

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Village of Barons
September 13, 2016**

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

Recording Secretary: Laurie Beck, Administrator

Call to Order: Call to order at 5:58 pm

Guests: **Darlene Sinclair, Community Futures Lethbridge Region (CFLR)**

Ms. Sinclair likes to visit each municipality at least every couple of years to talk about the projects that CFLR is doing. Ms. Sinclair provided an overview of what services CFLR provides. In addition to the services for small business, they will work with the communities to see if CFLR can provide any help. Their strength is providing services for entrepreneurs and businesses with funding and/or grants. At present, 65% of their portfolio is women who are in business. Community Futures is an agency that can be found right across Canada. They partner with post-secondary institutions on helping provide surveys, etc. They provide mentoring and funding services to anyone who has been turned down by the bank.

Shirley Burke – Ditch

Concerned with the ditch across the street. Village Foreman Coulter advised Council that the ground is too soft to do anything more at this time. The Village Foreman will continue to fill it in as it settles and he will contact the County grader to see if he can groom it a little more.

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

Minutes: To accept the minutes of the June 14, 2016 Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Councillor Golding to accept the minutes of the June 14, 2016 Regular Council meeting. Carried

Business Arising: a. **Stormwater Project**
Fencing has now been completed. Issues had been expressed about having no access to the Village property with it being now fenced off and maintenance of the

weeds/grasses. For clarity, only village employees are to have access to property and the Village will continue to maintain the property as needed. A letter was received stating that one resident was disappointed in the chain link fence now boarding two sides of their property and questioned if the fence was really necessary. Concern was raised about the space between a resident's fence and the village fence. To confirm, the Village will maintain the property by spraying roundup or mowing the weeds, if it is possible. The Village Foreman added more dirt to that space. The farmer, whose land is adjacent to the right of way, would like to seed right up to the berm, which will save the village from maintaining the eastern boundary of the right-of-way.

b. Tank Remediation Program

The Soil Vapour Extraction (SVE) unit has been put in place at the Village shop site. EBA Tetra Tech will be monitoring this unit on a regular basis. Discussion was held with the son of the person who lives adjacent to the property next to the Village shop regarding testing of the air quality of the residential property. The individual's work number was provided to EBA Tetra Tech for a consultation. EBA Tetra Tech indicated that the SVE was not working properly but it was discovered that the barrel had to be emptied of water periodically to ensure the success of the equipment

Village Foreman Report:

Currently the Village Foreman has been blowing out the sprinklers in preparation for winter and has the preparation done for the installation of the new overhead furnaces at the old firehall. The Village Park (by the hall) still has some cement that needs to be removed or covered up. Police was spoken to about the rash of thefts at the Legion and Ucanu properties. Still fixing and repairing equipment. Will trim some trees and when the gravel becomes available, will haul some gravel.

Administrator Report:

The Village is now using on-line banking to pay utility bills. There has been some interest in Village owned lots by individuals. The Bylaw Enforcement Officer has been dealing with a couple of issues – someone who has exceeded the maximum amounts of dogs allowable and clean-up/maintenance of their properties. Administrator Beck has been working on the final accounting of the Storm Water project. Administrator Beck attended a presentation by the Southern Alberta Children Advocacy Centre. Sheldon Kennedy was in attendance and the guest speaker. Two GIC's are coming due September 14 and 16th, 2016 respectively.

Administrator Beck has renewed both GIC's with any interest accrued, for an additional one year period. It is Barons turn to host the quarterly CAO meeting. It is scheduled for September 22, 2016. Administrator Beck attended a meeting in Coaldale regarding the Community Police Officer Regionalization project. The anticipated date of implementation for this project is now set for January, 2017. Scase & Partners will be in the Village to work on the preliminary 2016 financial audit on October 3rd and 4th. Received MSI Capital funds of \$164,290 and MSI Operational Grant funding in the amount \$41, 217.00 for the 2016 projects. The Village has still not received approval for the projects submitted.

Correspondence:

- Bylaw Enforcement Officer re Inspection
- Fire Commissioner Office – Changes to Fire and Emergency Management Grants
- EBA Tetra Tech – Signed Services Agreement
- EMS Foundation – Thank you for Donation
- Village of Carmangay – Wild Pink Yonder Fundraiser
- AHS – Grand Opening pf Chinook Regional Hospital Redevelopment
- Bylaw Enforcement Officer – Barons School PA system
- Alberta Transportation re: Meeting held with Darren Davidson, Regional Director
- Community Foundation – Invitation to 18th Annual Friends of the Foundation
- Carmangay & District Library 2016 Budget
- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Information Presentation Invite
- Lethbridge County 2015 Annual Report
- Vulcan County – Notification of Proposed Development
- AUMA – MGA Modernization Synopsis
- ORRSC – Impact Analysis MGA Amendments
- Alberta Service Alberta – Online Traffic Fine Payments
- Municipal Affairs – Invitation to meet at the AUMA Annual Convention
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Emergency Management Preparedness Program Funding
- Bylaw Enforcement August Schedule
- Bylaw Enforcement Monthly Report – May to July, 2016
- Oldman Watershed Council – Watershed Topics - Videos on Flash Drive
- Alarie Asset Distribution letter
- Oldman Watershed Council thank you
- AHS invite to assist with the development of their 2017-20 plan
- RCMP Picture Butte Detachment Second Quarter Statistics
- Report of Public Sale held on July 27, 2016
- Bylaw Enforcement Report for May to August, 2016
- Bylaw Enforcement August and September Schedules

- Alberta Municipal Affairs Emergency Management Preparedness Program funding.
- Bylaw Enforcement Report re 322 Noble Street
- AB Firetech Pump Service Test results

Financial Reports: Council was presented with the accounts payable and monthly statements for June, July and August, 2016. In addition, Council was presented with the income/expense statement with budget for the period of January 1st to August 31st.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to approve the accounts payable for the months of June, July and August, 2016. Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to approve the monthly statements for June, July and August, 2016. Carried

Motion made by Councillor Golding to accept the income/expense statement with budget for the period of January 1st to August 31st. Carried

Committee Reports:

- a) **ORRSC**
New South Saskatchewan Plan will be a challenge. ORRSC is looking to get additional money so will be pursuing additional funding from the AB government. ORRSC will be pursuing the Alberta Community Partnership Grant for new orthophotos in the spring of 2017. The Town of Olds will be the sponsoring municipality for this project.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to authorize the Village of Barons to participate in an application for the 2017 Oldman River Region Urban Orthophotography Project submitted by the Town of Olds, under the Intermunicipal Collaboration component of the Alberta Community Partnership Grant and further that the Village of Barons, a participant, agrees to abide by the terms of the Conditional Grant Agreement, governing the purpose and use of the grant funds.

Carried

- b) **Fire Department**
Slow summer with no training booked. One new member has joined. Pump test done on the truck – there is a fitting that is leaking but will be fixed shortly. A couple fire calls and medical services were slow. Emergency lights need to be added and Chief Fraser has obtained a quote for the cost. Will be having additional members take driving so that they are able to drive the fire truck. An Emergency Management Meeting is scheduled for September 15th @5:30 pm. Mayor Weistra, Administrator Beck and Chief Fraser will attend. Sandwiches will be provided.

- 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**
Meeting mostly entailed catching up from the summer. Pushing for more money for infrastructure from the government. Going to go ahead with a survey for the twinning of Highway 3.
- g) **Subdivision Appeal Board**
Four appeals – two appeals in Coalhurst and two in Coaldale. Interesting topics being brought up which reflects through the land use bylaws.
- h) **Chinook Arch Library System**
No report at this time.
- i) **AG Society**
Meeting held in September. Will purchase a leafblower/bagger but having some difficulty finding one. Did some planning for the upcoming events.

New Business:

- a. **AUMA Convention**
This year's convention is being held in Edmonton October 4 – 7, 2016.

Motion made by Councillor Golding to have Administrator Beck attend the AUMA convention in Edmonton.

Carried

- b. **ATCO Gas Franchise Fee**
Each year the municipality has the opportunity to change the franchise fee percentage. This must be done before November 1, 2016.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to make no changes to the current ATCO Gas Franchise Fee percentage.

Carried

- c. **Nobleford Water Rate Increase**
There are necessary upgrades needed at the Nobleford Water Plant. They include but are not limited to an upgrade of the SCADA PC hardware, upgrade to the operating systems, different software

programs needed to support the continuation of water reporting. The total cost to the project will be approximately \$28,000. There has been no change in the cost of water treatment from Nobleford since 2011 and in Barons, no change in utility rates since 2012. In 2017, there will be an increase to water rates which will have an impact on the utility rates charged by Barons as the cost will go from \$1.17 cubic meter to \$1.40 cubic meter.

Motion made by Councillor Golding for Administrator Beck to review the utility rate bylaw, and to make any necessary changes to reflect the increase and to present the revised Bylaw to council for adoption at the October meeting. Carried

d. Civic Solutions Inc.

The contract between the Village of Barons and Civic Solutions has expired. Civic Solutions had been contracted to provide Tangible Capital Asset (TCA) services for the Villages of Carmangay, Barons and Lomond as a joint agreement. It is the proposal from Civic to offer a three year contract at the same rates as the original 2014 contract.

Motion made by Mayor Weistra to enter into a three year contract with Civic Solutions Inc. to provide Tangible Capital Asset services. Carried

Executive Session:

Land Issue

Motion made by Councillor Golding to go incamera at 7:23 pm. Carried

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Gorzitza to come out of camera at 7:40 pm. Carried

Adjournment:

Adjournment of the meeting was at 7: 41 p.m.

Mayor – Ed Weistra

Administrator – Laurie Beck