

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Village of Barons
September 8, 2015**

Present: Ed Weistra, Mayor
Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor
Sel Golding, Councillor
Byron Fraser, Fire Chief

Absent: Dan Coulter, Village Foreman

Recording Secretary: Laurie Beck, Administrator

Call to Order: Call to order at 6:01 pm

Guests: **Bill Seymour, AEMA – Council Roles & Responsibilities**
Bill Seymour gave a power point presentation on the roles and responsibilities of Council in the event of an emergency. Council thanked Mr. Seymour for attending.

Sergeant Tom Howell, RCMP Picture Butte

The Village is in receipt of the RCMP stats for the month of June and comparison data from previous years. Sgt. Howell introduced himself to Council, providing information as to what he has done since March, 2015. The detachment is starting up a Safe School Program and will be running a DARE program out of the school. He is endeavoring to keep all Council in the loop. Working well with other RCMP detachments, especially if there is a major event. Any concerns or questions can be directed to Sgt. Howell.

Approval of Agenda:

Additions:

New Business:

f) Account Write-Off

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the agenda with the addition as presented. Carried

Minutes:

To accept the minutes of the June 9, 2015 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the June 9, 2015 Regular Council meeting. Carried

To accept the minutes of the June 29, 2015 Special Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Councillor Golding to accept the minutes of the June 29, 2015 Special Council meeting. Carried

Business Arising:**a. Stormwater Project**

As per MPE, the design of the berm allows for positive draining on both sides of the berm. Some minor ponding within the drainage course due to the flat grade can be anticipated, but with continued maintenance, it should be minimal. It is also very unlikely that the water will overtop the berm. The acquisition of the Lunde property has been completed and registered at the land titles office. The subdivision application has been approved. The Village Foreman started work on the cleanup of the property the Village acquired but has ceased until Alberta Environment has rendered their decision. The appropriate agency has been informed of the need to remove an Elm tree on this property and will be disposed of as per the regulations/recommendations put forth by Alberta Agriculture. Due to receiving a call, both ATCO Gas and Occupational Health and Safety have visited the office.

b. Tank Remediation Program

At the AUMA Convention, Administrator Beck will speak to Alberta Environment & Parks regarding the Risk Management Plans that were submitted by EBA Tetrtech back in May, 2012.

c. Semi-Truck Traffic

After much research, there is no clear direction to take with respect to semi-truck traffic within the residential areas. The Village is aware of the destruction that this traffic is subjecting the roads to. Administrator Beck to investigate other alternatives with CPR.

Village Foreman Report:

Had to order a new panel at the water plant. The replacement cost is approximately \$4,000.00. Village Foreman has been kept busy repairing equipment such as the water chlorinator and the telehandler. In addition, had to wait for the locates where a fire hydrant is being replaced. The Village Foreman will now be reporting the drinking water data electronically.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to purchase a new electrical panel for the water plant. **Carried**

Administrator Report:

The MSI capital and conditional grants have been applied for. The individual whose vehicle was hit by the summer casual person driving the branch truck, was paid \$500.00 for damages. Sent email to CPR and Transport Canada regarding the train blocking all entrances/exits to the Village. Transport Canada informed Administrator Beck that CPR was in contravention – they are only allowed to stop at a crossing up to 5 minutes at any given time. Transport Canada will continue to monitor and investigate. After contacting FortisAlberta, they stated that LED lights produce a bluer whiter light than the old lights and they do not

have a LED light in yellow. Administrator Beck signed the contract between the Village and Interstrategy Inc. for the creation/maintenance of the Village website and paid the invoice. Townsuite, the Village's municipal software program, is offering monthly backup service for the database at no charge. Administrator Beck signed up for this service. The MYCIP (multiyear capital infrastructure plan) has been updated to include this year's plans for grant money. The Village has re-imbursed a resident who had paid his taxes when the same amount was issued by the mortgage company. An incident involving a dog bite has resulted in a resident being charged \$200.00 for their dog biting another resident, who required stitches. This owner has also been notified that their dog is now deemed a Vicious Dog and must obtain the proper license. Occupational Health & Safety had met with Foreman Coulter and Administrator Beck to go over hazard assessment. A resident approached the Village to request that the Village consider sealing the roads with tar, to avoid further deterioration. Administrator Beck renewed two GIC's that are due September 14, 2015. A resident came into the office, asking the Village to remove all fruit bearing trees from the boulevards as this fruit is causing problems between neighbours – fruit on the ground, ownership of the fruit, and vandalism. Council is asked for a decision. Due to the many demands when booking events/reservations or ordering materials, Council is asked to consider obtaining a credit card for the Village.

Motion made by Councillor Golding to keep all fruit trees on the boulevards as they beautify the Village. Carried

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to apply for a credit card for the Village Administrator and Village Foreman to use as required. Carried

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to seal all the paved roads with cracks with sealant tar to slow down the deterioration of the streets/roads at Village Foreman discretion. Carried

Correspondence:

- Email from Lawyer re Copyright for Village Logo
- Weight slip for school bus
- FortisAlberta – email responding to query about a yellow LED light
- Cavalier Land correspondence re telecommunication tower
- Bylaw Enforcement Report for May, 2015
- ORRSC Financial Statement for 2014
- Picture Butte Jamboree Day Parade invitation
- Employer Bulletin for Alberta Pension Services
- Norman & Company – claim for compensation letter to resident
- Bylaw Enforcement Report for June 2015
- South Grow 2014 – 2015 Annual Report
- AUMA CEO announces retirement

- Settler Days & Candy Parade invitation
- Alberta Transportation – Transition between departments
- Email – CPR regarding blocking of village entrances
- Email from local resident regarding the blocking of the village entrances
- Email from Transport Canada regarding the blocking of the crossings
- Town of Slave Lake request for Sponsorship
- Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the proposed elimination of grants in place of taxes
- Bylaw Enforcement schedule for August, 2015
- Bylaw Enforcement Report for July, 2015
- Administrator's Report of Results on Public Sale
- Email to Darryl Beaton from Byron Fraser re Barons agreement
- Village of Nobleford invitation to Appreciation & Recognition Evening
- AB Municipal Affairs – Grant Funding for Fire Services and Emergency Preparedness Program
- Challenge to Mayors & Reeves for Walk A Mile in Her Shoes
- AUMA Convention – Alberta Transportation Municipal Invite to discuss Transportation Issues
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – 2015 GTF Allocation
- ORRSC – Planner holiday schedule
- Terry Fox Run 2015 Mayors' Challenge
- Alberta Culture and Tourism
- Alberta Emergency Management Training Calendar
- Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Contact Report
- Bylaw Enforcement Report for August, 2015
- AUMA – Policing Contracts
- Norman & Company – Subdivision
- Service Alberta - services

Financial Reports: Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statements for June, July and August, 2015. Council was presented with the August 24, 2015 income/expense statements.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the accounts payable for the months of June, July and August, 2015. **Carried**

Motion made by Councillor Golding to approve the monthly statements for June, July and August, 2015. **Carried**

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the August 24, 2015 income/expense statements as presented. **Carried**

Committee Reports:

- a) **ORRSC**
No report at this time.

b) **Fire Department**

The Village received a grant from Farm Credit Canada to use towards a Quick Emergency Response Vehicle. The Village originally applied for \$30,000 but only received \$5,000. The department has been fairly busy over the summer. The 1001 classroom instruction is done and the exam is set for October. Fire Chief Fraser is presently taking courses through Lakeland College for Officer Training/Administration. Jacen Abrey from the Fire Commissioner's Office, met with Chief Fraser last week and wants all training records, etc. for the upcoming audit.

c) **Green Acres**

No report at this time.

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**

Discussion was held regarding the 150 grant. Seven billion dollars has been allocated to AB Transportation. The Highway 3 Association is looking for grant money for data. New Water systems cost a lot of money. Oldman Watershed Council will be having a "Lunch and Learn" meeting in the near future.

g) **Subdivision Appeal Board**

An appeal was held in Coaldale but was denied. Attended another appeal in Coalhurst but this too was denied.

h) **Chinook Arch Library System**

A retirement party will be held for Maggie Macdonald, CEO on September 18th. An RSVP by September 11th is required if planning to attend. Mayor Weistra will attend.

i) **AG Society**

No report at this time.

New Businessa) **Transferring Amounts to the Tax Roll Policy**

Council was presented with Policy #048, being the Transferring Amounts to the Tax Roll Policy for their consideration.

There are two individuals who owe amounts to the Village for utilities and/or utility hookup.

DeVries - \$824.38

Carter - \$216.39

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to adopt Policy #048 and to proceed to add the above amounts to the respective tax rolls.

Carried

b) Proposed Drainage Project

Council was presented with the attached quote and information pertaining to the proposed drainage at the intersection of Main Street and Railway Avenue.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza that Council does not want a pond and standing water within the village boundaries and that for the project to proceed, any grants to help realize this project must be obtained.

Carried

c) Bylaw #696 – To establish fees for Services

Council was presented with Bylaw #696, to establish fees for Services that the Village of Barons provides, for their consideration.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to read Bylaw #696 a first time, this 8th day of September, 2015.

Carried

Motion made by Councillor Golding to read Bylaw #696 a second time, this 8th day of September, 2015.

Carried

And by unanimous consent of Council

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #696 a third and final time and finally passed, this 8th day of September, 2015.

Carried

d) Bylaw #697 – For the Imposition of Penalties on Unpaid Taxes

Council was presented with Bylaw #697, for the imposition of penalties on unpaid taxes, for their consideration. This Bylaw includes the revised Monthly Payment Agreement.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to read Bylaw #697 a first time, this 8th day of September, 2015.

Carried

Motion made by Councillor Golding to read Bylaw #697 a second time, this 8th day of September, 2015.

Carried

And by unanimous consent of Council

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #697 a third and final time and finally passed, this 8th day of September, 2015.

Carried

- e) **Bylaw #698 – Guidelines for Remuneration**
Council was presented with Bylaw #698, to establish fees for Services that the Village of Barons provides, for their consideration. The bylaw has not been updated since October, 2008.

Motion made by Councillor Golding to read Bylaw #698 a first time, this 8th day of September, 2015. Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #698 a second time, this 8th day of September, 2015. Carried

And by unanimous consent of Council

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to read Bylaw #698 a third and final time and finally passed, this 8th day of September, 2015. Carried

- f) **Account Write-Off**
The Village of Barons acquired the Lunde Property after the Public Sale and Council needs to write-off the outstanding amounts on this account.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to write off \$563.41, the amount owing from taxes on the Lunde Property. Carried

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: Adjournment of the meeting was at 8:59 p.m.

Mayor – Ed Weistra

Administrator – Laurie Beck