

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Village of Barons
October 10, 2023**

- Present:*** Daniel Doell, Mayor
Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor
Clinton Bishop, Councillor
Jen Durell, Administrator
- Absent:*** Brian Passmore, Village Foreman
- Recording Secretary:*** Jen Durell, Recording Secretary
- Call to Order:*** Call to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Guests:*** **Bob Baird – Council’s Decisions**
Concern was expressed regarding the decision by Council relating to the Volunteer Committee decision.
- Speaks of Bylaw #753 and concerns regarding its proposed content.
- Trae Tanner – Possible Development**
Did not attend.
- Approval of Agenda:*** **Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the agenda with the amendments to the Guests as presented.**
Carried
- Minutes:*** To accept the minutes of the September 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.
- Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2023 Regular Council meeting.**
Carried
- To accept the minutes of the September 20, 2023 Reconvening of the Regular Meeting minutes as presented.
- Motion made by Councillor Bishop to accept the minutes of the September 20, 2023 Reconvening of the Regular Meeting.**
Carried
- To accept the minutes of the October 4, 2023 Special Council Meeting.
- Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the October 4, 2023 Special Council Meeting.**
Carried

Business Arising: a) **Bylaw #753**
Council was presented with the Anonymous, Abusive, Frivolous, and Vexatious Complaints Bylaw #753 for their consideration.

Motion made by Councillor Bishop to send this bylaw back to Administration for review with existing policies, bylaws, and procedures to see which steps can be taken in the interim.

In favour: Councillor Bishop

Opposed: Mayor Doell, Deputy Mayor Gorzitza

Motion defeated 1 to 2

Motion made by Mayor Doell to read Bylaw #753 a first time this 10th day of October, 2023.

In favour: Mayor Doell, Deputy Mayor Gorzitza

Opposed: Councillor Bishop

Motion carried.

Discussion was held.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to rescind the first reading of Bylaw #753. Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to table this bylaw until further information is gathered by Administration. Carried

b) **Bylaw #754**
Council was presented with the Bylaw #754 – Land Use Bylaw Amendments for their consideration.
Presentation made by Kattie Schlamp, Municipal Planner and Mike Burla, Municipal Planner from ORRSC.

Motion made by Councillor Bishop to read Bylaw #754 a first time this 10th day of October, 2023. Carried.

Village Foreman Report: Christmas decorations have now arrived. Have plugged them all in and they look good. Sprinkler systems have now all been winterized, and the campground bathrooms will be done tomorrow. Foreman Passmore will be away from Oct 23rd – Nov 6th for holidays. The tin work at the Community Hall is now done as well all the exterior doors were painted to match the front doors. Planning is underway to flood the tennis court again this year so there can be outdoor skating over the winter. LA Paving will be out next week to start the paving work that we require. Had

another issue at the sewer lagoon overnight on the 9th, but this has now been repaired and everything is operational once again.

Administrator Report: Administrator Durell has been in contact quite frequently with ORRSC and the Municipal Planner regarding Land Use Bylaw Amendments. Contacted AB Transportation to change the vandalized stop sign at the Village entrance, which has now been completed. Had another meeting regarding the Regional Emergency Management Partnership. Attended AB Municipalities conference in Edmonton. Attended many informative sessions. Always wonderful to go and speak with our counterparts from other Munis and learn more. Attended a meeting with our AB Municipalities representative. Administrator Durell will be away Oct 17 – 19 for ICS 300 training. Administrator Durell has received a request from Coalhurst for a donation to Heaven Can Wait rescue who took in 2 of the dogs from 120 King St. Barons School children will be doing their annual leaf raking on Oct 13 and 27. Administrator Durell bought them a small snack as a thank you for their efforts. 2 GIC's are due for reinvestment in November. Administrator Durell will instruct them to reinvest at the current market rate. The Village Auditors will be here November 1st and 2nd for the pre-audit. Insurance is now in for the grader, so once registered it will go into service.

Motion made by Councillor Bishop to instruct Administration to come back with an RFD and dollar amount for a donation to the Heaven Can Wait Organization. Carried.

Correspondence:

- August Bank Reconciliation
- ORRSC – Subdivision Final Approval
- ATB Financial – GIC Investment
- Lethbridge County – Proposed LUB Amendments

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the correspondence as presented. Carried

Financial Reports: Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statement for the month of September, 2023.

Motion made by Mayor Doell to approve the accounts payable for the month of September, 2023. Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the monthly statement for September, 2023. Carried

Committee Reports:

- a) **ORRSC**
Meeting held. Spoke of the future of ORRSC.

- b) **Green Acres**
Discussed progress on the old Nun Retreat conversion (Abbey Road Terrace). Project is a bit over budget, but not outlandish.
- c) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**
No report until November
- d) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**
Meeting to be held in Taber. Seniors Expo upcoming. Bussing is available for those wishing to attend.
- e) **Mayors and Reeves**
Has not invited Councillor Bishop to a meeting yet, regardless of emails asking why. Recommend that their staff be contacted as communication is not flowing effectively.
- f) **Chinook Arch Library System**
No meeting since last report. Chinook Arch meets quarterly.
- g) **AG Society**
Unable to attend last meeting.
- h) **Emergency Advisory Committee**
Had another meeting regarding the Emergency Management Partnership. Discussed the goals for the partnership, as well as what is required for the Ministerial Order and draft bylaws. Next meeting scheduled for end of October.
- i) **Carmangay Library**
Few things going on at the library. Carmangay Library is now online and recommends checking their website for upcoming events. Will be hosting Candy parade for Halloween. Next meeting upcoming in December.

New Business:

- a) **Council Roles and Responsibilities/EOEP Training**
Motion made by Councillor Bishop to direct Administration to contact EOEP for cost of all council to attend online training and report back to council at a future meeting. Carried.
- b) **Fortis Franchise Fee Agreement**
Council was presented with the Fortis Franchise Fee agreement for consideration.
Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to keep the franchise fee at 5% for the 2024 year. Carried.
- c) **Blackfoot Signage Project**

Council was presented with information relating to a signage project, where a sign with the traditional Blackfoot name of the Village could be ordered and erected within the Village.

Motion made by Councillor Bishop to instruct Administration to return to November meeting with an RFD, background info, and recommendation for the signage. Carried

Closed Session: None

Adjournment: Adjournment of the meeting was at 8:05 p.m.

Mayor – Daniel Doell

Administrator – Jen Durell