absent:*** Byron Fraser, Fire Chief  
Brian Passmore, Village Foreman

***Recording Secretary:*** Laurie Beck, Administrator

***Call to Order:*** Call to order at 5:57 p.m.

***Guests:*** None

***Approval of Agenda:*** **Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the agenda as presented. Carried**

***Minutes:*** To accept the minutes of the December 10, 2019 Regular Council Meeting as presented.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the December 10, 2019 Regular Council meeting. Carried**

***Business Arising:*** a. **Emergency Management – Liz Biddlecombe**  
Liz Biddlecombe, Director of Emergency Management (DEM) would like assistance with Emergency Management by having a Deputy DEM. Ms. Biddlecombe spoke about the volunteer assistance she has received from Miriam Sigurdson. Council is mindful that the budget will be affected by all the mandatory training. It is mandatory that Council must take a Municipal Elected Officials course which can be done online and must be completed by the end of the year.

Emergency Social Services needs to get volunteers trained within the Village. Ms. Biddlecombe plans on going door to door eliciting volunteers.

An Advisory Committee needs to be formed – it will comprise of the DEM, Deputy DEM, Fire Chief, RCMP, at least one member of council and the Administrator.

A Tabletop Exercise needs to take place this year. According to legislation, this must occur once in every three years.

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to appoint Miriam Sigurdson as a deputy of emergency management for the Village of Barons. Carried**

***Village Foreman Report:*** Things are well. Have fixed the Kubota and put on a new scraper board for the bottom. Had to work on the sander as the set screws and sprockets were coming loose, so everything is tightened back up. Still working on replacing the current light fixtures to LED. Everything is well at the water and sewer plant. No breakages to report at this time. Bulb and outside lights at the Community Hall have been replaced and are working well. Still have not heard from Byron Fraser with respect to a quote for what needs done at the Hall in the basement.

***Administrator Report:*** Administrator Beck attended meetings at the Lethbridge County Office regarding the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework. Presently working on year end reporting. Concern was raised by a resident regarding a short hair dog being chained up outside. Upon inspection by the Bylaw Enforcement Officer, the owners had the doghouse and water dish heated, so the dog was comfortable. Had Interstrategy (IT) in working on computers. Council is being asked to leave their laptops at the office while Greg continues to work on updates. Need to purchase smoke detectors and carbon monoxide monitors for the Village shops and Office. An email was sent to the Village lawyer requesting an update re Barons Hotel. No response has been received to date.

***Correspondence:***

- Alberta Municipal Affairs – 2019/20 Fire Services Program Grant
- Alberta Health Services – Helicopter Air Ambulance Review
- Town of Coalhurst – Cost of Living Increase for Garbage Services
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Assessment Year Modifier for Wells, Pipelines and Machinery/Equipment
- Bylaw Enforcement Monthly Report – December, 2019
- Alberta Health Services – Cannabis Edibles, Extracts and Topicals

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

**Motion made Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the accounts payable for the month of December, 2019. Carried**

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the monthly statements for December, 2019. Carried**

***Committee Reports:***

- a) **ORRSC**  
No report at this time.
- b) **Fire Department**  
Currently have five members taking an Ice Rescue Course. Fire Chief Fraser is also taking the Instructor Training for this course so the Village will not need to pay for it in the future. Regionally, the Fire Departments applied for the Alberta Fire Training Grant being offered by the Province.
- c) **Green Acres**  
No report at this time.
- d) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**  
A Human Resources meeting was held. Discussed the Chief Administrator Officer wages. Regular meeting assumed with the ratification of four loans and went over some of the losses. Collection company is called Dickson Collection Company is very effective at recovering outstanding bills.
- e) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**  
No report at this time.
- f) **Mayors and Reeves**  
Pincher Creek informed the committee that the Provincial Government is intent to cutting the doctors wages. Other discussions that were held included the carbon tax, policing, and the AUMA meeting in Edmonton that will be held later this year.
- g) **Chinook Arch Library System**  
No report at this time.
- 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) **Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework**  
Lethbridge County and the Municipalities within their borders have been working diligently on the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF). The draft ICF agreement was presented to

Council for their feedback. In addition to the ICF agreement, a separate agreement for Recreation is proposed, which will see funds coming for recreation to all municipalities within the County.

*Executive Session:* None

*Adjournment:* Adjournment of the meeting was at 6:45 p.m.

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**Mayor – Ed Weistra**

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**Administrator – Laurie Beck**