

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Village of Barons
November 10, 2025**

Present: Kyle Prince, Mayor
Belinda Rempel, Deputy Mayor
Robert Baird, Councillor
Jen Durell, Administrator

Absent: None

Recording Secretary: Jen Durell, Recording Secretary

Call to Order: Call to order at 7:00 p.m.

Guests: **Michelle Tarditi – Street Party Request**
Wants to do a Christmas event between 1-4 pm on December 20.
Requests to block off the part of Main Street in front of the gazebo during the event. No concerns from neighbouring properties as per Ms. Wobick. Requests the use of Village barricades for the street. Will have event insurance. No monetary donation requested from Council.

Councillor Baird asks if Ms. Wobick is going to ask any of the service clubs if they want to be involved. Ms. Wobick wants to contact the Ag Society if they would like to donate their time.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Rempel to approve the request by Michelle Wobick for a street closure in conjunction with the Christmas party.

Carried Unanimously

Approval of Agenda: **Motion made by Mayor Prince to approve the agenda as presented.** **Carried Unanimously**

Minutes: To accept the minutes of the September 9, 2025 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Councillor Baird to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2025 Regular Council meeting as presented.
Carried Unanimously

To accept the minutes of the October 9, 2025 Special Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Mayor Prince to accept the minutes of the October 9, 2025 Special Council meeting as presented.
Carried Unanimously

To accept the minutes of the October 23, 2025 Special Council Meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Rempel to accept the minutes of the October 23, 2025 Special Council meeting as presented.
Carried Unanimously**

To accept the minutes of the October 28, 2025 Organizational Meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Rempel to accept the minutes of the October 28, 2025 Organizational meeting as presented.
Carried Unanimously**

To accept the minutes of the November 4, 2025 Special Council Meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion made by Mayor Prince to accept the minutes of the November 4, 2025 Special Council meeting as presented.
Carried Unanimously**

Business Arising:

a) Alberta Municipalities Convention Attendance
Council was presented with a Request for Decision regarding Councillor Baird's attendance at the Alberta Municipalities Convention.

Motion made by Mayor Prince to table discussion of Councillor Baird's attendance until after item 11(b) is discussed.

Carried Unanimously

Village Foreman Report:

Continue to trim or remove alley and boulevard trees and bushes. Repaired a leaking valve in the wet well at the Sewer Lagoon which was still under warranty. Shuffled summer equipment into storage and staged winter equipment ready for operation. Conducted all maintenance on winter equipment in preparation for the season. Water plant chlorine room heater parts to be here Thursday or Friday. A quote was given for replacement of the heater of \$30,000.00, but parts were purchased for \$300.00 – hopefully we can repair the heater rather than conduct a full replacement. New furnace at shop was installed; this was replaced to do a failure of the old furnace and replacement parts not being able to be sourced. Met with engineers for an orientation of the water plant and lift station control panels. Autodialler for the water plant to be installed later this week. Had sand delivered in preparation for winter.

Administrators Report: Attended the LGAA Zone 1 meeting in September which was a great networking and learning opportunity. The Village Auditors are booked for pre-audit on November 18 and 19 and work is underway to ensure that all requested documents are prepared for them. The Village's IT professional was on site November 5-7 to attend to the upgrading on the Villages hardware. The change over from the summer rates to the winter rates for water has been completed. Documents were submitted to ATB for the change in signing authority, however we are still awaiting the signature cards from ATB. Work is underway to upgrade the internet connection at the Village Office in support of the Council Meeting Streaming Strategy, with the goal of being able to stream meetings to the public. Work is underway to update the permanent electors register as is required post-election for submission back to Elections Alberta.

Correspondence:

- Chinook Arch Board Report
- June Bank Reconciliation
- APS Compliance Report for 2024 Annual Pension Year
- Bylaw Enforcement – June Monthly Report
- Bylaw Enforcement – July Monthly Report
- Green Acres Foundation - Municipal Requisition Fact Sheet
- Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction - Proclamation of the Access to Information Act and Regulations
- Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction - Proclamation of the Protection of Privacy Act and Regulations
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police - Change of Command
- Town of Picture Butte - Jamboree Days Invitation
- Town of Coalhurst - Miners Days Invitation
- FCSS - All Councils Thank You
- Village of Carmangay - Parade Invitation
- Town of Nobleford - Heritage Days Invitation
- July Bank Reconciliation
- August Bank Reconciliation
- Breea Tamminga, Regional Emergency Management Coordinator – ICS 300 Training

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

Financial Reports: Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statement for the month of September and October, 2025.

Motion made by Councillor Baird to approve the accounts payable for the months of September and October, 2025.
Carried unanimously

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Rempel to approve the monthly statement for September and October, 2025.

Carried unanimously

Committee Reports:

- a) **ORRSC**
Nothing to report at this time.
- b) **Green Acres**
Nothing to report at this time.
- c) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**
Nothing to report at this time.
- d) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**
Changes to programming upcoming as mandated by provincial government. FCSS wanting to narrow the scope of programming to fit into the reporting requirements. Prentice Institute Study is still underway; they are still needing folks to fill out the online survey. FCSSAA is starting at the end of the month. Annual conference in Edmonton upcoming; Mayor Prince was asked to attend their conference.
- e) **Mayors and Reeves**
Fairly quiet meeting due to snowstorm. Chair and vice chair were elected. Mayors and Reeves is trying to bring in presentations. Seniors long term care compliance is the next presentation. MLA Hunter from Taber-Warner spoke on Bill 6 – Testing framework for children K-3, as well as Bill 7 which is protecting wetlands.
- f) **Chinook Arch Library System**
Nothing to report at this time.
- g) **AG Society**
Nothing to report at this time.
- h) **Emergency Advisory Committee**
The regional partnership has a tabletop exercise planned for November 26th at the County Office. Emails also went out regarding the Elected Officials training being hosted at the County Office in December. Administration has also requested that the Regional Director of Emergency Management come to the Village to provide an overview of the program to Council. Date to be determined.
- i) **Carmangay Library**

Nothing to report at this time.

New Business:

- a) **Policy #083 – Council Devices Policy Discussion**
Discussion was held.

Motion made by Mayor Prince to instruct administration to amend Policy #083 – Council Devices Policy to remove Standard 1(b).
Carried unanimously

- b) **Bylaw #737 – Remuneration Bylaw Discussion**
Discussion was held.

Motion made by Mayor Prince to amend Bylaw #737 to remove mentions of regular ceremonial or statutory duties within the Bylaw, amend the Elected Officials Allowance to \$125.00 for all members of Council, and amend the accommodation maximum without receipt to \$50.00 per day.
Carried Unanimously

Further discussion was had regarding Councillor Baird's attendance at the Alberta Municipalities Convention Attendance.

Motion made by Mayor Prince to approve Councillor Baird's attendance at Alberta Municipalities Convention.
Carried Unanimously

- c) **Turkey Bingo Donation Request**
Council was presented with an RFD (Request for Decision) relating to the request for donation to the Barons AG Society for their annual Turkey Bingo.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Rempel to donate \$100.00 to the Barons Ag Society in support of their Turkey Bingo.
Carried unanimously

- d) **Administration Vacation Request**
Council was presented with an RFD for a vacation request from Administration. Administration is requesting Nov 24-27, 2025 inclusive, as well as Dec 15-18, 2025 inclusive.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Rempel to approve the vacation request from Administration.
Carried unanimously

- e) **Traffic Bylaw Community Engagement Discussion**
Discussion was held.

Motion made by Mayor Prince to instruct Administration to commence a 6 month moratorium on Part 12 of Bylaw #769, and to commence planning for public consultation for proposed bylaw amendments.

Carried unanimously

Closed Session: a) None

Adjournment: Adjournment of the meeting was at 8:26 p.m.

Mayor – Kyle Prince

Administrator – Jen Durell