

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Village of Barons  
November 13, 2018**

- 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 6:02 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 October 9, 2018 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.
- Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to accept the minutes of the October 9, 2018 Regular Council meeting. Carried**
- To accept the minutes of the October 9, 2018 Organizational Meeting minutes as presented.
- Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the October 9, 2018 Organizational meeting. Carried**
- Business Arising:*** None
- Village Foreman Report:*** The paving project is complete. The Public Works Foreman has been filling in holes on the gravel roads. Discussion was held regarding a snow plows for the town truck. This will be discussed more in the future in a planning meeting. Fortis was out to fix and reattach the wires leading into the sewer lagoon building.
- Administrator Report:*** The RCMP crime mapping link is now on the Barons website under Community Profile. The Village auditors started the 2018 audit. It is expected that they will return in February or March to complete. Canadian Pacific Railway is resistant to paying the charges that were billed to them for mowing this summer. Administrator Beck provided four years of records proving previous payments made by CPR. The Alberta Legion is again publishing its annual Military Service Recognition Book and the Village is asked if they would again sponsor a business card ad in the book. The cost would be \$285.00.

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to purchase an ad in the Military Service Recognition Book put out by the Alberta Legion in the amount of \$285.00. Carried**

***Correspondence:***

- Rachel Harder, MP Newsletter
- Bighorn Wind Project Newsletter
- Early Years Connections Coalition invitation
- Legalization of Cannabis: Impact for the Workplace
- Picture Butte RCMP Report – July 1st to September 30, 2018
- AUMA – Cannabis Revenue through the Municipal Cannabis Transition Program, which is not a good deal and could hurt all municipalities.
- Lethbridge County – Emergency Advisory Committee
- Lethbridge County – Intermunicipal Committee
- AUMA – Elimination for the Federal 1/3 tax exemption
- Town of Nobleford – Notice to not support any amalgamation of Fire and Rescue Services
- Greg Norman, Village Lawyer – Referred to Alberta Safety Codes Authority
- Bylaw Enforcement Report – October, 2018
- Town of Coalhurst to Minister of Municipal Affairs re: Collaboration Grant
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – re: Bill 23

***Financial Reports:***

Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statements for October, 2018.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the accounts payable for the month of October, 2018. Carried**

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the monthly statements October, 2018. Carried**

***Committee Reports:***

- a) **ORRSC**  
No report at this time.
- b) **Fire Department**  
Lethbridge County advised that Mr. Darryl Beaton had been relieved of his duties last week. Continuation of the 1001 course for some of the department members and three department members are working on the Blue Card Command course. Barons is now operational with the AFRRCS system. Service is so much better – can now hear and talk on the radio. In the near future Barons will need to upgrade at least one mobile radio in the command truck as Chief Fraser will still have to operate on two different channels – one for tactical and one for dispatch.
- c) **Green Acres**  
A new member from Picture Butte has been appointed to the board. An Organizational meeting will be coming soon to provide orientation to all members. The Lodge Christmas list has been sent out and Deputy Mayor Gorzitza plans to attend a couple of them.

- d) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**  
No report at this time.
- e) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**  
No report at this time.
- f) **Mayors and Reeves**  
Elections were held. Spoke to some of the statistics for Alberta examples included the unemployment rate, MSI funding, and a presentation was made by an ATCO company regarding alternate power. South Grow spoke about electric vehicle stations now being available from Lethbridge to Vancouver.
- g) **Subdivision Appeal Board**  
No report at this time.
- h) **Chinook Arch Library System**  
No report at this time.
- i) **AG Society**  
No report at this time.
- j) **Emergency Advisory Committee**  
No report at this time.
- k) **CPO Regionalization Committee**  
No report at this time.
- l) **Carmangay Library**  
Carmangay Library is continually bringing in new materials. They will be hosting a movie night November 23, 2018 in the Barons Community Hall. This information will be in the newsletter that is going out on later this week.

*New Business:*

- a. **Oldman Watershed Council**  
The Oldman Watershed Council is asking for the Village’s continued support for their projects. The cost would be \$153.45 and is based on per capita.

**Motion made by Councillor Tarditi to support the Oldman Watershed Council and provide \$153.45 to support their endeavors to the watershed. Carried**

- b. **Highway 3 Twinning Development Association**  
Highway 3 Twinning Development Association is requesting funds from southern Alberta Municipalities and organizations by taking out a membership in support of twinning Highway 3 from the BC Border to Medicine Hat. The cost to the Village would be \$250.00 for a membership.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to not join in the Highway 3 Twinning Development Association and to not pay the requested membership fee. Carried**

**c. Letter of Interest re Coalhurst Bylaw Enforcement**

The Town of Coalhurst is moving ahead by advertising for a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, with the intent of applying for status as an Authorized Peace Officer employer in 2019. As a part of this process, the Village is asked to provide confirmation of their interest in working with the Town of Coalhurst.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to send a letter to the Town of Coalhurst stating that the Village of Barons is interested in pursuing Bylaw Enforcement Services again. Carried**

**d. Employee Recreational Cannabis Policy**

Administrator Beck presented Council with the Employee Recreational Cannabis Policy for their consideration.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to adopt the Employee Recreational Cannabis Policy. Carried**

*Executive Session:* None

*Adjournment:* Adjournment of the meeting was at 6:37 p.m.

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Mayor – Ed Weistra

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Administrator – Laurie Beck