

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Village of Barons  
May 14, 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.

***Public Hearing:*** Bylaw #758 – Land Use Bylaw Amendments  
In attendance: Kattie Schlamp, Planner, ORRSC, S. Sarazin, S. Prost, R. Tarditi, B. Christianson, K. Hickman, W. Vrooman, D. Omilusik, M. VanderVelden, S. Tarditi.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to open the Public Hearing. Carried unanimously.**

Kattie Schlamp spoke to memo presented to Council regarding seacans and the requirements that have been proposed in the draft bylaw. Other questions posed include what the base would be comprised of, and what kind of roof would be allowed as there are negatives against flat roofs and would enforcement of such development occur.

Council was asked who was in favour of allowing seacans. Mayor Doell has no desire to see shipping containers in residential areas whereas Councillor Bishop speaks of himself being in favour of it on principle. Councillor Bishop says that people he's spoken to are generally in support of the amendment as written and with the standards imposed.

Some discussion took place regarding permits such as building and development. Administration explains the rules of the bylaw – a development permit is valid for 1 year to complete all requirements as laid out in the permit.

**Motion made by Councillor Bishop to close public hearing at 7:36 p.m. Carried unanimously**

***Guests:*** None

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

**Minutes:**                                    To accept the minutes of the April 9, 2024 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion made by Councillor Bishop to accept the minutes of the April 9, 2024 Regular Council meeting as presented.                    Carried unanimously**

To accept the minutes of the April 15, 2024 Budget Meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion made by Mayor Doell to accept the minutes of the April 15, 2024 Budget meeting as presented.                    Carried unanimously**

To accept the minutes of the April 29, 2024 Special Council Meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the April 29, 2024 Special Council meeting as presented.                    Carried unanimously**

**Business Arising:**    a)    **Bylaw #758 – 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 second time this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.                    Carried**

**Motion made by Councillor Bishop to read Bylaw #758 a third and final time and finally passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.                    Carried unanimously**

b)    **Bylaw #757 – Water Conservation Bylaw**  
Council was presented with Bylaw #757 for their consideration.  
Discussion was held.

**Motion made by Councillor Bishop to read Bylaw #757 a first time this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.                    Carried**

**Motion made by Councillor Bishop to read Bylaw #757 a second time this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.                    Carried**

**And by UNANIMOUS CONSENT of Council, a motion made by Councillor Bishop this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.**

**Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #757 a third and final time and finally passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024. Carried unanimously**

**c) Request to allow Rabbits within the Village**

Council was presented with an RFD, as well as the research document for their consideration. Discussion was held

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to disregard the request to allow rabbits within the Village boundaries.**

**Carried unanimously**

***Village Foreman Report:***

Had MPE out today to deal with the issue that happened over the weekend. Pressure transmitters not reading properly. Speaks of maintenance of the singer valve at the reservoir and learning how to properly maintain the screens. Had MPE out to fix the issue at the sewer plant. Pressure transmitters at the water reservoir need to be replaced. Need to have electrician come out to work on the amperage feeding to the pumps. MPE recommended that the water plant should have automation and controls. Spoke of maintenance needed for the water plant roof . Says that the roof should be peaked to eliminate the issues. Water break hole is now filled. Spoke of locates for the signage and will have locates map the whole village so there will not be a risk of hitting underground infrastructure. Speaks of patch on King Street and the sag in the spot that was patched last year where the service connections that were trenched in. Pulled the patch out and filled it with gravel as a temporary measure. Speaks of dandelions and spraying will be done at the Village locations. Training is suggested for confined spaces to read vault meters.

***Administrators Report:***

Assessment appeal date has now passed – there was one appeal filed, this was forwarded on to the Assessment Review Board which will be heard in the fall. Lots of time spent on research as per Council’s directive. Attended quite a few meetings in the last month, as well as another drought town hall with the Province. Submitted the FIR and Audited Financial Statements to Municipal Affairs. Summer rates for water are now in effect. There was break in a water line over the previous weekend, which has since been repaired. AB Environment and AHS commends the Village for the timely response to the break and being proactive in completing the repair in a timely fashion and issuing the boil water advisory.

Reporting on this incident will be finalized this week. There was another break-in at a vacant property, as well as a commercial property in the Village – Administration has contacted the RCMP as well as the property owner. Administration continues to express the need for vigilance, without being vigilantes. The Office have also learned that someone is apparently dumping raw meat on the CP Rail grounds. The Office suspects that this is with ill intent and advises caution when walking pets.

**Motion made by Councillor Bishop to send a letter to Coalhurst regarding the feedback from Council concerning Bylaw Enforcement. Carried unanimously.**

- Correspondence:**
- April Bank Reconciliation
  - Chinook Arch Regional Library System – Board Report
  - Green Acres Foundation – Report to the Community 2023
  - ORRSC – Regional Assessment Review Board

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

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

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

**Motion made by Mayor Doell to approve the monthly statement for April, 2024. Carried unanimously.**

**Committee Reports:**

- a) **ORRSC**  
No report at this time.
- b) **Green Acres**  
Discussed financial reports. Abbey road is coming along well. Sending delegation up to Edmonton to speak to ministers regarding Piyami Lodge and obtaining funding for much needed upgrades.
- c) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**  
Chamber of commerce presented to Community Futures on status of business in their membership. Most members plan to grow. Stats on SEBA repayments at 80% repayment. Business as usual. Approved a few loans. Blackfoot signage project oversubscribed – province looking to put more money into the project for another round of funding.

- d) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**  
Working on programming for summer.
- e) **Mayors and Reeves**  
Had Dr. Tammy Nemeth to present to Mayors and Reeves regarding water shortages affecting Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Southern Manitoba.
- f) **Chinook Arch Library System**  
No report at this time.
- g) **AG Society**  
Underway with planning for Family Fun Day. Community garden work is underway, boxes are available to rent. Subsidized by the AG Society to rent community boxes at an affordable rate. Contact Will Vrooman for rentals. AG Society would like to stack with municipal retrofit grant for AC upgrades – will Council consider paying upfront for some costs associated? AG grant covers up to 80%, MCCAC grant covers up to 50%. Wants to upgrade furnaces, add AC and do kitchen upgrades like installing a dishwasher.
- h) **Emergency Advisory Committee**  
Had a meeting on April 26 with AEMA (Alberta Emergency Management Agency) – discussed the draft bylaw and ministerial order application. Discussed next steps regarding same and have decided that there should be an MOU (Memorandum of Agreement) signed and initiate the REMP (Regional Emergency Management Partnership) agency with the advisory committee in place before bylaws should be passed. Next meeting upcoming in May.
- i) **Carmangay Library**  
Had first library event at the seniors drop-in. It will run on the first Thursday from 5-8 pm. Hoping to extend into summer.

*New Business:*

- a) **Seniors Week Declaration**  
Seniors' Week will be June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Council was asked if they wish to do as in previous years and purchase a cake and have the Mayor present it to them/

**Motion made by Councillor Bishop to proclaim June 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> as Seniors' Week in the Village of Barons and to purchase 2 flavours of cupcakes in recognition thereof.**

**Carried unanimously**

**b) Bylaw #759 – Utility Rate Bylaw Amendment**

Council was presented with Bylaw #759 for their consideration. Discussion was held.

**Motion made by Councillor Bishop to read Bylaw #759 a first time this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024. Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #759 a second time this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.**

**Carried**

**And by UNANIMOUS CONSENT of Council, a motion made by Mayor Doell this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.**

**Carried**

**Motion made by Councillor Bishop to read Bylaw #759 a third and final time and finally passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.**

**Carried unanimously.**

**c) Bylaw # 760 – Garbage Services Bylaw Amendment**

Council was presented with Bylaw #760 for their consideration. Discussion was held.

**Motion made by Councillor Bishop to read Bylaw #760 a first time this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024. Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #760 a second time this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.**

**Carried**

**And by UNANIMOUS CONSENT of Council, a motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.**

**Carried**

**Motion made by Mayor Doell to read Bylaw #760 a third and final time and finally passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.**

**Carried unanimously.**

**d) Blackfoot Signage Project Name Approval**

Council was presented with the name “Matsowa’papayiinsimaan” which was chosen for the Village by the Blackfoot Elders for acceptance.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the name of “Matsowa’papayiinsimaan” which has been chosen for the Village by the Blackfoot Elders. Carried unanimously.**

- e) **Request for Presentation of Audited Financial Statements**  
Councillor Bishop spoke about asking for the auditor to come and present.

**Motion made by Councillor Bishop to request to have Darryl Scase of Scase and Partner, Independent Auditors for the Village attend the next meeting of Council to present the Audited Financial Statements. Carried unanimously.**

- f) **Barons Youth Community Initiative**  
Council was presented with a letter from the Making Connections workers for both Noble Central School, as well as Barons School requesting support for a Youth Community Initiative.

**Motion made by Councillor Bishop to send a letter to support their initiative on principal. Carried unanimously.**

*Closed Session:* None

*Adjournment:* Adjournment of the meeting was at 9:21 p.m.

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Mayor – Daniel Doell

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Administrator – Jen Durell