

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Village of Barons
June 9, 2026**

Present: Clinton Bishop, Mayor
Belinda Rempel, Deputy Mayor
Kyle Prince, Councillor
Jen Durell, Administrator

Absent: Wade Krushel, Village Foreman

Recording Secretary: Jen Durell, Recording Secretary

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

Mayor Bishop makes statement regarding meeting procedures and expectations.

Guests: **Kara Hickman**
Speaks of email sent to council regarding consistency. Speaks of bylaws and gaps in definition of boulevard. Speaks of enforcement being applied consistently. Says she acted upon prior understanding and clarity. Says that the requirements need to be consistently applied. Wants Council to review bylaws and policies to ensure enforcement is fair. Wants a whistleblower policy implemented.

Motion made by Councillor Prince to have Council conduct a complete review of the bylaws and policies and report back to Residents before the September meeting.

**1 for, 2 against.
Councillor Prince for,
Deputy Mayor Rempel and Mayor Bishop against.
Motion failed.**

Motion made by Mayor Bishop to review the definition of boulevard across the bylaws and policies for the September meeting. **Carried unanimously**

MOVED by Mayor Bishop that Council receive the correspondence from Kara Hickman for information;

AND THAT Council take no further action regarding the allegations, as Council has received and reviewed the information provided and there is no further matter requiring Council review at this time.

2 for, 1 against,

**Mayor Bishop and Deputy Mayor Rempel for,
Councillor Prince against.
Carried.**

Motion made by Councillor Prince to instruct Administration to research what other communities are doing regarding administrative accountability.

Carried unanimously

Kara requesting a variance for storage on the boulevard until the end of the summer.

Motion made by Councillor Prince to have the enforcement order stayed until the date of the September meeting.

Carried

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made Councillor Prince to remove the approval of the June 2, 2026 minutes from the agenda and to strike any motions made at that meeting as it was in violation of section 194 of the Municipal Government Act.

1 for, 2 against.

Councillor Prince for,

Deputy Mayor Rempel and Mayor Bishop against.

Motion failed.

Motion made by Councillor Prince to add discussion of a municipal inspection to the agenda under business arising as item 5c.

Carried

Motion made by Councillor Prince to approve the agenda as amended.

Carried

Minutes:

To accept the minutes of the May 12, 2026 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Rempel to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2026 Regular Council meeting as presented.

Carried

To accept the minutes of the May 12, 2026 Budget Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Councillor Prince to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2026 Budget meeting as presented.

Carried

To accept the minutes of the May 19, 2026 Budget Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Councillor Prince to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2026 Budget meeting as presented.

Carried

To accept the minutes of the May 26, 2026 Special Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Rempel to accept the minutes of the May 26, 2026 Special Council meeting as presented.

Carried

To accept the minutes of the June 2, 2026 Organizational Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Councillor Prince to accept the minutes of the June 2, 2026 Organizational meeting as presented.

Carried

To accept the minutes of the June 2, 2026 Special Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Rempel to accept the minutes of the June 2, 2026 Special Council meeting as presented.

**2 for, 1 against,
Mayor Bishop and Deputy Mayor Rempel for,
Councillor Prince against.
Carried.**

Business Arising:

a) Bylaw #775 – Establish a Library Board Bylaw

Council was presented with Bylaw #775 – Establish a Library Board Bylaw for their consideration. Discussion was held

Deputy Mayor Rempel asks what the service gap is. Councillor Prince responds that it's about funding; requisition is lower and receive an operating grant of \$10,000.

Mayor Bishop has concerns about the lack of a business plan. Councillor Prince speaks of getting requisition from Lethbridge County. Mayor Bishop speaks of the library board being an independent entity and needing to work independently. Mayor Bishop speaks of starving Carmangay Library of funding. Concerns raised about where the money is going and where it's coming from.

Kelsey says that she is ok to have conversations about this topic before the motion is made.

Mayor Bishop speaks of the Carmangay library and the service they provide to the community. Speaks of needing to take a step back and look at this with Carmangay Library.

Councillor Prince asks Kelsey how much she gets from Chinook Arch: book allotment \$1,000, rural grant \$1,000, of which half is coming from Barons.

Mayor Bishop speaks of direction coming from Council and the board not knowing what they're doing. Councillor Prince speaks of Robin Hephher's offer of assistance for establishing. Councillor Prince says there is no cost, Mayor Bishop argues that we don't know if there are no costs because they have never explored this. Councillor Prince says there is no overhead; Mayor Bishop says there is day-to-day operational costs. Councillor Prince arguing that there is no day-to-day costs.

Motion made by Councillor Prince to read Bylaw #775 a third time this 9th day of June, 2026.

**1 for, 2 against.
Councillor Prince for,
Deputy Mayor Rempel and Mayor Bishop against.
Motion failed.**

b) Food Rescue Agreement

Council was presented with the first draft of the agreement with Alberta Food Rescue. Discussion was held

Postponed until the end of the meeting

c) Municipal Inspection

Councillor Prince speaks of his concerns regarding municipal practices.

Mayor Bishop speaks of cost in human capital of a municipal inspection even if there is no cost to the taxpayers.

Councillor Prince argues the Village does not trust Council or Administration and maintains that the whole Village feels this way. Councillor Prince speaks of a petition with 30 signatures stating that they don't trust Council and Administration and wanting an inspection.

Mayor Bishop speaks of inspections being invasive and doesn't feel that an inspection is the correct way to go about it.

Motion made by Councillor Prince to request Municipal Affairs to conduct a Municipal Inspection.

**1 for, 2 against.
Councillor Prince for,
Deputy Mayor Rempel and Mayor Bishop against.
Motion failed.**

Village Foreman Report:

Started dead tree removal, will continue throughout the Village. Arbourist is also scheduled to come in late June, weather permitting, to remove and trim several trees on Queen St and Noble St. If the carwash doesn't attract more business the carwash hours may have to be adjusted based on usage. All equipment has been serviced and is running efficiently. Raised new flags at the Village entrance, one more is on order. Lots of trees lost limbs in the rain and wind we had; Public works is trying to remove and dispose of them in a timely manner. Chlorine room got a complete calibration. Water plant and lift station is running efficiently. Completed the second dates for the in person training for water and wastewater certification – just waiting for appropriate dates to write the government exam to be certified.

Administrators Report:

Tax notices have now been mailed out with a deadline of August 1 for payment of same. The change over to the summer utility billing has been completed. The 2026 Statistical Information Return and 2026 Taxation Bylaw has been sent to Municipal Affairs. Some grant applications were submitted for projects approved by Council. The playground structure has now been ordered from Blue Imp, with a tentative installation date of October. Three of the Village's GIC's are maturing in July, which Administration will instruct them to re-invest at the current interest rate. Flowers were planted in the planter boxes on Main Street with the help of some of the Seniors Drop-In members, as well as FCSS and some local children. Attended many meetings in the past month. The Southern Alberta Summer Games registration remains open until June 11th, 2026, with the games scheduled for July 8th – 11th in Bow Island. Registration is open to athletes from 6 years old up to 90 +, with other activities scheduled throughout the week. For those interested in more information, they can visit southernalbertasummerngames.ca. Administration is away next week for Local Government Administration Association conference (LGAA).

Correspondence:

- May Bank Reconciliation
- CPO Monthly Report – April

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- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Bill 28 information
- Dylan Bressey – ABMunis Priority Issues Key Messages
- Green Acres Foundation – Audited Financial Statements
- Southgrow – Annual General Meeting Invitation

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

Financial Reports: Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statement for the month of May, 2026.

Motion made by Mayor Bishop to approve the accounts payable for the month of May, 2026. **Carried**

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Rempel to approve the monthly statement for May, 2026. **Carried**

Committee Reports:

- a) **ORRSC**
Nothing to report.
- b) **Green Acres**
Nothing to report
- c) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**
Meeting is confidential. Lots of growth regionally.
- d) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**
Finally got Prentice Institute report back – 1,200 pages long. Should be on website within the next month. Speaks of Barons information within the report and the challenges small communities are facing.
- e) **Mayors and Reeves**
Nothing to report
- f) **Chinook Arch Library System**
Meet quarterly. Nothing to report.
- g) **Ag Society**
Discussed Ag Days and planning for Family Fun Day.
- h) **Emergency Advisory Committee**
The colouring contest has now completed as of May 31, 2026. The Village had 2 entries and the 5 yr old winner was presented with

the emergency preparedness backpack. Another meeting upcoming – date to be finalized.

- i) **Carmangay Library**
Nothing to report. Unable to attend.

Motion made by Councillor Prince to recess for 5 minutes at 8:00 pm. Carried.

Motion made by Councillor Prince to return to the meeting at 8:05 pm. Carried.

New Business:

- a) **Privacy Management Plan**
Council was presented with Policy #088 for their consideration. This policy will be the cornerstone of our privacy management plan as required under the Protection of Privacy Act. Discussion was held.

Motion made by Mayor Bishop to approve the Protection of Privacy Policy – Policy #088 as presented. 2 for, 1 against. Carried.
- b) **Palliser Schools Joint Use Planning Agreement**
Council was presented with a final draft of the Joint Use Planning Agreement with Palliser School Division. Discussion was held.

Motion made by Mayor Bishop to approve the Joint Use Planning Agreement with Palliser School Division as presented. Carried.
- c) **Year – Round Yard Assistance**
Mayor Bishop speaks of residents in the community needing assistance, and others within the community who are willing to help and wanting to connect them with one another. Discussion was held.

Motion made by Mayor Bishop to direct Administration to research options for a possible community yard care and seasonal assistance pilot program, including potential partnerships with FCSS, community organizations, service clubs, churches, or similar programs in other municipalities, and report back to Council with findings and options for consideration. Carried
- d) **July/August Council Meetings**

As in previous years, Council was asked to consider the necessity of having regular Council meetings in the summer. This would also include having no newsletter for these months.

Motion made by Mayor Bishop to not have any Council meetings or newsletters in July or August unless some emergent issues arise, then a special meeting of Council will be called.

**2 for, 1 against,
Mayor Bishop and Deputy Mayor Rempel for,
Councillor Prince against.
Carried**

e) Administrators Vacation Request

Administrator Durell requests July 13 – 16, 2026, as well as Aug 17 – 20, 2026 for vacation time.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Rempel to approve the vacation request from Administrator Durell.

Carried

Councillor Prince declared a conflict of interest in the next item on the agenda and departed the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Item 5b)

Food Rescue Agreement

Council was presented with the first draft of the agreement with Alberta Food Rescue. Discussion was held

Motion made by Mayor Bishop to invite Alberta Food Rescue to the September 8th, 2026 Council meeting.

Carried

MOVED by Mayor Bishop that Council receive the correspondence from Alberta Food Rescue for information;

AND THAT Council take no further action regarding the allegations raised in the correspondence, as the lease matter was already scheduled to return to Council at the first available meeting where Council had quorum and was legally able to consider the matter.

Carried.

Closed Session: a) none

Adjournment: Adjournment of the meeting was at 8:29 p.m.

Mayor – Clinton Bishop

Administrator – Jen Durell