

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Village of Barons
February 9, 2016**

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 5:57 pm

Guests: None

Approval of Agenda: **Motion made by Councillor Golding to approve the agenda as presented. Carried**

Minutes: To accept the minutes of the January 12, 2016 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2016 Regular Council meeting. Carried

Business Arising:

a. Stormwater Project

A new crossing agreement with ATCO Pipelines needed to be signed as the original agreement had expired. Village lawyer has been working on finalizing the documentation for registering at Land Titles. A request has come from someone who is interested in any remaining dirt that could be left over from the project. The material from this project has been spoken for but perhaps a future project could provide for this request.

b. Tank Remediation Program

EBA Tetrattech has advised that Alberta Environment and Parks should have their review of the RMP's completed the week of February 22, 2016. In addition, EBA sent over the 2015 Groundwater and Soil Vapour Monitoring Report for 202 Main Street.

Village Foreman Report: Foreman Coulter has been working on the roof of the old firehall. The next step will be the siding. Foreman Coulter has been putting in new sewer and water lines into a property on King Street in preparation of construction of the basement. In addition, he has been working on the ripper tooth.

Administrator Report: Administrator Beck and Director of Emergency Management Liz Biddlecombe met with Mark Murphy from Alberta Emergency Management Agency. The purposed of this meeting was to go over the current Village of Barons Emergency Plan and other related topics. Mr. Murphy was pleased with the significant work that has been done to build an effective plan and has made some recommendations for the plan. He advises that the Emergency Advisory Committee and Emergency Management Agency meet annually – preferably during the first week of May; that the Village have a tabletop exercise in November 2016 or January, 2017; a Reception Centre Exercise needs to take place in September or October; and update the Village’s Emergency Management Bylaw. Administrator Beck has been working on updating the emergency plan with the recommendations put forth by Mark Murphy. FortisAlberta announced that residential electricity bills should go down by -0.4%, Street lights down by -2.2% and general service will see an increase by 4.4%. The Bylaw Officer was tasked to advise the Duncan’s that semi-truck’s cannot be parked within a residential area. The Bylaw Officer opinion is that in light of all things considered, they should exempt from the bylaw or at least sent a letter giving them a certain grace period. Question then is – is Council prepared to stand by the bylaw and enforce the same? After meetings held with Picture Butte, Coalhurst and Coaldale, an agreement was made that our respective communities would still pursue the Alberta Community Partnership grant to support the proposed Community Peace Officer Partnership proposal. Alberta Municipal Affairs is inquiring whether the Village will be conducting a municipal census in 2016. Starting to work on entering the 2016 Assessment data provided by the assessor into the computer.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra that administration provide a letter of support for the Community Peace Office Partnership program subject to receiving funding and entering into a municipal agreement. Carried

Motion made by Councillor Golding that the Village of Barons will not conduct a municipal census in 2016. Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to re-inforce the Village of Barons Traffic Bylaw with anyone not adhering to the laws as set out.
Carried

Correspondence:

- Barons AG Society Thank You
- Alberta Public Works Association Seminar
- Grey Matters 2016 Conference
- Alberta Association of Police Governance Conference
- Ministers of International Trade and Small Business and Tourism
- Oldman Watershed Council Thank You
- Jubilee Insurance – Legal Expense Insurance
- Alberta Infrastructure Memo – Capital Plan Priorities
- Alberta Emergency Management Agency Training Schedule
- Bylaw Enforcement February Schedule
- Genesis Reciprocal Insurance Merger
- ORRSC – Waterbodies and Wetlands workshop

Financial Reports: Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statement for January, 2016.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the accounts payable for the month of January, 2016.
Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Weistra to approve the monthly statement for January, 2016.
Carried

Committee Reports:

- a) **ORRSC**
No report at this time.
- b) **Fire Department**
New Quick Response vehicle has been purchased with funding from grants and donations. Start to look at breathing apparatus' that are older has to be checked this year as well as the compressor. Level 2 training will start in March and should only take a couple of months to complete. Discussion was held regarding whether in the case of patient complaint, the Village would provide backing provided that there is no wrong doing. Communication is key in these instances.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to send a request to the Lethbridge County to be put on their agenda to present the Barons Fire Department latest audit to County Council.

Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to spend \$4,000 to repair the engine in the Wildland Response Vehicle.

Carried

c) Green Acres

Meeting was held last Thursday. Green Acres put in an offer for land on the west side for future expansion. Explained investments to the finance committee.

d) CFLR (Community Futures Lethbridge Region)

Started the meeting with the entrepreneur challenge. CFLR had been falling behind on loan processing which have been subsequently approved.

e) FCSS (Family Community and Social Services)

Housekeeping was taken. Looking for a new director. Board has a committee to review applications. There could be a 1 – 2% increase to the Village's requisition for 2016. An All Councils Meeting will be held April 6, 2016 in Taber. An RSVP is needed prior to March 22 for those attending.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza that all Council will attend the FCSS All Council Meeting on April 6, 2016 in Taber.

Carried

f) Mayors and Reeves

Had the CRTC in Alberta was at meeting. Their position is to make a playing field competitive. Spoke of linear taxes. Health Services representative will be attending at the next meeting.

g) Subdivision Appeal Board

No report at this time.

h) Chinook Arch Library System

No report at this time.

i) **AG Society**

The AG Society lost money on the New Year's dance. Buying new bingo balls. Some repairs on the building will be done.

New Business:

a. **City of Lethbridge – Emergency Services Dispatch Service Agreement**

Currently there is no binding written agreement with the City of Lethbridge for dispatching services since 2012.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to sign the Emergency Services Dispatching Services Agreement between the Village of Barons and the City of Lethbridge.

Carried

b. **City of Lethbridge – Release of Information Agreement**

The City of Lethbridge and Alberta Health Services (AHS) are working on a collaborative dispatch project in order that the communications centre can continue dispatching EMS to the Barons community. AHS uses digital maps with the EMS dispatch and the City wishes to use the same digital maps for fire dispatching.

Motion made by Councillor Golding to sign the Release of Information agreement between the City of Lethbridge and the Village of Barons.

Carried

c. **April 12th Council Meeting Re-schedule**

Council has been asked to consider moving the April Council meeting date. Discussion was held.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to not have a regular scheduled Council meeting on April 12, 2016 and if issues arise, a special meeting will be called.

Carried

d. **City of Lethbridge Proposed ACP Grant Project**

The City of Lethbridge is looking for Barons support in securing funding for the Fire & Emergency Services Dispatch Integration project through application to the Alberta Community Partnership Grant fund. This is projected to enhance municipal services and improved regional partnerships and is critical to the ongoing safety of our communities.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra that the Village of Barons supports the City of Lethbridge's efforts in designing new technology for the emergency dispatch system by applying for grant funding from the Alberta Community Partnership Program. Carried.

- e. **Invitation to Council from MP Rachel Harder**
Council would ask that she attend Feb 12 at 2:00 – to check out her availability.

Executive Session:

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to go incamera regarding land issues at 7:22 pm

Carried

Motion made by Councillor Golding to come out of camera at 7:48 pm

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to not allow the sale of the Village property on Railway Avenue for construction of a garage only. Carried

Motion made by Councillor Golding to send an email to Helmut Delong, stating the Village's support of the proposed project. Carried

Adjournment:

Adjournment of the meeting was at 7 :50 p.m.

Mayor – Ed Weistra

Administrator – Laurie Beck