

**RECONVENING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
of the Village of Barons  
September 20, 2023**

***Present:*** Clinton Bishop, Mayor  
Daniel Doell, Deputy Mayor  
Ron Gorzitza, Councillor  
Jen Durell, Administrator

***Recording Secretary:*** Jen Durell, Recording Secretary

***Call to Order:*** Call to order at 1:00 p.m.

***Guests:*** **Diane Horvath, Municipal Planner ORRSC**

**MPC Recommendation for Land Use Bylaw Amendments**

Council was presented with amendments to Section 2, Table 2.2.1 as suggested by Mayor Bishop for their consideration.

A presentation was made by Diane Horvath as it relates to the Land Use Bylaw and the proposed changes to the use table. She spoke of the current intent of the Land Use Bylaw, and options available to Council for amendments to the existing use table. Speaks of need for the land use bylaw to have public consultation. Recommends holding a meeting to discuss this further and ensure that the changes that are proposed are agreed by all Council prior to the amendment process commencing.

Discussion was held.

**Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to table this item until the end of meeting. Carried unanimously.**

***Business Arising:*** b) **Volunteer Policy for Special Projects**  
Council was presented with the findings of Administration relating to the possibility of implementing a volunteer policy. Mayor Bishop made a statement in respect to the merits of having a volunteer committee established by Council.

**Motion made by Mayor Bishop to explore the establishment of a volunteer committee.**

**In favour: Mayor Bishop**

**Opposed: Deputy Mayor Doell, Councillor Gorzitza**

**Motion defeated 1 to 2.**

**Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to not establish volunteer committee for the Village due to the risk of liability.**

**In favour: Deputy Mayor Doell, Councillor Gorzitza**

**Opposed: Mayor Bishop**

**Motion carried 2 to 1.**

***Correspondence:***

**Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to accept the correspondence as presented. Carried unanimously.**

**c) Request for Reimbursement**

Administration has received an invoice from a resident on King Street requesting reimbursement for the cost of hydro-vac services on the property. The invoice states that the “main line” was plugged, but it is ambiguous as to whether this means the main trunk, or the line from the residence to the main trunk. The invoice is dated July 18, 2022.

**Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to deny the request for reimbursement for the sewer claim.**

**Carried unanimously.**

**d) ACP Partnership Proposal**

The Village of Stirling, in conjunction with FCSS is asking for Council’s consideration to support their proposal to conduct a regionwide community needs assessment based on FCSS provincial prevention priorities.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to approve participating with the Village of Stirling in applying for an Alberta Community Partnership Intermunicipal Collaboration Funding grant, to fund the Barons-Eureka-Warner FCSS community needs assessment project.**

**Carried unanimously.**

**e) ATCO Gas Franchise Agreement**

The Village is in receipt of a letter from ATCO Gas relating to our franchise agreement with them. Currently our franchise rate is 14.9%. Each year, Council has the opportunity to change this rate. This fee is paid to the Village in exchange for access for utilities to enter Municipal lands.

**Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to keep the franchise fee at 14.9% for 2024. Carried unanimously.**

**f) 402 Noble Street – Request for Relief of Charges**

A letter was received by the Village Office requesting Council's consideration to forgive the charges on the account for the property known as 402 Noble Street. These charges stem from an unsightly notice issued to the property, and subsequent clean-up costs.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to deny the request to forgive the charges stemming from the unsightly clean up, as the Unsightly/Untidy bylaw is clear regarding the requirement to maintain property within the Village.**

**Carried unanimously.**

**g) CP Rail – Railroad Ties**

Concerns were raised regarding the CP Rail property.

**Motion made by Mayor Bishop to send a letter to CP Rail relating to their property; the parking of vehicles, the unsightly damaged vehicle, and moving the railroad ties.**

**Carried unanimously.**

**h) Administrator Vacation Request**

Administrator Durell requests October 3 and 16th, 2023, November 20 – 23 inclusive, November 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>, and December 4th, 11th, and 18th for vacation time.

**Motion made by Daniel to approve the vacation request from Administrator Durell.**

**Carried unanimously.**

**Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to recess at 1:43pm for 5 minutes.**

**Carried unanimously.**

**Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to return to the meeting at 1:56 pm.**

**Carried unanimously.**

***Closed Session:***

**Motion made by Councillor Gorzitza to go incamera to discuss the Proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendments as per FOIP Act – Section 24(g), and Section 27(c)(iii) of the FOIP Act to discuss privileged information at 1:57 pm.**

**Carried unanimously.**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Doell to come out of camera at 2:24 p.m.**

**Carried unanimously.**

**Motion made by Mayor Bishop to hold first reading of Bylaw #754 – Land Use Bylaw Amendments.**

**Carried unanimously.**

**Councillor Gorzitza left meeting at 2:28 pm.**

***Adjournment:***

Adjournment of the meeting was at 2:35 p.m.

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**Mayor – Clinton Bishop**

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**Administrator – Jen Durell**