

**.MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Village of Barons  
March 12, 2019**

- Present:*** Ed Weistra, Mayor  
Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor  
Michelle Tarditi, Councillor
- Absent:*** Brian Passmore, Village Foreman  
Byron Fraser, Fire Chief
- Recording Secretary:*** Laurie Beck, Administrator
- Call to Order:*** Call to order at 6:01 p.m.
- Guests:*** None
- Approval of Agenda:*** **Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to approve the agenda as presented. Carried**
- Minutes:*** To accept the minutes of the February 12, 2019 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.
- Motion made by Mayor Weistra to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2019 Regular Council meeting. Carried**
- To accept the minutes of the February 19, 2019 Special Council meeting.
- Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to accept the minutes of the February 19, 2019 Special Council meeting. Carried**
- Village Foreman Report:*** Lots of snow removal. Work is ongoing at retrofitting the different municipal buildings with LED lighting. Foreman Passmore has responded to a couple of sewer issues. Alberta Environment doing their annual inspection of the water system. Foreman Passmore is attending the AWWOA Conference in Banff, March 12 – 15<sup>th</sup>. Issues have developed with recycling. Someone filled up all the containers with newsprint, etc., which left no room for other recyclable materials. Foreman Passmore had to spend an additional couple hours at GPS in Lethbridge, sorting and removing items. It is recommended by Nobleford that Barons consider adding remote access capability for the water plant. This would entail putting a phone line back into the water plant and adding internet access. It is estimated that the cost could be anywhere from \$1,000 to \$2,000, an additional \$500.00 for a hardware dialer and four hours of programming done by MPE in addition the cost of the phone line and internet.

**Administrator Report:** Administrator Beck spoke with an advisor with Alberta Municipal Affairs and the Village will not have to conduct its own census as the Federal Census is sufficient. Council is asked to make a motion to rescind the motion to host a Mock Disaster exercise as Emergency Management Alberta is looking at different training at this point. A meeting held at ORRSC to discuss changes to the GIS. The current software is about seven years old and they are looking to upgrade and enhance existing services. A meeting was held with all Administrators' in Lethbridge County regarding the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework. Items discussed were primarily recreation and fire. Contracted Bylaw Enforcement with the Town of Coalhurst started March 5, 2019. The Bylaw Officer's name is Jordan Roberts. This information has been posted to the website, social media and the newsletter. The 2019 assessment notices have been sent February 28<sup>th</sup>, with the deadline for appeal set for May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Spoke with Lethbridge County regarding dust abatement. They will contact the office after some investigation.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to rescind a motion to host a Mock Disaster Exercise that was made February 12, 2019. Carried**

**Correspondence:**

- Alberta Municipal Affairs – MSI funding
- AUMA – Photo Radar position
- Northland Power – Bighorn Wind Project
- Barons Memorial United Church Thank You card
- Police Act Review Team Engagement Strategy
- AUMA – FCC Grant application
- FCSS Article – Stay and Play in Barons at the United Church
- AHS – Community Conversation

**Financial Reports:** Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statements for February, 2019.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the accounts payable for the month of February, 2019. Carried**

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the monthly statements for February, 2019. Carried**

**Committee Reports:**

- a) **ORRSC**  
Attended a meeting and Larry Randle came in to speak about Roberts Rules of Order. Perhaps have Larry come out to speak to Council. Spoke about the GIS changes.

- b) **Fire Department**  
The new BA compressor has been ordered. Practice days will be moved to Thursday nights to hopefully elicit more commitment and/or new firefighters or medical personnel. Safety Codes is changing all the levels of doing inspections and investigations.
- c) **Green Acres**  
No report at this time.
- d) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**  
Training on insolvency.
- e) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**  
Discussion was held re funding. There is funding available for communities if someone wants to start up a summer program for kids. The All Council's Meeting will be held April 10, 2019 in Taber at the Heritage Inn Hotel. RSVP is required by April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- f) **Mayors and Reeves**  
No report at this time.
- 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) **Partnering with Town of Coalhurst re Blanket Exercise**  
The Town of Coalhurst would like to partner with the Village of Barons to participate in a Blanket Exercise. This exercise is to provide municipal government with an increased understanding of indigenous history in Canada, which is a requirement under the revised Municipal Government Act. There needs to be a minimum 20 participants, with eight of them being elected officials. Only two more elected officials are needed from Barons. There is no cost to participate and would take approximately 3 – 4 hours.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to partner with the Town of Coalhurst and send Ed and Michelle to the Blanket Exercise.**  
**Carried**

**b) April Council Meeting**

Due to scheduling constraints, council is asked about the necessity of having an April Council meeting.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to not have a regular meeting of Council in April and if anything emergent arises, a special meeting of Council will be called. Carried**

**c) Bylaw #714 – Levying of Utility Rates**

Council was presented with Bylaw #714 for their consideration.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #714 a first time, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019. Carried**

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to read Bylaw #714 a second time, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019. Carried**

**And by unanimous consent of Council**

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to read Bylaw #714, a third and final time and finally passed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019. Carried**

**d) Alberta Municipal Affairs - Amending Memorandum of Agreement for MSI**

An amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement for MSI grant funding needs to be executed to extend the length of the program.

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to sign the Amending Memorandum of Agreement for the Municipal Sustainability Initiative. Carried**

*Executive Session:* None

*Adjournment:* Adjournment of the meeting was at 6:53 p.m.

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Mayor – Ed Weistra

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Administrator – Laurie Beck