

## **Agenda**

### **Village of Barons Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, March 11, 2025 At 7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order
2. Guests: Dr. Alexander Darku, Prentice Institute - FCSS Community Needs Assessment Study
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of February 11, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
5. Business Arising
  - a. Bylaw #765 – Revised Traffic Bylaw
  - b. Bylaw #766 – Alternative Methods for Advertising Statutory Notices on Planning and Development Matters Bylaw
6. Village Foreman Report
7. Administrator Report
8. Correspondence
9. Financial Report
10. Committee Reports
  - a. ORRSC (Oldman River Regional Services Commission)
  - b. Green Acres
  - c. CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)
  - d. FCSS (Family and Community Support Services)
  - e. Mayors and Reeves
  - f. Chinook Arch Library System
  - g. AG Society
  - h. Emergency Advisory Committee
  - i. Carmangay Library
11. New Business
  - a. Boulevard Parking Discussion
  - b. Regional Emergency Advisory Committee Appointees
1. Closed Session
2. Adjournment

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH: BEW-FCSS NEEDS ASSESSMENT PROJECT

Prentice Institute Project Managers  
January 2025



the Prentice Institute  
for Global Population and Economy



# WHAT IS THE PROJECT?

The purpose of this project is to conduct a **community needs assessment** for **Family & Community Social Services (FCSS)** in the 16 municipalities of the Barons-Eureka-Warner region. Findings from the study are intended to assist in making informed decisions about how communities invest in their assets and services as a prevention strategy against social challenges.

The needs assessment will help inform municipal and FCSS planning, budgeting, implementation, program evaluation and long-term/adaptive/anticipatory planning across multiple sectors relevant to the **Government of Alberta's Provincial Prevention Priorities:**

- Homelessness and housing insecurity
- Family and sexual violence across the lifespan
- Employment
- Mental health and addictions
- Aging well in communities



# WHO, WHY, AND WHEN?

Following the RFP issued by the Town of Stirling in April 2024, the **Prentice Institute for Global Population and Economy** at the University of Lethbridge was awarded the contract to complete the **23-month project (June 2024 – March 2026)** to assist **FCSS leadership** and **municipal partners** in mapping the needs of and desired interventions for each community's priorities.

This project aims to improve regional municipal service delivery by:

- **Assessing the strengths and gaps** of current community assets in the BEW Region.
- Understanding the **current and emerging wellbeing needs** within the region.
- Providing **information that can be used for planning** collaborative municipal and regional asset and services management by the 16 communities and BEW FCSS.

**Researchers from the Prentice Institute will be the main point of contact for the project,** including for scheduling interviews or focus groups.



# WHAT IS BEING FUNDED?

*This project includes:*

- **A needs-based assessment** of the social policy landscape within the BEW FCSS catchment focused upon the prevention priorities;
- **An asset-based assessment** of the resources and capacity available within that same catchment and in relation to those same priorities;
- **Community-based engagement and dialogue** as both inputs into the needs assessment/asset inventory and as a validation process once data have been collected, analyzed and can be reported;
- **A series of scoping reviews** of relevant peer and grey literatures regarding municipal and service responses in the priority sectors, and;
- **Institute-based project management**, oversight, reporting and accountability;
- **University-based business services** (Ethics compliance, Finance, HR, Insurance, IT, Legal services, etc.).



# WHY WE ARE HERE TODAY?

- We are at the data collection stage of the project.
- We want to ensure that as many people as possible can participate in the interviews and focus groups.
- So far, **we have had low participation rates** of some **elected officials, municipal employees, and service providers**. There has also been some confusion about the scope of the project.
- *Are there any questions or concerns about the project that we can address at this time?*



# PROJECT OUTPUTS

- Report of municipal needs and priorities for the BEW Region.
- BEW Region asset inventory (by municipality and BEW Region).
- Residents survey report.
- Service providers survey report.
- Focus groups results (aligned with the 5 provincial priorities).
- Need Assessment report for the BEW Region.
- Peer and grey literature review report.



# EXPECTED CONCRETE RESULTS

- Shared understanding amongst the 16 municipalities on how community assets and services can support community well-being.
- Regional strength and opportunities are leveraged to target assets and services gaps and improved shared services.
- Data that will inform planning and budgets for the 16 municipalities.
- Data that will inform BEW-FCSS service plans and budget.
- Collective focus on prevention of social issues through enhancing community well-being.





# PROJECT UPDATES

June 2024 – January 2025



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# DATA COLLECTION: ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Number of elected officials contacted: **91** (Sept-Oct)
- Completed interviews with elected officials: **25** (as of Jan 10)
- Upcoming engagement: **1**
- Engagement completion rate: **27.5%**

# DATA COLLECTION: MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

- Number of municipal employees contacted: **100+** (Oct-Dec)
  - *58 employees are needed for data saturation\**
- Completed interviews with municipal employees: **19** (as of Jan 10)
- Upcoming engagement: **1**
- Engagement completion rate: **33%**



# CONTACT INFORMATION

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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Village of Barons  
February 11, 2025**

***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:*** *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 January 14, 2025 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion made by Councillor Bishop to accept the minutes of the January 14, 2025 Regular Council meeting as presented. Carried Unanimously**

To accept the minutes of the January 27, 2025 Special Council Meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the January 27, 2025 Special Council meeting as presented. Carried Unanimously**

***Business Arising:*** a) **Bylaw # 765 – Revised Traffic Bylaw**  
Council was presented with the revised Traffic Bylaw for their consideration.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to rescind the motion to amend the traffic bylaw to add fines for improper parking. The fine for which shall be set at \$500.00.**

**Mayor Doell and Deputy Mayor Gorzitza for,  
Councillor Bishop against.**

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion made by Mayor Doell to amend the traffic bylaw to add fines for improper parking. The fine for which shall be set at \$125.00.**

**Mayor Doell and Deputy Mayor Gorzitza for,  
Councillor Bishop against.**

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion made by Mayor Doell to read Bylaw #765 a first time this 11th day of February, 2025.**

**Mayor Doell and Deputy Mayor Gorzitza for,  
Councillor Bishop against.**

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #765 a second time this 11th day of February, 2025.**

**Mayor Doell and Deputy Mayor Gorzitza for,  
Councillor Bishop against.**

**Motion Carried.**

- b) Policy #080 – Customer Code of Conduct**  
Council was presented with Policy #080 for their consideration.  
Discussion was held.

**Motion made by Mayor Doell to adopt Policy #080 – Customer Code of Conduct as presented. Carried unanimously**

***Village Foreman Report:*** Got Christmas decorations down and put away. Did some plowing and sanding – a reminder that salt does not work past a certain temperature, and sand has a hard time sticking when the road surface is tightly packed and cold. Have accepted a quote for the roof replacement at the water plant – project should commence within 3-4 weeks. Both furnaces at the old fire hall went out, so repairs to both were required.

***Administrators Report:*** Assessment roll has arrived from the Assessor - Residential assessment up 8% overall, though different assessment classes will see different increases. Assessment notices should be mailed out by February 26<sup>th</sup> with an appeal deadline of May 5<sup>th</sup>. We've now received both the parking signage and paint for the handicap stalls to be placed at the legion, seniors and community hall. Once weather permits, Public Works will install the signage, with the painting to follow in the spring/summer. Attended another info

session for Elections Alberta regarding the geospatial data they will be requiring from Municipalities. Letters have been sent out reminding affected property owners to clear up outstanding balances on taxes from 2023 and prior, otherwise this will be registered on title. Work is underway in preparation for the final audit on March 4 and 5. Have spoken with Village Engineers regarding the sewer lagoon project. They were updated by the contractor that the electrical conduit will be arriving the week of February 17<sup>th</sup>, however there is some concern about completing the project before wet weather arrives. MPE is suggesting that we give until March 10<sup>th</sup> to complete the project, and if it is not completed by then, then the Village look at liquidated damages.

- Correspondence:**
- January Bank Reconciliation
  - Bylaw Enforcement – December and January Monthly Report
  - FCSS – All Council’s Meeting Save the Date
  - Occupational Health and Safety - Report
  - Palliser School Division – Strategic Planning
  - Lethbridge County – ICS 200 Training

**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 January, 2025.

**Motion made by Mayor Doell to approve the accounts payable for the month of January, 2025. Carried unanimously**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the monthly statement for January, 2025. Carried unanimously**

**Committee Reports:**

- a) **ORRSC**  
Next meeting upcoming in March
- b) **Green Acres**  
Discussed vacancies in Green Acres Buildings. Still working on Abbey Road terrace – Should be available to move into soon. Still having discussions about Piyami and how to move forward
- c) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**  
Set annual operating budget for this year. Kept interest rates at the same rate.
- d) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**

Events at the Seniors Drop-in every Friday. Trying to stage things based on age.

e) **Mayors and Reeves**

Discussion on 25% tariffs. Discussed impacts on Canadian small business. Looking at groundwater information. Discussed privatized Doctors in Canada getting paid higher wages than non-private Doctors. Trying to entice more Doctors to work in rural alberta. Discussed housing needs.

f) **Chinook Arch Library System**

Next meeting in April.

g) **AG Society**

Meeting upcoming on Thursday.

h) **Emergency Advisory Committee**

Attended a meeting at the County Office. Discussed the Regional Emergency Management Plans, and the establishment of the Regional Emergency Advisory Committee. We have been asked to put forward two appointees for the Regional Committee, with the hope that the inaugural meeting of this regional committee will take place in April or May. These appointees are to be equal voting members of the committee, must be elected officials, must be able to advise on the Emergency Management plan and program, as well as provide guidance and approve preparedness activities (REMP, annual budgets, training/exercise program) of the Regional Emergency Management Agency (REMA)

We've also been asked to determine who will be the Director of Emergency Management (DEM) for your municipality, as the DEM will also serve as a Regional Deputy DEM and will be part of the REMA.

i) **Carmangay Library**

Movie night is on the 20<sup>th</sup> – showing Wicked. Carmangay Library comes to the Barons Drop In once a month on the first Thursday of the month from 5-9 pm

***New Business:***

a) **Bylaw # 766 – Alternative Methods for Advertising Statutory Notices on Planning and Development Matters Bylaw**

Council was presented with the Alternative Methods for Advertising Statutory Notices on Planning and Development Matters Bylaw for their consideration.

**Motion made by Councillor Bishop to direct administration to amend the draft Bylaw #766 Alternative Methods for**

**Advertising Statutory Notices on Planning and Development Matters to add Council's preferred method for hosting electronic public hearings.**

**Carried unanimously**

- b) Removal of the American Flag from Flagpole**  
Discussion was held.

**Motion made by Councillor Bishop to remove the American Flag from the Village's Flagpole permanently and replace this with a Blackfoot Confederacy Flag.**

**Carried unanimously**

- c) Policy #082 – Asset Retirement Obligations Policy**  
Council was presented with Policy #082 for their consideration.  
Discussion was held.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to adopt Policy #082 – Asset Retirement Obligations Policy as presented.**

**Carried Unanimously**

***Closed Session:***      **a)      none**

***Adjournment:***      Adjournment of the meeting was at 8:27 p.m.

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**Mayor – Daniel Doell**

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**Administrator – Jen Durell**



**Village of Barons  
Bylaw No. 765**

**A BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF BARONS IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING THE MOVEMENT OF VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC IN THE VILLAGE OF BARONS.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 7(d) of the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000, current as of March 1, 2016, Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting transport and transportation systems, and;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 13(1) of the Traffic Safety Act, being Chapter T-6 of the revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000, Council may make Bylaws for the regulation and control of vehicle, animal and pedestrian traffic with the municipality, and;

**NOW THEREFORE**, The Council of the Village of Barons, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

**PART 1 – DEFINITIONS**

1. This Bylaw may be cited as **“The Barons Traffic Bylaw”**.

2. In the bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

“**ACT**” means the Revised Traffic Safety Act Statute of Alberta (2000) Ch. T-6 and amendments thereto;

“**ADMINISTRATOR**” means the person appointed by Council in accordance with Section 205 of the Municipal Government Act and is referred to throughout this Bylaw as CAO or Chief Administrative Officer;

“**ALLEY**” means a narrow highway intended chiefly to give access to the rear of buildings and parcels of land and is considered a highway for the purposes of this Bylaw;

“**BOULEVARD**” means the portion of highway between the curb lines or lateral lines of a roadway and the adjoining property lines exclusive of the sidewalk; also that portion of a street between the curb lines or lateral lines of a divided highway,

“**COMMERCIAL VEHICLE**” means a vehicle defined as a commercial vehicle in the Act.

“**COUNCIL**” means the Municipal Council of the Village of Barons;

“**CROSS WALK**” means,

- a) That part of a roadway at an intersection included within the connection of the Lateral lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway measured from the curbs or, in the absence of curbs, from the edge of the roadway, or

- b) Any part of a roadway at an intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by signs or by lines or other markings on the road surface,

**“CURB”** means the actual curb, if there is one, and if there be no curb in existence, shall mean the division of a highway between that part thereof intended for the use of vehicles and that part thereof intended for the use of pedestrians;

**“DRIVEWAY”** means a recognizable, constructed, and designated parking area that leads to and from a public road to a house or garage;

**“HEAVY EQUIPMENT”** and/or construction equipment means any equipment or device designed and intended for use in construction or material handling including but not limited to air compressors, air tracks, pile drivers, pneumatic or hydraulic tools, bulldozers, tractors, excavators, trenchers, cranes, derricks, loaders, backhoes, scrapers, pavers, generators, haulers or trucks, ditchers, compactors and rollers, pumps, concrete mixers, graders, and other material handling equipment;

**“HEAVY VEHICLE”** means a motor vehicle, alone or together with any trailer, semi-trailer, or other vehicle being towed by the motor vehicle with a registration gross weight of 5,000 kilograms or more and/or exceeding 11.0 metres in total length.

**“HIGHWAY”** means every thoroughfare, street, road, trail, avenue, parkway, driveway, viaduct, lane, alley, square, bridge, causeway, or other place, whether publicly or privately owned, any part of which the public is ordinarily entitled or permitted to use for the passage or parking of vehicles within the Village of Barons;

**“MOTOR VEHICLE”** means every vehicle propelled by any power other than muscular power, except aircraft, tractors, whether equipped with rubber tires or not, implements of husbandry and such motor vehicles as run only upon rails;

**“OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE”** as defined in the Act means any motorized mode of transportation built for cross-country travel on land, water, snow, ice or marsh or swamp land or on other natural terrain and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes, when specifically designed for such travel,

- a. 4-wheel drive vehicles,
- b. low pressure tire vehicles,
- c. cycles and related 2-wheel vehicles,
- d. amphibious machines,
- e. all terrain vehicles,
- f. miniature motor vehicles,
- g. snow vehicles,
- h. minibikes, and

- i. any other means of transportation that is propelled by any power other than muscular power or wind,

**BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE**

- j. motorboats, or
- k. any other vehicle exempted from being an off-highway vehicle by regulation;

**“PARK”** means to allow a vehicle (whether occupied or not) to remain in one place except:

- a) When standing temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading; or
- b) When standing in obedience to a Peace Officer or traffic control device.

**“PEACE OFFICER”** means a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or a special constable or a member of the patrol division of the Department of the Solicitor General, an Alberta Peace Officer, Community Peace Officer, or a Bylaw Enforcement Officer of the Village of Barons;

**“PEDESTRIAN”** means a person afoot or a person in a wheelchair;

**“PUBLIC HOLIDAY”** means a day designated Sunday, a public holiday as defined in the Interpretation Act or a day proclaimed so by the Mayor or declared by the Council of the Village of Barons;

**“RECREATION VEHICLE”** means any vehicle or trailer that is designed, constructed, modified or equipped as a temporary dwelling place, living abode or sleeping place. Recreation vehicles include any motorhome, camper mounted on a truck or any other vehicle or object which a Peace Officer deems to be a recreation vehicle;

**“ROADWAY”** means that portion of the highway intended for vehicular traffic within the Village;

**“SIDEWALK”** means that part of a highway primarily intended for the use of pedestrians and includes the part lying between the curb line or edge of the roadway and the adjacent property line, whether or not paved or improved;

**“TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE”** means a sign, signal marking or device placed or erected for the purpose of regulating, warning or guiding traffic;

**“TRAILER”** means a trailer as defined in the Act;

**“VEHICLE”** means a device in, upon, or by which a person or thing may be transported or drawn upon a highway.

**“VILLAGE”** means the Municipal Corporation of the Village of Barons or the area contained within the corporate boundaries of the Village, as the context requires;

## **PART 2 – SPEED LIMITS**

1. The Council shall cause signs to be posted indicating a greater or lesser speed than that prescribed by the Traffic Safety Act or indicating that the prescribed speed limit has ceased to apply.
2. Unless otherwise indicated the speed limit in the Village of Barons shall be thirty (30) kilometers per hour.
3. No person shall drive a motor vehicle, in any alley or highway intended chiefly to give access to the rear of buildings and parcel of land at a greater rate of speed than twenty (20) kilometers per hour.
4. The Council may cause signs to be posted along a highway, fix a maximum speed limit in respect of any part of the highway under construction or repair in a state of disrepair applicable to all vehicles or to any class or classes of vehicles while travelling over that part of the highway.
5. Notwithstanding Part 2, Section 4, the Village Foreman, in the case of an emergency has the authority to temporarily reduce the speed limit for the safety of workers and shall report such action to the Council at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

## **PART 3 – TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES**

1. Council may by resolution direct and may from time to time alter the location of such traffic control devices for the following purposes:
  - a. To divide the surface of a roadway into traffic lanes marked by solid or broken lines;
  - b. To prohibit “U” turns at any intersection;
  - c. To designate any intersection or other place on a highway as an intersection or place at which no left hand turn or right hand turn shall be made;
  - d. To designate as a one-way street any roadway or portion thereof;
  - e. To designate “School Zones” or “Playground Zones”;
  - f. To designate truck routes;
  - g. To set apart as through street any highway or part of a highway and to control entry to any highway by means of a “stop” sign or “yield” sign;
  - h. To designate a crosswalk upon any highway;
  - i. To designate parking stands for use of any particular class of vehicle;

- j. To close or restrict the use of any highway, either as to the full width thereof or as to part of the width thereof with respect to any class or classes of vehicles or with respect to any class or classes of pedestrians;
  - k. To prohibit, restrict or regulate the parking of vehicles or any class of vehicles on any highway or other public place or any portion thereof during such hours as may be determined;
  - l. To designate and mark guidelines for angle parking on any highway or other public places or any portion thereof.
- 2. The Administrator shall cause a record to be kept of the location of all traffic control devices which record shall be open to public inspection during normal business hours.
  - 3. Notwithstanding any provision of this bylaw all traffic control devices placed, erected or marked in the Village of Barons prior to passing of the bylaw shall be deemed to be duly authorized traffic control devices until altered pursuant to the provisions of Part 3, Section 1.

#### **PART 4 – FIRES**

- 1. In case of a fire within the Village, any Peace Officer or member of the Fire Department may designate in any manner, a line near the location of the fire beyond which no member of the public shall pass, and no unauthorized person, whether on foot, on horse or in a vehicle shall cross over such line or lines.
- 2. The Chief Officer of the Fire Department or any person acting under his instructions shall have the right to move or cause to be moved any vehicle which he may deem necessary to move or have moved for the purpose of carrying out any duty, work or undertaking of the Fire Department.

#### **PART 5 – VEHICLES WITH LUGS**

- 1. No person shall drive, propel or move on any highway any vehicle having metal spikes, lugs, cleats or bands projecting from the surface of the wheel or tire of such vehicle, or any vehicle having a caterpillar tread.
  - a. Studded winter snow tires shall be exempt from Part 5(1).

#### **PART 6 – OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES**

- 1. No person shall operate an off-highway vehicle, as defined in the Act, within the boundaries of the Village of Barons unless such use is expressly permitted by Council or the Chief Administrative Officer.

#### **PART 7 – COMMERCIAL VEHICLES & HEAVY VEHICLES**

- 1. No person shall park or operate a commercial vehicle on a highway within the limits of the Village of Barons other than a highway in the Village of Barons which is designated as a

truck route in Schedule "A" thereof, which Schedule is hereby incorporated into and made part of this By-Law.

2. The following shall not be deemed to be operating a commercial vehicle in contravention of Section 1 if the commercial vehicle is being operated on the shortest route between the premises by:
  - a. persons delivering or collecting goods or merchandise to or from the premises of bona fide customers,
  - b. persons going to or from business premises of the owner of the heavy vehicle concerned as long as the premises is not located within an residential area,
  - c. persons going to or from business premises for the servicing or repairing on the heavy vehicles as long as the premises is not located within an residential area,
  - d. person(s) pulling a disabled vehicle from a highway prohibited to heavy vehicles.
3. No person shall park a commercial vehicle or heavy vehicle within the municipal boundaries of the Village of Barons in areas designated in the Land Use Bylaw as residential zones unless permitted under Section 2.
  - a. Subject to Section 3, those residential properties that are immediately adjacent and accessible to the designated truck route may park their commercial vehicles(s) on their residential properties.
4. No person shall utilize engine retarder brakes while operating a commercial vehicle or heavy vehicle within the limits of the Village of Barons.

#### **PART 8 – HEAVY EQUIPMENT**

1. No person shall be permitted to park any heavy equipment within any residential area in the Village of Barons unless the said heavy equipment is being used to develop the land which it is parked on.
  - a. Part 8, Section 1 does not apply to any heavy equipment owned, used, or contracted by the Village of Barons.

#### **PART 9 – MAXIMUM WEIGHTS**

1. For the purpose of this section, “maximum weight” means:
  - a. The maximum weight permitted for a vehicle and load pursuant to the official registration certificate issued by the Province of Alberta for such vehicles.

2. No person shall drive or have on the roadway a vehicle or combination of attached vehicles with a weight including or excluding any load thereon, in excess of maximum weight.
3. Wherever in his/her opinion, there is a contravention of Part 9, Section 2, a Peace Officer may order the driver or other person in charge or control of a vehicle or combination of attached vehicle suspected of being on a roadway in contravention of such section to take such vehicle or combination of attached vehicles to the nearest adequate weight scale to determine the weight of such vehicle or combination of attached vehicles and load thereof. The weight slip or slips shall be given to the Peace Officer and may be retained by them, and if the weight of any loaded vehicle or combination of attached vehicles is in excess of maximum weight, the Peace Officer, in addition to any prosecution for contravention of Part 9, Section 2, may require that any load or portion thereof in excess of maximum weight shall be removed before the vehicle or combination of attached vehicles is again taken upon a highway.
4. A weight slip given to a Peace Officer under Part 9, Section 3 and submitted by the Officer in evidence in court, shall be prima facie proof of authenticity of the weight slip and of the particulars thereon submitted in evidence and of the accuracy of the weight scale used.
5. A person driving or in charge or control of a vehicle or combination of attached vehicles suspected by a Peace Officer of being on a roadway in contravention of Part 9, Section 2 shall, when requested by the Peace Officer, produce for such officer's inspection any official registration certificate or interim certificate for such vehicle or vehicles that may have been issued by the Government of the Province of Alberta showing the maximum weight of such vehicle or combination of attached vehicles.
6. Particulars obtained by a Peace Officer from a registration certificate produced to the Officer under Part 9, Section 5 and submitted by the Officer as evidence in court shall be prima facie proof of the authenticity of such certificate and of the particulars thereon submitted in evidence.

#### **PART 10 – PEDESTRIANS**

1. No person or persons shall stand on any highway, crosswalk, or sidewalk in such a manner as to:
  - a. obstruct vehicle or pedestrian traffic,
  - b. annoy or inconvenience any other person lawfully upon such highway, crosswalk, or sidewalk,
  - c. obstruct the entrance to any building.
2. No person shall run upon the roadway in such a manner as to impede traffic.
3. No person shall stand upon or walk along a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride from the driver of any private vehicle.

#### **PART 11 – PARKING**

1. No person shall park a vehicle other than a vehicle of such class or classes deemed as recreational or a standard automobile on the portion of any highway that is located in any residential zone.
2. The Council may designate and cause to be properly marked portions of highways upon which parking is prohibited at any time.
3. The Council may designate portions of highway for 15-to-20-minute parking of vehicles and cause the same to be properly marked by signs.
4. No person shall park a vehicle on a portion of highway marked pursuant to Part 11, Section 3, for time in excess of the period marked.
5. No person shall park a vehicle in an alley. Alleys, however, may be used for such periods of time as may be reasonably necessary for the loading or unloading of passengers or goods from a vehicle, provided that the vehicle concerned in such loading or unloading of passengers or goods does not obstruct the lane as to prevent other vehicles or persons from passing along such alley while the loading or unloading of passengers or goods is taking place.
6. The Council may designate portions of the highway as a passenger loading or unloading space and may cause such space to be marked with a sign designating the area as a "loading zone".
7. Except when actually taking on or discharging passengers, no person shall park or stand a vehicle for any period of time at a passenger loading zone, at a "no parking" area or in front of a main entrance, exit or doorway of a public building.
8. The Council may designate and cause to be properly marked by signs, portion of the highway as truck loading or unloading spaces.
9. No person shall park a vehicle in a truck loading or unloading space for a period of time longer than fifteen (15) minutes.
10. No person shall park any trailer (whether designed for occupancy by persons or for carrying goods and equipment) upon any highway unless said trailer is attached to a vehicle by which it may be propelled or drawn and when so attached the trailer shall be deemed part of the vehicle and subject to the regulations pertaining to vehicles.
11. No person shall park any vehicle upon any land owned by the Village of Barons which the Village uses or permits to be used as a playground, recreation area or public park except in designated parking areas.
12. Where parking guidelines are visible on a roadway no driver shall park a vehicle except within the limits of the lines designating a parking stand.
13. No person shall park his vehicle with the side thereof parallel to the curb or edge of the roadway when angle parking is permitted or required.
14. No vehicle may be parked at an angle to the curb in a cul-de-sac unless that vehicle is parked in such a manner as to not interfere with the free flow of traffic in the cul-de-sac.



15. No person shall park any vehicle in that part of a driveway which lies between curb or the traveled portion of the roadway and the property or lot boundary line which runs parallel to the said curb or traveled portion of a roadway.
16. Any person who is empowered to enforce the provisions of this Bylaw is hereby authorized to place an erasable chalk mark on the tread face of the tire of a parked or stopped vehicle without that person or the municipality incurring liability for doing so.
17. The Village of Barons discourages the use of boulevard parking of motor vehicles in residential areas. Council acknowledges that in some areas, boulevard parking is necessary due to the alignment or set up of the roads. In the first block of Noble Street, angle parking is allowable and the streets such as Milnes or those whose frontage is facing an avenue are areas which will allow boulevard parking.

Therefore permission will be granted only where it can be determined that no other practical alternative can be found and where such arrangement complies with the policies outlined below.

- a. The approval of agreements will not be recommended if a suitable alternative exists for parking entirely on the owner's property, which may include:
  - i. Front yard parking in a legal existing driveway when a single residential unit is served by a single driveway.
  - ii. No parking arrangements will be approved that conflict with any bylaws or regulations of the Village of Barons.
  - iii. The use of rear service lanes where such lanes are accessible and currently in use by more than one property owner.
  - iv. Alteration to or relocation of structures to accommodate parking on the owner's property.
  - v. Use of the rear property subject to the conditions of the zoning bylaw.
  - vi. Approval will not be granted for a parking space on the boulevard that will encroach upon any public sidewalk or in the absence of sidewalks, in that area where a sidewalk may be constructed in the future, as determined by the Village of Barons Council.
  - vii. Parking on the boulevard shall not commence until official approval from the Village of Barons Council.
  - viii. Processing of Agreements shall be done by submitting a letter stating all arguments to the Village of Barons Office for Council to review.
18. No person shall park any portion or whole of a vehicle on any sidewalk or extend over a sidewalk with any portion of a vehicle within the Village limits of Barons.
19. A peace officer may cause any vehicle to be removed and taken to and stored in a suitable place when the vehicle is parked on private property without the consent of the owner of the property or on a highway in a manner that obstructs any private driveway.
20. Except when permitted by a traffic control device, no person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle on any highway within the Village of Barons other than on the right side of the highway and with the right-hand wheels parallel to that side and where there is a curb, within 30cm of the curb.

21. No person shall park a vehicle so as to obstruct the free passage of traffic on any highway within the Village of Barons with the exception of public works, enforcement, and emergency response vehicles.
22. Vehicles may not be parked on vacant lots unless said lot is immediately adjacent and under the same ownership as an abutting lot that is developed.
23. The Village of Barons provides an exemption to public passenger vehicles (school buses) for parking in residential areas on public or private property as long as the school bus is parked immediately adjacent to the school bus operator's residence and as long as the school bus does not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

#### **PART 12 - HANDICAP PARKING**

1. Council may establish, sign or otherwise designate such parking stalls or zones within the Village as Council deems necessary for the exclusive parking of vehicles bearing a valid disabled placard or license plate issued or recognized by the Registrar of Motor Vehicle Services.
2. The owner, tenant, occupant or person in control of private property within the Village to which vehicles driven by the public generally have access may designate parking spaces for the exclusive parking of vehicles bearing a valid disabled placard or license plate issued or recognized by the Registrar of Motor Vehicle Services. The signage and markings used to designate such parking spaces shall be in a form similar to that approved and used by the CAO.
3. The owner or operator of a motor vehicle which is not identified by a disabled persons placard or license plate that is issued or recognized by the Solicitor General for persons with disabilities shall not stop or park or permit the stopping or parking of the vehicle in a parking space designated for disabled parking.
4. Where the vehicle is identified by disabled persons placard, the owner or operator shall have such placard visibly displayed while the vehicle is stopped or parked in a parking space designated for Disabled Parking.

#### **PART 13 – SCHOOL BUS FLASHING LIGHTS**

1. Alternating flashing lights and stop arms on school busses shall be operated when loading or unloading passengers within the Corporate Limits of the Village of Barons except when loading or unloading passengers at designated loading zones at the respective schools or adjacent to the schools.
2. Alternating flashing lights and stop arms shall be operated in the sequence as provided in Section 73 (a) AR 304/2002 Use of Highway and Rules of the Road of the Traffic Safety Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Alberta Regulations, and amendments thereto.
3. Any operator of a vehicle who fails to slow for a school bus displaying alternating flashing amber lights, shall be guilty of an offence and liable for a penalty as prescribed in Schedule "B" attached.

4. Any operator of a vehicle who fails to stop for a school bus displaying alternating flashing red lights and a stop arm, shall be guilty of an offence and liable for a penalty as prescribed in Schedule “B” attached.

#### **PART 14 – RECREATION VEHICLE PARKING**

1. All RVs parked on property within the Village of Barons, whether licensed or unlicensed, must be in operable condition.
2. RVs may not be parked on vacant lots unless said lot is immediately adjacent and under the same ownership as an abutting lot that is developed.
3. No person is permitted to occupy any parked RV, vehicle, or trailer on their property, any vacant lot, roadway, or public place with respect to using them as a temporary dwelling. Nor can they connect them to any electrical, gas, or water system.
4. Parked RVs cannot block the view of intersections, crosswalks, playgrounds or signs.
5. Parked RV’s cannot obstruct the movement of other vehicles.
6. Notwithstanding Part 11, Section 10, a person may park a recreation vehicle upon a public street in the Village for a period not to exceed 72 hours and for the purposes of loading and unloading only. This section is only valid during the common camping season months in this region of May through September provided that in so doing no obstruction is caused to vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
  - a. For the purpose of Part 13(4), a recreation vehicle shall be deemed to be continuously parked unless the recreation vehicle has been moved to a location off of public property within the Village for at least 72 consecutive hours.
  - b. Subject to Part 13(4), at no time shall a recreation vehicle or recreation trailer have their slides extended out while parked on any public street in the Town.
7. No person shall park any vehicle, recreation vehicle or trailer in their front yard other than on their driveway.

#### **PART 15 – TEMPORARY CLOSING OF HIGHWAYS**

1. In any case whereby reason of any emergency or of any special circumstances which in the opinion of the Administrator or Village Foreman, makes it desirable and in the public interest to do so, the Administrator may:
  - a. temporarily close in any area of the Village, any highway in whole or in part to traffic, or
  - b. the Administrator may for such period of time as he/she deems necessary to meet such emergency or special circumstances, take such measure for the temporary closing of such highway or the suspension of parking and place barricades or post

appropriate notices on or near the highway concerned as she/he may consider to be necessary in the circumstances.

## **PART 16 – MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES**

1. Every person shall be guilty of an offence who:
  - a. coasts on any highway on a sled, toboggan, skis or roller blades which is being towed by a vehicle,
  - b. washes a vehicle upon any highway or drains the radiator of any vehicle upon a highway or washes a vehicle near a highway so as to result in water, slush or ice forming upon a highway or public sidewalk.
  - c. Places or deposits, or allows the placement or deposit, of any object, refuse, building or other materials, dumpsters, snow, earth, sand, gravel, sod, or any other matter on a roadway, alley, sidewalk, or boulevard within the Village, excepting vehicles and materials for which specific permission has been granted by the CAO. Person(s) responsible for such shall be liable for clean-up and/or repair costs.
2. No person shall drive, propel or move on or over any highway within the Village, any vehicle of other type of equipment or thing(s) which damages or is likely to damage the highway.

## **PART 17 – PENALTIES**

### **PROSECUTION OF OFFENCES**

1. Except as otherwise provided in this Bylaw, a person who is guilty of an offence under this Bylaw or the regulations for which a penalty is not otherwise provided is liable to a fine of not less than two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars and of not more than two thousand five hundred (\$2,500.00) dollars and in default of payment is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six (6) months or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six (6) months without the option of a fine.
2. The levying and payment of any penalty, or the imprisonment for any period as provided for in this Bylaw shall not relieve a person from the necessity of paying any fees, charges, or costs for which they are liable under the provisions of this Bylaw.
3. Where a vehicle is driven, used, parked or left in contravention of any provision of this Bylaw or as shown on Schedule “B”, the owner of the vehicle is guilty of an offence and liable for the contravention and the penalty provided herein unless there is evidence before the court that at the time of the contravention, the vehicle was not driven, used, parked or left by him/her or by any other person with their consent, express or implied.
4. Where any Peace Officer believes that a person has contravened any provision of this Bylaw he may serve upon:
  - a. such person a Violation Ticket referencing the section contravened; or
  - b. the registered owner of the motor vehicle a Violation Ticket referencing Section 160 (1) of the Act and the section of the Bylaw contravened in accordance with the

provisions of the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act* R.S.A. 2002 c. P-34.

5. The specified penalty payable in respect of a contravention of a provision of this Bylaw is as provided for in Schedule "B" of this Bylaw, said Schedule being hereby incorporated into and made part of this Bylaw.
6. Notwithstanding Part 16(4), a Peace Officer may issue a Municipal Violation Tag or Breach of Bylaw Notice, in a form approved by the CAO, referencing the section of the Bylaw contravened, to the alleged offender, or to the registered owner of any vehicle involved in a contravention of this Bylaw.
7. Service of any such notice or tag shall be sufficient if it is:
  - a. personally served
  - b. served by regular or registered mail
  - c. attached to the vehicle in respect of which the offence is alleged to have been committed.
8. The penalty payable to the Village in respect of a contravention of this Bylaw, to be indicated on any such Municipal Violation Tag or Breach of Bylaw Notice issued, is as provided for in Schedule "B" of this Bylaw. Upon payment to a person authorized by the Village Council to receive such payment, an official receipt for the payment shall be issued and such payment shall be accepted in lieu of prosecution.
9. Where payment of the penalty for a tag or notice issued for breach of any of the sections of this Bylaw is received within the time allowed for payment by a person authorized by the Village to receive such payment, such payment shall be accepted in lieu of prosecution.
10. If the person upon whom any such tag is served fails to pay the required sum within the time limit, the provisions of this section for acceptance of payment in lieu of prosecution do not apply.
11. Nothing in this Section shall:
  - a. Prevent any person from exercising their right to defend any charge of committing a breach of any of the provisions of this Bylaw.
  - b. Prevent any Peace Officer in lieu of serving a Violation Ticket, notice or tag or any other person from laying information or a complaint against another person for committing a breach of any of the provisions of this Bylaw, or
  - c. Prevent any person from exercising any legal right such person may have to lay information or complaint against any other person (whether such other person has made a payment under the provisions of this Bylaw or not) for a breach of any of the provisions in this Bylaw.
12. Where any person has made payment pursuant to the provisions of this section and is prosecuted for the offence in respect of which such payment has been made, such payment shall be refunded.
13. No person other than the owner or driver of a vehicle shall remove any Violation Ticket, notice or tag placed on or fixed to such vehicle by a Peace Officer in the course of his/her duties.
14. No person shall wilfully obstruct, hinder or interfere with a Peace Officer or any other person authorized to enforce and is engaged in the enforcement of the provisions of this Bylaw.

### **REMOVAL AND IMPOUNDMENT OF VEHICLES**

15. A peace officer is hereby authorized to remove or cause any vehicle or trailer to be removed:
  - a. operated or parked in contravention of any provision of this Bylaw; or
  - b. where emergency conditions may require such removal from a highway.
16. Such vehicle or trailer may be moved to a place designated by the Chief Administrative Officer, where it will remain until claimed by the owner thereof or his agent, subject to any separate policy that the place of impoundment may have been implemented.
17. No impounded vehicle shall be released to its owner or his agent until the impounding charge and removal charge on the vehicle have been paid, such charges shall be in addition to any fine or penalty imposed in respect of any such violation, or to any payment made in lieu of prosecution as hereinafter provided. The Village is not responsible for impounding, towing or removal charges.

### **PART 18 – SEVERABILITY**

1. It is the intention of the Village Council that each separate provision of this bylaw shall be deemed independent of all other provisions, and it is further the intention of the Village Council that if any provisions of this bylaw be declared invalid all other provisions thereof shall remain valid and enforceable.

### **PART 19 - RESCIND**

Bylaw #705 and #741 is hereby repealed

### **PART 20 – COMMENCEMENT DATE**

1. This Bylaw comes into force upon the date of passing of the third and final reading thereof.

**Read a first time this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025**

**Read a second time this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025**

**Presented for Consideration for a third and final reading this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025**

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Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Administrator







## **SCHEDULE “B”**

Part 5(1)	Operating a vehicle with lugs on a highway in the Village	\$125.00
Part 6(1)	Operating a off-highway vehicle in the Village	\$150.00
Part 7(1)	Commercial vehicle being operated off of truck route	\$250.00
Part 7(3)	Parking a commercial vehicle in a residential area	\$200.00
Part 7(4)	Use of engine retarder brakes in the Village	\$200.00
Part 8 (1)	Heavy equipment parked in a residential area	\$200.00
Part 10(1)(a)	Person obstructing vehicle or pedestrian traffic	\$150.00
Part 10(1)(b)	Person annoying or inconveniencing any other person who is lawfully upon a highway, crosswalk or sidewalk	\$150.00
Part 10(1)(c)	Person obstructing the entrance to any building	\$150.00
Part 10(2)	Person running upon a roadway which manner impedes traffic	\$125.00
Part 10(3)	Person soliciting a ride from a roadway from the driver of a private vehicle	\$125.00
Part 11(4)	Parking over time limit	\$125.00
Part 11(5)	Parking in an alley	\$125.00
Part 11(7)	Parking in a passenger loading zone, no parking area, in front of main entrance, exit or doorway of a public building	\$125.00
Part 11(9)	Parking over time limit in a truck loading or unloading space	\$125.00
Part 11(10)	Unattached trailer parked on highway	\$150.00
Part 11(11)	Prohibited parking on Village property	\$150.00
Part 11(12)	Parking outside of lines designating a parking space	\$125.00
Part 11(13)	Parking parallel when angle parking is required	\$125.00
Part 11(14)	Improper parking in a cul-de-sac	\$125.00
Part 11(15)	Parking on the boulevard	\$125.00
Part 11(18)	Parking on or over a sidewalk	\$150.00
Part 11(20)	Improper parking along the curb or edge of roadway	\$150.00
Part 11(21)	Parked in such a way that impedes the normal flow of traffic	\$150.00
Part 11(22)	Prohibited parking of vehicles on an empty lot	\$125.00
Part 12 (3)	Unauthorized parking in a designated disabled parking stall or zone	\$125.00
Part 13 (4)	Failing to display disabled parking placard	\$125.00
Part 13(3)	Failing to slow for a school bus displaying alternating flashing lights	\$200.00
Part 13(4)	Failing to stop for a school bus displaying alternating flashing lights and a stop arm	\$200.00
Part 14(3)	Prohibited occupancy of a Recreation Vehicle	\$150.00
Part 13(4)	Parked Recreation Vehicle blocking view of intersection, crosswalk, playground or sign	\$125.00
Part 14(5)	Parked Recreation Vehicle obstructing the movement of other vehicles	\$125.00
Part 14(6)	Illegally parked Recreation Vehicle	\$150.00
Part 16(1)(a)	Sled, toboggan, skis, snowboard or rollerblades being towed by a vehicle on a highway	\$125.00
Part 16(1)(b)	Washing a vehicle resulting in water, slush or ice forming upon a highway or sidewalk	\$125.00
Part 16(1)(c)	Unauthorized deposit of material on Village property	\$175.00
Part 16(2)	Operating a vehicle or piece of equipment that has damaged or is likely to damage the highway	\$200.00



**VILLAGE OF BARONS  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

**BYLAW NO. 766**

**BYLAW 766, BEING THE BYLAW OF THE VILLAGE OF BARONS, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO ESTABLISH ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR ADVERTISING STATUTORY NOTICES ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS.**

**WHEREAS**, under the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, ch. M-26, as amended, and other enactments, a municipality must provide public notice for bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings, and other matters, in accordance with section 606 of the Municipal Government Act either through newspaper publication, delivering a notice to residents, or other methods provided for in a bylaw under section 606.1 of the Municipal Government Act;

**AND WHEREAS**, under Section 606.1(1) of the Municipal Government Act, a council may enact a bylaw to use alternative advertising methods, including electronic means, for public notices of proposed bylaws, resolutions, meetings, public hearings, and other items referred to in section 606 of the Municipal Government Act;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Council of the Village of Barons is satisfied that the methods of advertising outlined in this bylaw are likely to bring matters so advertised to the attention of substantially all residents in the area to which the bylaw, resolution, or other thing relates or in which the meeting or hearing is to be held;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of the Village of Barons, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

**BYLAW TITLE:** This Bylaw may be cited as the Advertising Bylaw.

**ADVERTISING METHODS**

1. Any notice of a bylaw, resolution, meeting, public hearing or other thing required to be advertised under the Municipal Government Act or another enactment must:
  - a) be given, in accordance with the timelines prescribed in subsections 606(3), (4), and (5) of the Municipal Government Act; and
  - b) contain the information prescribed in subsection 606(6) of the Municipal Government Act.
2. In addition to the advertising methods prescribed in section 606(2) of the Municipal Government Act, any notice of a bylaw, resolution, meeting, public hearing or other thing required to be advertised pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act or another enactment may be advertised through the following methods:
  - Electronically, by posting prominently on the Village of Barons' official website being <https://www.barons.ca/>; and/or

- Electronically, by posting prominently on the Village of Barons' official social media Platforms.
- If available, utilize Microsoft Teams software for the public to join and provide feedback on Planning and Development matters as required for public hearings..

### **SEVERABILITY**

If any section or provision of this bylaw is found by a court of law to be unlawful or beyond the authority of the Council, such sections shall be deemed severable, with the remaining portions continuing to be in full force and effect.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Bylaw comes into force upon the date of passing of the third and final reading thereof.

### **READINGS**

**Read a first time this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025**

**Read a second time this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025**

**Presented for Consideration for a third and final reading this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025**

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**MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF BARONS**

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**MAYOR**

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**ADMINISTRATOR**

Village of Barons  
Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Regular Council
Meeting Date:	January 14, 2025
Originated By:	Jen Durell, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	Bylaw #766 – Alternative Methods for Advertising Statutory Notices on Planning and Development Matters
Agenda Item Number:	11(a)

**BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:**

To enable greater public participation in public hearings, changes to the Municipal Government Act (MGA) in Bill 20 require municipalities to offer electronic options for public hearings on planning and development matters.

This may include using a telephone, or online options. Electronic options for public hearings will ensure more residents are aware and informed of, and may participate in, local planning and development matters. Municipalities must, by bylaw, provide for electronic means of public hearings to be established within six months from the coming into force of the amendments.

Municipalities will now be restricted from offering any additional public hearings addressing council consideration of residential or mixed-use planning developments if those hearings are not already mandated by legislation (in the MGA or other legislation).

Limiting municipalities to only holding public hearings for planning and development matters that are required in legislation will ensure that development follows legislated timelines without undue delays. The public will still be able to engage through the required public hearings without municipalities holding additional public hearings.

Initials show support –

Reviewed By: CAO: Jen Durell

A bylaw providing for electronic means of public hearings must be established by April 30, 2025 (within six months from the coming into force of the amendments).

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES:

As this is now a requirement under the Municipal Government Act (MGA), the Village will need to establish a bylaw for the purposes of same. This must be in force by April 30, 2025 in order to be compliant with the changes to the MGA.

COSTS/SOURCE OF FUNDING (if applicable):

None

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That Council adopt Bylaw #766 as presented.

ENCLOSURES:

1. Bylaw #766 – Alternative Methods for Advertising Statutory Notices on Planning and Development Matters
2. AB Municipal Affairs - Changes to the MGA; Planning and Development Public Hearings Fact Sheet

# Changes to the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)* 2024

## Planning and Development Public Hearings

### Relevant *MGA* sections

- *MGA* s. 199
- *MGA* s. 216.1
- *MGA* s. 216.4

### Previous *MGA* requirements

For planning and development matters, the *MGA* requires public hearings prior to council decisions for certain land use planning matters.

- S. 692 requires a public hearing to be held prior to second reading of a bylaw that adopts or amends a statutory plan or land use bylaw.
- S. 674 and 676 require a public hearing prior to the sale, lease, or disposal of municipal reserve, community services reserve, and school reserves as well as prior to disposal or lease of a conservation or environmental reserve.

Prior to the changes, municipalities were not required to provide electronic options for public hearings and municipalities could hold additional public hearings on planning and development matters beyond legislated requirements.

### What has changed

To enable greater public participation in public hearings, changes to the *MGA* in Bill 20 require municipalities to offer electronic options for public hearings on planning and development matters. This may include using a telephone, or online options.

Electronic options for public hearings will ensure more residents are aware and informed of, and may participate in, local planning and development matters.

Municipalities must, by bylaw, provide for electronic means of public hearings to be established within six months from the coming into force of the amendments.

Municipalities will now be restricted from offering any additional public hearings addressing council consideration of residential or mixed-use planning developments if those hearings are not already mandated by legislation (in the *MGA* or other legislation).

Limiting municipalities to only holding public hearings for planning and development matters that are required in legislation will ensure that development follows legislated timelines without undue delays. The public will still be able to engage through the required public hearings without municipalities holding additional public hearings.

### What municipalities need to know

A bylaw providing for electronic means of public hearings must be established by April 30, 2025 (within six months from the coming into force of the amendments).

### Effective date

These changes took effect upon proclamation of Bill 20 on October 31, 2024.

### Resources

To learn more, please refer to:

- Strengthening local elections and councils: <https://www.alberta.ca/strengthening-local-elections-and-councils>
- Bill 20: [https://docs.assembly.ab.ca/LADDAR\\_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature\\_31/session\\_1/20230530\\_bill-020.pdf](https://docs.assembly.ab.ca/LADDAR_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature_31/session_1/20230530_bill-020.pdf)
- Amendment summary for Bill 20: <https://www.alberta.ca/system/files/ma-municipal-affairs-statutes-amendment-act-fact-sheet.pdf>

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**Village of Barons**  
**THE MONTH February, 2025**  
**2025 Monthly Statement Ending: February 28, 2025**

	<u><b>Revenue</b></u>	<u><b>Expenses</b></u>
Taxes	\$10,375.95	
General Administrative	\$220.00	\$8,549.43
Council		\$2,866.34
Fire Hall		\$75.84
Bylaw Enforcement	\$220.00	\$1,861.44
Shop		\$2,506.27
Roads and Streets		\$1,034.08
Water/Sewer/Garbage	\$7,528.92	\$7,738.05
Green Acres Requisition		\$4,038.28
Recreation Facilities/Parks		\$150.80
Casual Wages/STEP		\$2,222.99
Legal		
Telus Rental		
Chinook Arch		
Requisition - School		
Bulk Water	\$114.00	
Auditor		
Xplornet	\$600.00	
Carwash		
Insurance		
ORRSC		
FortisAlberta Franchise	\$1,136.87	
Assessor		
MPC		
Sewer Lift Project		\$2,819.00
Grants		
ATCO Gas Franchise Fee	\$1,958.08	
Tree Trimming		
Treated Water - Nobleford		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,153.82</b>	<b>\$33,862.52</b>

Bank Balance - as of February 28, 2025	\$85,162.70
Outstanding Cheques as of January 31, 2025	\$3,809.86
GIC	\$330,048.68

2024 Taxes Owing	\$34,058.06
Outstanding Taxes - Prior to 2024	\$5,791.10
Total Outstanding Taxes	\$39,759.16

Village of Barons  
Request For Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Regular Council
Meeting Date:	March 11, 2025
Originated By:	Jen Durell, Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	Regional Emergency Advisory Committee Appointees
Agenda Item Number:	11(b)

**BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:**

Council has been asked to put forward two appointees for the Regional Emergency Advisory Committee, with the hope that the inaugural meeting of this regional committee will take place in April or May.

Council has also been asked to determine who will be the Director of Emergency Management (DEM) for your municipality, as the DEM will also serve as a Regional Deputy DEM and will be part of the REMA.

**DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES:**

The appointees will help to guide and steer the regional partnership for the coming years. These appointees are to be equal voting members of the committee, must be elected officials, must be able to advise on the Emergency Management plan and program, as well as provide guidance and approve preparedness activities (REMP, annual budgets, training/exercise program) of the Regional Emergency Management Agency (REMA). As this is a new to us program, training and orientation for the appointees will be provided.

A Director of Emergency Management is required to have a minimum level of training under the Emergency Management Act, including, but not limited to, Incident Command System level 300 and have taken the Director of Emergency Management course.

Initials show support –

Reviewed By: CAO: Jen Durell

Administrator Durell has already been appointed as the Director of Emergency Management for the Village as of December 10, 2020 and has the required training for the role.

COSTS/SOURCE OF FUNDING (if applicable):

None

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- That Council appoint two members to sit on the Regional Emergency Advisory Committee – One regular member and one alternate should the regular member be unable to attend.
- That Council continue to list Administrator Durell as the Director of Emergency Management for the purposes of the Regional Emergency Management Agency.

ENCLOSURES:

None