

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Village of Barons  
February 11, 2020**

***Present:*** Ed Weistra, Mayor  
Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor  
Michelle Tarditi, Councillor  
Brian Passmore, Village Foreman

***Absent:*** Byron Fraser, Fire Chief

***Recording Secretary:*** Laurie Beck, Administrator

***Call to Order:*** Call to order at 5:59 p.m.

***Guests:*** None

***Approval of Agenda:*** **Addition:**  
**New Business**  
**e) Recycling**

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the agenda with the  
addition as presented. Carried**

***Minutes:*** To accept the minutes of the January 14, 2020 Regular Council Meeting as presented.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the  
January 14, 2020 Regular Council meeting.**

**Carried**

***Business Arising:*** None

***Village Foreman Report:*** Public Works Foreman and Administrator Beck attended a meeting in Lethbridge put on by Alberta Environment regarding the implementation of managing lead in the distribution system. Random testing will be done on 10 properties per year to ascertain whether lead has been found. Typically houses before 1975 will have some lead fixtures/fittings. Homeowners will be notified if the tests come back positive. It is the homeowners who will be responsible for replacement of anything that is replaced within their property boundaries.

***Administrator Report:*** Auditors were here last week to finish off the 2019 year. One additional day will be required by Mr. Scase, Auditor due to the new reporting requirements. Administrator Beck is looking at all insurance documents to make sure the Village has adequate coverage. The auditors advised that the village look specifically at their liability and environmental insurance policies. In future, Administrator Beck will provide all journal entries and bank reconciliations to Council in the communication file for their acknowledgement. This is recommended by the Auditor due to the changes in financial reporting for best practices. The Village Office and Firehall were having trouble with the internet. An upgrade has been done at both facilities

honoring the same agreement. The Village lawyer advised that the Village send an Order for cleanup on Village letterhead and have the mail registered. This was done and sent as per his direction. The owner has until March 13, 2020 to comply with the cleanup order. Year end reporting is ongoing. Received a call from Nobleford asking if the Village would show some empathy towards the Coulter Family as the insurance does not cover the full cost of the fire. Administrator Beck asked Council to look at the schedules for a planning meeting.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to not re-imburse the Town of Nobleford for fire fighting costs incurred by the Town of Nobleford as it falls out of the Village of Barons jurisdiction. Carried**

***Correspondence:***

- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Intermunicipal Collaboration Frameworks and Intermunicipal Development Plan
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Alberta Emergency Management Agency Field Officer
- FCSS – Parent Link Centre funding models
- Moreau Shepell – Novel Coronavirus Outbreak Tips for Protection
- AUMA – Building a stronger provincial/municipal partnership

***Financial Reports:***

Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statement for the month of January, 2020.

**Motion made Mayor Weistra to approve the accounts payable for the month of January, 2020. Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the monthly statements for January, 2020. Carried**

***Committee Reports:***

- a) **ORRSC**  
No report at this time.
- b) **Fire Department**  
Fire Chief took the Ice Rescue Trainer Course and Barons put on the Ice Rescue Course. Had departments from Coaldale, Coalhurst, Nobleford and Barons.
- c) **Green Acres**  
No report at this time.
- d) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**  
Ratified three loans and wrote off one loan. Committee roundtable was interesting. Policies will be updated next meeting.
- e) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**  
April 15<sup>th</sup> All Council meeting will be held. Government has changed the structure on how they will deal with FCSS. They are focussing on a “hub” concept.

- f) **Mayors and Reeves**  
Discussion was held regarding a dispute between AHS, doctors and the government. The Indigenous Community Energy Plan (ICEP) funding grant was presented. The Rocky Mountain Horse Club made a Presentation to the Mayors/Reeves. Discussion held regarding reimbursing communities if they have their own policing. School taxes will be increased over the next few years.
- g) **Chinook Arch Library System**  
No report at this time.
- h) **AG Society**  
No report at this time.
- i) **Emergency Advisory Committee**  
No report at this time.
- j) **Carmangay Library**  
No report at this time.

*New Business:*

- a) **Bylaw #718 – Emergency Management Bylaw**  
Council was presented with Bylaw #718, the Emergency Management Bylaw for their consideration.

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to read Bylaw #718 a first time this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020. Carried**

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to read Bylaw #718 a second time this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020. Carried**

**And by unanimous consent of Council**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #718 a third and final time and finally passed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020. Carried**

- b) **GIS Upgrade**  
ORRSC is looking to apply for grant funds to enhance the GIS infrastructure to meet the needs of the 45 member municipalities. Therefore, the Town of Coaldale will be applying on behalf of the member municipalities, a grant offered under the Alberta Community Partnership Grant for Intermunicipal Collaboration.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to participate in an application for the 2020 Oldman River Region GIS Enhancement Project submitted by the Town of Coaldale under the Intermunicipal Collaboration component Alberta Community Partnership grant and that the Village of Barons, a participant, agrees to abide by the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement, governing the purpose and use of the grant funds. Carried**

- c) **Intermunicipal Development Plan**  
Mayor Weistra and Administrator Beck attended an Intermunicipal Development Plan meeting at ORRSC. Both parties are close to go with advertising this document and then readings to adopt this Plan can be done.
- d) **Council Meeting Times**  
Council was asked if there is a chance of having council meetings during the day versus the evening. Discussion. No changes will be made at this time.
- e) **Recycling**  
Information presented by Mayor Weistra regarding machines that will take plastics and convert into diesel fuel and regular gas. Produces a synthetic oil as well and will have zero impact to the environment. Mayor Weistra to do more research.

***Executive Session:***

**Personnel**

***FOIP Act – 24(b) 1***

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to go incamera at 7:02 p.m.**

**Motion made Mayor Weistra to come out of camera at 7:43 pm.**

***Adjournment:***

Adjournment of the meeting was at 7:44 p.m.

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**Mayor – Ed Weistra**

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**Administrator – Laurie Beck**