

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
of the Village of Barons  
January 12, 2016**

***Present:*** Ed Weistra, Mayor  
Ron Gorzitza, Deputy Mayor  
Sel Golding, Councillor

***Absent:*** Dan Coulter, Village Foreman  
Byron Fraser, Fire Chief

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

***Call to Order:*** Call to order at 5:56 pm

***Guests:*** **Shelley Robson – Truck Route**  
Ms. Robson is irritated that semi-trucks are being restricted within the Village. Agree with the school buses being re-routed. She feels that neighbors or the good guys who drive semi-trucks are being picked on. Question asked by Council - what do you see as the option when the streets are being torn up? Frost heaves seems to contribute to the majority of the problems. Ms. Robson stated that the empty lot does not have electricity and feels that semi's do not put on any more stress on the road than a one ton truck.

**Jacqui & Irvin Duncan – Truck Route**  
Ms. Duncan believes they are the only ones that will be affected by the new bylaw. They had consulted a lawyer over this issue. They feel that they should be grandfathered from this new bylaw. It was pointed out that there is no documentation to support their claim that permission was given to park in a residential area. Ms. Duncan stated that she knew of a particular party as having a Village permit which was then clarified that the Village does not issue permits and that the party in question is only picking up and dropping off a product. Mrs. Duncan feels that they should be able to maintain their vehicle at their residence and feel that having to park at their commercial lot will lead to vandalism. It had been stated that others who have parked in the commercial lot have had no issues with respect to vandalism. They believe they are being discriminated against and that Council should consider Mr. Duncan's age as he only has a few years of driving left. It was pointed out the street infrastructure is aging and disintegrating and Council is trying to preserve the integrity of the roads within the Village of Barons for all of its Village's residents.

***Approval of Agenda:***                    **Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the agenda as presented.                    Carried**

***Minutes:***                                    To accept the minutes of the December 8, 2015 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion made by Councillor Golding to accept the minutes of the December 8, 2015 Regular Council meeting.   Carried**

- Business Arising:***
- a.      Stormwater Project**  
Received approval from Alberta Environment for the application under the Water Act for the purpose of Drainage. The Village has received word from AB Environment that no appeal had been filed so that the project can resume. When speaking with Chad Rodeback, contractor for the project, the project will be starting either later this week or beginning of next, depending on locates being done.
  - b.      Tank Remediation Program**  
Alberta Environment and Parks should finish their review of the revised RMP in January sometime.

***Village Foreman Report:***            Worked on the electrical on the old firehall shop building. Had flood in the new firehall – had to order new furnace and fix electrical. Village Foreman has been working on snow removal. Plugged sewers attended to. Dug for a sewer on a property on King Street and discovered it is going the wrong way. Foreman Coulter started flooding on the tennis court so soon the kids will have somewhere to skate.

***Administrator Report:***            Administrator Beck sent a letter to Palliser Regional School informing them of the change in bus route. Letters were sent to all persons operating/owning semi's to inform them of Council's decision. Administrator Beck met with MPE Engineering and Chad Rodeback regarding the Stormwater Project. It was enforced with both MPE Engineering and Chad Rodeback that the Village would not be responsible for any additional charges with respect to standby for the project. Administrator Beck sent a letter to AB Transportation requesting an extension to the expenditure of the AMIP Grant. A letter was received stating that the Village was granted an extension to September, 2016 to expend the funds. A meeting will be held in the Village Office with Administrator

Beck, the Director of Disaster Management and Mark Murphy, Alberta Emergency Management Agency to go over contact information, review the Municipal Emergency Plan, Hazard Risk Impact Assessment, training for the Village and planning for a mock disaster exercise in 2016. Scase & Partners will be here February 3 & 4 to finish the financial audit for 2015.

Administrator Beck started year end reporting. Civic Solutions will be at the Village Office around the 20<sup>th</sup> to finish the 2015 Tangible Capital Asset recording. The Village received a request to partner with other Villages to apply for the Alberta Community Partnership funding to develop a set of Design Guidelines for Villages as the majority of designs are established by the cities. There is a Linear Tax Symposium on January 15<sup>th</sup> in Calgary for Mayors, Council and CAO's. It would be in Barons best interest that someone attends this symposium.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to partner with other Alberta Village's in pursuing funding to develop a set of Design Guidelines for Villages and to apply for Alberta Community Partnership funding. Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to have Mayor Weistra to attend the January 15th symposium regarding Linear Assessment. Carried**

***Correspondence:***

- Letter from Neil Wilson to Minister Sarah Hoffman re Medical First Response and patient transport.
- Letter from Neil Wilson to Premier Notley re Bill 202 – Alberta Local Food Act.
- Letter from Neil Wilson to Premier Notley re Bill 6 – Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act
- Assessment Changes for Social Housing Properties
- AUMA – appointment of CEO, Sue Bohaichuk
- AUMA – Webinar re Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan
- MPE Engineering – Minutes of Meeting on December 15, 2015
- ORRSC – notification of Subdivision Fee Increase
- Alberta Environment & Parks – copy of letter of decision sent to Mr. & Mrs. Lyons re: Stormwater project.
- Email from M. Wobick indicating crop damage.
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Regional Collaboration program
- Email from Mayor Weistra to Fire Chief Fraser re review
- RCMP Picture Butte Detachment – Stat comparison from Jan. to November 2011 – 2015.
- Mayors and Reeves Email re: Finland's Baby Box Project
- Bylaw Enforcement Report from December, 2015.

**Financial Reports:** Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statement for December, 2015. The updated bank balance as of December 31, 2015 is \$379,268.89.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the accounts payable for the month of December, 2015.** **Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Weistra to approve the monthly statement for December, 2015.** **Carried**

**Committee Reports:**

- a) **ORRSC**  
No report at this time.
- b) **Fire Department**  
The audit by the Fire Commissioners Office is now complete and it is very positive. Currently Fire Chief Fraser is setting up training schedules for the year. Members of the Fire Department will be starting their level 2 training in March. As to fund raising, the Fire Association has raised approximately \$40,000 for the Quick Response Vehicle to date. Discussion was held re whether the department should buy a little older vehicle and equip said vehicle or continue to fund raise until they are in a position to purchase a new vehicle with the necessary equipment. Council agrees with buying the vehicle now. The Fire Department has been offered the spring bingo from the Barons AG Society as a donation of the proceeds to go to them.

**Motion made by Councillor Golding to pursue a newer fire truck and depending on the specs, purchase said truck if it fits within the perimeters as determined by Council.**

**Carried**

- c) **Green Acres**  
No report at this time.
- d) **CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)**  
Wrote off 2 loans, a few changes were made on a draft on the Human Resource policy. Voted on compensation and included a new health & wellness package. Accepted four loans.
- e) **FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)**  
No report at this time.

- f) **Mayors and Reeves**  
Discussion was held re Bill 6. Spoke about the upcoming conferences and who to invite to the next meetings. A committee would be created to prioritize the invites to the meetings. Discussion was held re twinning of Highway 3 – discussion around safety and economical future of communities. Spoke about fiber optics.
- g) **Subdivision Appeal Board**  
No report at this time.
- h) **Chinook Arch Library System**  
Christmas meeting – election of new officers. Reading books can be donated to the reserve.
- i) **AG Society**  
Plans are being made for the annual supper meeting.

***New Business:***

- a. **Bylaw #699 – Traffic Bylaw**  
Council was presented with Bylaw #699 for their consideration.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to read Bylaw #699 the first time this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016. Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to read Bylaw #699 the second time this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016. Carried**

**And by unanimous consent of Council**

**Motion made by Councillor Golding to read Bylaw #699 the third and final time and finally passed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016. Carried**

- b. **LGAA Conference**  
The Local Government Administrators Association's (LGAA) annual conference will be held in Red Deer April 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to have Administrator Beck attend the LGAA conference in Red Deer. Carried**

- c. **Carmangay Junior Bonspiel Donation**  
The Carmangay Junior Bonspiel is requesting a donation to assist with the trophies and prizes for this year's bonspiel being held

January 22 – 23, 2016. In the past, the Village has donated \$100.00.

**Motion made by Councillor Golding to donate \$100.00 to the Carmangay Junior Bonspiel. Carried**

**d. Planning Dates**

Council was asked to put forth dates of availability for planning. It was determined that February 25 at 5:30 pm would work for all.

**e. Bylaw #700 – Business License Bylaw**

Council was presented with Bylaw #700 for their consideration.

**Motion made by Mayor Weistra to read Bylaw #700 the first time this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016. Carried**

**Motion made by Deputy Mayor Weistra to read Bylaw #700 the second time this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016. Carried**

**And by unanimous consent of Council**

**Motion made by Councillor Golding to read Bylaw #700 the third and final time and finally passed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016. Carried**

*Executive Session:*

None

*Adjournment:*

Adjournment of the meeting was at 7:52 p.m.

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**Mayor – Ed Weistra**

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**Administrator – Laurie Beck**