

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Village of Barons
September 22, 2021**

Present: Ed Weistra, Mayor
Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor
Jennifer Durell, Assistant Administrator

Recording Secretary: Laurie Beck, Administrator

Call to Order: Call to order at 11:57 a.m.

Purpose of Meeting: Minutes of Previous Meetings, Mandatory Vaccinations, COVID Restrictions, Legion, Administrative Policy or Bylaw, Correspondence, Fortis Franchise Fee

Approval of Minutes: To accept the minutes of the September 1, 2021 Special Council Meeting as presented.

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2021 Special Council meeting.
Carried**

Correspondence: -

New Business: a) **Mandatory Vaccinations**
Discussion. Council was presented with a policy, #077, the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for their consideration.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to adopt Policy #077, the COVID 19 Vaccination Policy.
Carried**

- b) **COVID RESTRICTIONS**
Some of the new public health measures began Thursday (Sept. 16th).
They include:
- Working from home will be mandatory unless an employer determines a physical presence is required.
 - Indoor private gatherings for fully vaccinated individuals are limited to a single household, plus one other household, to a maximum of 10 people. There are no restrictions on children under the age of 12.
 - Eligible people who are unvaccinated are not permitted to attend any indoor private social gathering.
 - Outdoor private social gatherings are limited to a maximum of 200 people, with two-metre distancing maintained at all times.
 - Places of worship must limit attendance to one-third of fire code capacity. Face masks will be mandatory and physical distancing will be required between households.
 - No attendance restrictions on outdoor events and facilities, but two-metre physical distancing must be in place.
 - Indoor children's sport and recreation activities are permitted, with requirements for physical distancing and masking where possible.

Other measures take effect next Monday (Sept. 20):

- Restaurants will be limited to outdoor dining only, with a maximum of six people per table. Liquor sales will continue to end at 10 p.m., consumption will stop at 11 p.m.
- Indoor weddings and funerals will be limited to 50 attendees or 50 per cent fire code capacity. No indoor receptions will be permitted
- Outdoor ceremonies for weddings and funerals must be limited to 200 people. Liquor restrictions will apply.
- Attendance at retail, entertainment and recreation facilities will be limited to one-third fire code capacity. People will only be permitted to attend with their household or two close contacts for those living alone.
- No indoor sport, fitness and recreation activities for adults will be permitted. One-on-one training or workouts will be permitted but with three-meter distancing.

c) **LEGION**

The Barons Legion is struggling due to the COVID-19. A request has come forward asking Council to provide relief of the bi-monthly utility billing.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza for the Village of Barons to provide a relief to the Barons Legion from paying utility bills. Carried

d) **Policy or Bylaw re Administration**

Information only.

e) **Fortis Franchise Fee**

Every year, FortisAlberta asks if there are changes to the franchise fee amounts for 2022.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to not increase or change the current franchise fee for 2022. Carried

Adjournment:

Adjournment of the meeting was at 12:26 p.m.

Mayor – Ed Weistra

Administrator – Laurie Beck