

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Village of Barons  
March 12, 2024**

***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:*** Susan Sarazin – Seacans  
Sends her regrets

**Will Vrooman – Garbage Service**

Speaks of not having sufficient room in the garbage bin for garbage at the store.

Administration provided direction to Council regarding the current bylaws and how they are structured.

Mr. Vrooman provided a letter from the property owner regarding the garbage service, and the desire to “opt out” of paying the prescribed charge.

Speaks of other communities allowing severability to their charges.

**Motion made by Councillor Bishop to instruct Administration to investigate further as to what other communities are doing and bring the findings back in an RFD to the next council meeting. Carried.**

***Approval of Agenda:*** **Motion made by Councillor Bishop to approve the Agenda as presented. Carried**

***Minutes:*** To accept the minutes of the February 13, 2024 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion made by Councillor Bishop to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2024 Regular Council meeting with the amendment as discussed. Carried**

***Business Arising:*** a) **Bylaw #758 - Proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendments**  
Council was presented with Bylaw #758 for their consideration. Discussion was held.

**Motion made by Councillor Bishop to read Bylaw #758 a first time this 12th day of March, 2024. Carried.**

***Village Foreman Report:*** Foreman Passmore is away this week at AWWOA conference this week to obtain his requisite Continuing Education Units for his water license. Foreman Passmore reports things have been working well as of late. Lots of plowing and sanding done. Submitted annual reports to Alberta Environment. Attended a water workshop in Lethbridge on Feb 29 put on by the Oldman Watershed Council.

***Administrators Report:*** Assessment notices have gone out as of Feb 28th – deadline for appeal May 6<sup>th</sup>. Started submitting our SFE’s for the grant expenditures last year. Auditors were here Feb 20 and 21 for onsite work. Attended water workshop put on by Oldman Watershed Council with Foreman Passmore, which was very informative and well presented. Lots of discussion as to where the reservoirs and snow pack are, and how to navigate through the drought. Notices have been mailed out for those who may be on the tax notification list. Had AEMA out for our annual review of our EM plans. Attended the annual Hazard Season Outlook presented by AEMA. Submitted annual review for Safety Codes Council. Attended a drought town hall put on by AB Environment. Spoke of water sharing agreements currently being negotiated for the Oldman Watershed. Had meeting with Fortis rep re: franchise agreement, which is due for renewal next year. Received requests for donations to Legion Military Service Recognition Book; the cost of which is \$345.00, as well as for the Canadian Fallen Heroes project, who are currently working on one for Barons at the request of a private citizen. Costs vary from 150.00 as a co-sponsor, to 1200.00 as a gold sponsor.

***Correspondence:***

- February Bank Reconciliation
- AB Municipal Affairs – Review of ICF’s
- AB Municipal Affairs – Budget 2024
- FCSS – Annual Funding Contribution
- Community Peace Officer Monthly Report

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

***Financial Reports:*** Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statement for the month of February, 2024.

**Motion made by Councillor Bishop to approve the accounts payable for the month of February, 2024. Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the monthly statement for February, 2024. Carried**

*Committee Reports:*

- a) **ORRSC**  
The March meeting was postponed. Next meeting will be their Annual General Meeting on June 6, 2024.
- b) **Green Acres**  
Attended meeting on Feb 27. Their financial officer will be attending the next meeting to discuss Green Acres investments. Next meeting Mar 27
- c) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**  
Met at end of February – usual approvals and loans. Spoke of approach to raising funding with MPs. Had executive development board spoke of business development.
- d) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**  
Spoke of other communities in the South and upgrading FCSS in their communities.
- e) **Mayors and Reeves**  
Spoke of Hwy 3 development and road construction. Close to Bow Island is planned now.
- f) **Chinook Arch Library System**  
Next meeting is on Apr 4.
- g) **AG Society**  
Relatively quiet month. Spoke of new grant and possibility of partnering with the Village for grant stacking for a/c upgrades through the province.
- h) **Emergency Advisory Committee**  
Had a meeting at the end of February – discussed the Terms of Reference for the EM Partnership. A draft logo was submitted to the municipalities for our approval. Discussion was held regarding ICS training for those who would be part of our ECC's should an event occur, and dates have been scheduled for those sessions if Council would want to attend. Next meeting is scheduled for April in Coaldale.
- i) **Carmangay Library**  
Taking a bunch of courses currently but will be renting the Seniors Drop-In for their book club.

*New Business:*

- a) **Bylaw #757 – Water Conservation Bylaw**

Council was presented with Bylaw #757 for their consideration. Discussion was held.

**Motion made by Councillor Bishop to incorporate feedback from Council and bring amendments back to the next Council meeting. Carried.**

**b) Nobleford Water Request**

The Town of Nobleford has approached the Village to enquire if Council would consider selling one quarter of our water allotment to them. Discussion was held.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to deny the request from Nobleford to purchase one quarter of the Village's water allotment. Carried.**

**c) LGAA Annual Conference**

Would like Administration to attend this year's annual conference scheduled for June 19th – 21st, in Canmore, AB.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to have Administrator Durell attend the LGAA Conference in Canmore, June 19th – 21st inclusive. Carried**

*Closed Session:* None

*Adjournment:* Adjournment of the meeting was at 9:11 p.m.

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Mayor – Daniel Doell

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Administrator – Jen Durell