

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Village of Barons
January 13, 2026**

- 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 6:59 p.m.
- Guests:*** **Motion made by Mayor Prince to instruct administration to research further on urban rabbits and report back to council on the findings. Carried unanimously**
- Approval of Agenda:*** **Motion made by Mayor Prince to amend the agenda to combine item 11(b) and 11(d). Carried unanimously**
- Motion made by Mayor Prince to amend the agenda to add item 11(e). Carried unanimously**
- Motion made by Councillor Baird to accept the agenda with amendments as discussed. Carried unanimously**
- Minutes:*** To accept the minutes of the December 9, 2025 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.
- Motion made by Deputy Mayor Rempel to accept the minutes of the December 9, 2025 Regular Council meeting as presented. Carried Unanimously**
- Business Arising:*** **a) Bylaw #773 – Remuneration Bylaw**
Council was presented with Bylaw #773 – Remuneration Bylaw Amendment for their consideration. Discussion was held
- Motion made by Mayor Prince to read Bylaw #773 a third time this 13th day of January, 2026. Carried unanimously.**
- b) Bylaw #774 – Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw**
Council was presented with Bylaw #774 – Remuneration Bylaw Amendment for their consideration. Discussion was held

Motion made by Mayor Prince to read Bylaw #774 a third time this 13th day of January, 2026. Carried unanimously.

Village Foreman Report: Have a meeting booked with the engineers to discuss water main valve project. This project will enable us to isolate smaller sections of the Village in case of emergency. This will also decrease the impact of boil water orders. Water leak from mystery water line has been located and repaired. Railway Avenue will remain closed for the time being while we backfill the hole and monitor the water seeping in. Apologies for the inconvenience. The wind we encounter causes drifting snow and has broken off several tree branches. Snow is removed in a timely fashion and branches are removed as soon as is possible. No issues to report at the water plant or at the sewer lift station.

Administrators Report: The Village Auditors have now completed their pre-audit activities; The Auditors are booked to come for Final Audit on March 2 and 3. Administrator Durell met with ATCO Gas regarding the installation of a second service at the Fire Hall. Administrator Durell has a meeting upcoming with MPE Engineering to discuss . Year end

Correspondence:

- November Bank Reconciliation
- Trace Associates – Tabletop Exercise Report
- December Bank Reconciliation
- Police Funding Model Changes – Preliminary Estimation Process

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

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

Motion made by Mayor Prince to approve the accounts payable for the months of December, 2025. Carried unanimously

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Rempel to approve the monthly statement for December, 2025. Carried unanimously

Committee Reports:

- a) **ORRSC**
Nothing to report
- b) **Green Acres**
Nothing to report
- c) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**

Nothing to report

- d) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**
Meeting rescheduled until February
- e) **Mayors and Reeves**
Meeting rescheduled until February
- f) **Chinook Arch Library System**
Orientation upcoming
- g) **Ag Society**
Congratulations are given to the newly elected board. New dishwashers are to be installed. Looking at installing a road sign on the highway.
- h) **Emergency Advisory Committee**
Received a report from the tabletop exercise we attended in December. Report spoke very positively of Barons and the preparedness and understanding of the Director of Emergency Management as it related to the tabletop exercise and our initial response to the mock disaster.
- i) **Carmangay Library**
Held a meet and greet. Year-end statements were discussed. Talked about Christmas bonuses, and future support to Barons from the library. Wants to discuss further requisitions to assist the library. Discussed summer student hiring to assist with the pop up library. Discussions about fundraising for the library expansion.

New Business:

- a) **Policy #061 – Village Owned Lot Prices**
Discussion was held.

Motion made by Mayor Prince to instruct administration to amend Policy #061 – Village Owned Lot Prices to change the asking price of Village Owned Lots from \$250.00 per front foot to \$315.00 per front foot or assessed value, whichever is greater. Carried unanimously.
- b) **February Council Meeting Discussion**
Mayor Prince requested this item for discussion. Discussion was held.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Rempel to reschedule the February Regular Council Meeting to February 17, 2026. Carried unanimously.

c) Library Board Discussion

Mayor Prince requested this agenda item for discussion.
Discussion was held.

Speaks of operational grants to run the library board and wants to share operating grants with Carmangay to bring more to Barons.

Motion made by Mayor Prince to instruct administration to draft a bylaw to establish a library board for the Village of Barons. Carried unanimously.

d) Admin Vacation Request

Council was presented with an RFD for a vacation request from Administration. Administration is requesting February 3 & 4, 2026, as well as March 16 - 23, 2026 inclusive.

Motion made by Councillor Baird to approve the vacation request from Administration. Carried unanimously

e) Council Expense Approval

Discussion was held.

Councillor Baird speaks to the expense report and why it was submitted. Councillor Baird invites the gallery to also provide comment to Council regarding the expense report.

Councillor Baird departed the meeting at 8:13 pm.

Motion made by Mayor Prince to approve the Council Expense Report.

In favour: None

**Opposed: Deputy Mayor Rempel, Mayor Prince
Motion failed.**

Closed Session: a) none

Adjournment: Adjournment of the meeting was at 8:17 p.m.

Mayor – Kyle Prince

Administrator – Jen Durell