

**TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Monday, January 12, 2009**  
**Council Chambers**

1. **Call to Order**
  - 1.0 Mayor Posti called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.  
Present: Mayor Posti, Councillors Gord Ebden, Scott Kinley, Mitch Krecsy, Rick McKinnon, Grant Van Boeschoten, John Walker  
Staff: Administrator Therese Kleeberger, Susan Norberg  
Press: Carson Papke, Eckville Echo
  
2. **Delegations**
  - 2.1 None
  
3. **Agenda**
  - 3.1 Additional Agenda Items:  
Item 5.7: Red Deer Home Show Magazine Advertising  
Item 5.8: Water Line Repairs  
Item 10.7: Travel Alberta Open House

Res.001/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley that the agenda be adopted as presented with the additions. Carried.
  
4. **Minutes**
  - 4.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting December 22, 2008

Res.002/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that the minutes of the regular Council meeting be adopted as presented. Carried.
  
5. **Action Items**
  - Alberta Tourism, Parks & Recreation – 2012 Alberta Winter Games 5.1 A letter was received from Alberta Tourism, Parks & Recreation inviting the Town of Eckville to consider submitting a bid for the right to host the 2012 Alberta Winter Games.  

Res.003/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that the letter from Alberta Tourism, Parks & Recreation be received for information. Carried.
  
  - Lacombe Regional Solid Waste Authority (LRSWA) – Notice of Motion to Approve 5.2 Correspondence was received from the LRSWA requesting a *Notice of Motion to Approve* the 2009 Budget previously sent to the Town.  

Res.004/09 Moved by Councillor McKinnon that Council approve the 2009 Budget previously received by the Town of Eckville from Lacombe Regional Solid Waste Authority. Carried.
  
  - The Phone Experts – Security Monitoring at Lift Stations and Lagoon 5.3 Information was received from The Phone Experts explaining the security monitoring of the two lift stations and the lagoon in the Town of Eckville.  

Res.005/09 Moved by Councillor Krecsy that Administration further investigate the system to ensure all components are working as they were designed to. Carried.
  
  - New Council Member – Board, Committee Appointments 5.4 Following the Bi-Election on December 11, 2008 and Grant van Boeschoten’s election, Council is required to formally approve his appointments to the various boards and committees.  

Res.006/09 Moved by Councillor Krecsy that Mayor Posti be appointed to the Municipal Planning Commission, Councillor van Boeschoten be appointed to the Subdivision & Development Appeal Board and to the Quality Management Committee and as an alternate to the Interagency Committee. Carried.
  
  - Res.007/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that Staff Sharon Ell be appointed as Secretary to the Subdivision & Development Appeal Board. Carried.
  
  - Canada Day Celebration – Federal Grant Funding 5.5 The Town hosts the Canada Day celebrations each year. Canadian Heritage provides grant funding to groups and organizations to assist with expenditures for their celebration. Council approval is required for Therese Kleeberger from the Town of Eckville to submit a funding request to the Department of Canadian Heritage for the Town’s Canada Day celebrations.  

Res.008/09 Moved by Councillor Krecsy that Administrator Therese Kleeberger submit a funding request of \$2500.00 to the Department of Canadian Heritage for the Town of Eckville’s Canada Day celebration expenses. Carried.

Building Canada Fund Grant Application 5.6 Building Canada is the Government of Canada's new infrastructure plan that commits funding to municipal infrastructure projects. Municipalities contribute one-third of project costs matching the federal and provincial contributions. Grant applications will be received until March 15, 2009. Administration recommended to Council that the Town of Eckville make application for funding towards the Lift Station and Forced Main Upgrades project and that Stantec Consulting complete the application on behalf of the Town.

Res.009/09 Moved by Councillor McKinnon that Stantec Consulting complete the Building Canada Fund Grant Application on behalf of the Town of Eckville for funding towards the Lift Station and Forced Main Upgrades project. Carried.

Red Deer Home Show Magazine Advertising 5.7 The Red Deer Express is publishing a magazine for the Red Deer Home Show in celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Home Show. The Town is invited to advertise in the magazine.

Res.010/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley that the correspondence received from the Red Deer Express regarding the Red Deer Home & Garden Show 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary magazine advertising be received for information. Carried.

Water Line Repairs 5.8 A water line located at 5632-52 Street recently required repairs. As the curb stop and water line were located under the resident's driveway, which was cemented, extensive excavation and repair to the driveway were required. The resident has provided the Town with an invoice for all the repairs to date.

Res.011/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley that Council approve the invoice from the resident, subject to receipt of all the bills relating to the invoice, and in the event of any future water line repairs, where it is the Town's responsibility, the project is to be managed by the Town. Carried.

Res.012/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that the Water and Sewer Bylaw be reviewed to include restoration to Town property should a resident or business complete landscaping, whether hard or soft landscaping, on this property. Carried.

Councillor Walker left the meeting at 6:59 p.m. and returned at 7:01 p.m.

**6. Bylaws, Projects** 6.1 Council reviewed Bylaw 685/08, being a Bylaw to regulate the traffic within the Town of Eckville. Considerable discussion took place.

Bylaw 685/08

Councillor Ebdon left the meeting at 8:04 p.m. and returned at 8:06 p.m.

Further discussion followed. Council took a recess at 8:10 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

Council requested the following amendments to the Bylaw which will be presented to Council at the January 26, 2009 meeting.

Mayor Posti and Councillor Ebdon requested recorded votes.

013/09 Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten that Recreation Vehicles not be allowed to park within 1.2 meters of a driveway. Councillor van Boeschoten in favour, Mayor Posti, Councillors Ebdon, Kinley, Krecsy, McKinnon and Walker against. Defeated.

014/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley that Recreational Vehicles are only to be parked in front of the registered owner's residence. Mayor Posti, Councillors Ebdon, Kinley, Krecsy, and Walker in favour; Councillors McKinnon and van Boeschoten against. Carried.

015/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that the Town of Eckville allows Recreational Vehicles to park on the street in front of the registered owner's residence from May 15 to September 15 unless the recreational vehicle poses a traffic or safety hazard. The recreational vehicle may not be permitted to park on a public street location if at the discretion of a Peace Officer the recreational vehicle is considered a traffic or public safety hazard. Recreational Vehicles parked on private property must be fully contained within the property. No portion of a recreation vehicle may be permitted to protrude into a public street, laneway or sidewalk. Mayor Posti, Councillors Ebdon, Kinley and Walker in favour; Councillors Krecsy, McKinnon and van Boeschoten

against. Carried.

016/09

Moved by Councillor Krecsy that no person shall use, ride, propel or operate a bicycle, rollerblades, skateboard, in-line skates, skateboard or scooter on any sidewalk in the Town of Eckville at any time. Baby strollers, children's wagons, walking aids, such as motorized wheelchairs or electric scooters, and bicycles that have a wheel diameter less than fifty centimeters, are exempted from this provision. Carried.

**7. Reports  
Street Maintenance**

**7.1 Foreman's Report**

Sanding

We continue to sand the streets as necessary.

**Lift Stations**

West Lift Station

The basket that fell in the West Lift Station will be retrieved by Pidherney's during the week of January 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Garbage**

Garbage Weights

The weight list from 2008 is completed. Please review attached report.

**Pumphouse**

Chlorine Analyzer

A repair kit for the chlorine pump has been ordered.

**Vehicles**

Garbage Truck

Repairs continue on the garbage truck. The truck is certified until the end of January. All repairs will be done and the vehicle certified before then.

Grader

New hydraulic filters were put on the grader as well as new hoses. It is back in service.

**Other**

Water Meters

Readings on the water meters with the new system began on January 2, 2009. For some reason 17 of the meters were not readable. We had placed the reader directly in front of a few of the meters but nothing was transmitted. We tried driving slowly and stopping in front of the home/business where it was located and also checked for blockages at the meter but none were found. Time did not permit for a check on all the meters that did not transmit. Neptune has been contacted to see if anything was done incorrectly.

Water Leaks

There have been a couple of water leaks found. One was above the water meter and the owner was located and the water shut off. A large amount of water was spilled on the lawn and onto the road. Another leak was the result of a faulty water meter and Neptune will cover the costs for this.

Temporary Shelters

Confirmation of temporary shelters still standing was completed and turned into the Town Office for action.

Unightly Yards

Confirmation of the unsightly yards report was completed and turned into the Town Office for action.

Annual Report

Work has begun on the annual reports to Alberta Environment for both water and wastewater.

Administrator Kleeberger provided an update on another water break at 5520-52 Street that happened over the weekend. There was also a problem with the chlorine injection with repairs to be completed on January 13<sup>th</sup>. There are also problems with the power steering on the Garbage Truck.

**7.2 Administrator's Report**

MSP Grant – Approval  
by AMA

Ray Danyluk, Minister, Alberta Municipal Affairs has approved the Town's application under the Municipal Sponsorship Grant Program. The grant is for \$19,222 including the priority bonus and is for the Forced Main/Lift Station Report and Infrastructure Cost study.

AMIP Grant

The AMIP grant in the amount of \$154,213 has been received from Alberta Transportation.

NDCC Grant

Luke Ouellette, Minister of Alberta Transportation, advises that the department has approved the Application for Program Assistance under the New Deal for Cities and Communities. The application was for the Lift Station and Forced Main Upgrade project.

2008/2009 Municipal  
Financial Assistance  
Handbook

Alberta Municipal Affairs sent out the 2008/2009 updated Municipal Financial Assistance Handbook. The publication provides information about provincial financial assistance programs available to municipalities and municipal service delivery organizations.

North Outlet Storm  
Water Project  
January Meetings,  
Workshops

Tagish Engineering has made application to ATCO Gas for an agreement to cross their natural gas line with the new storm water pipe.  
Jan. 16/09 – meeting with Stantec Engineering to finalize draft report for the Building Data Collection project.  
Jan. 26/09 – Tangible Capital Assets training session in Red Deer.

Tree Removal –  
Cemetery

AltaLink will be removing the poplars back to the old tree line (a distance of approximately 8 m. north from the roadway) between the cemetery grounds and the river. This is part of their maintenance program for vegetation control around their power lines.

Water Meters	There have been a few more problems reported about water meters freezing and one leaking meter. The leaking meter was faulty and has been replaced. The first water meter readings were taken on January 2, 2009. About 17 meters were not picked up. Staff is currently trouble shooting to find out why the meters would not read. Otherwise, everything else went smoothly.
Lift Stations/Forced Main Project Report	Stantec Consulting plan to be out next week to start the field work part of the report. As well, the process will be started to make application for grant funding under the recently announced Canada-Alberta Building Canada Fund. Deadline for applications is March 15, 2009.

**7.3 Financial Report**

The January 12, 2009 Accounts Payable Report was reviewed.

**7.4 Development Officer's Report**

In 2008 there were 57 Development Permits issued, with residential development totaling \$3,497,564., Commercial/Industrial totaling \$43,500 and Institutional Permits totaling \$200,000.00 (Wolf Creek School parking lot upgrades - have been postponed to 2009). One Demolition Permit was issued in the amount of \$500.

For the 2007 year there were 48 Development Permits issued, with residential development totaling \$3,861,903, Commercial/Industrial totaling \$162,320 and Institutional Permits totaling \$1,114,680. (High School/Arena Renovations). Three Demolition Permits were issued in the amount of \$7,000.

Kilian Estates Phase I – there is still 2 lots available for rent in the first phase of the mobile home park, with 28 lots presently rented. Construction on Phase 2 has been started.

Thirteen lots have been sold in McDonald Heights, with eight homes completed, three homes in various stages of development, and development has not started on the remaining 2 lots.

Res.017/09	Moved by Councillor Walker that the Foreman's, Administrator's, Financial and Development Officer's reports be received for information. Carried.
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**8. Committee, Board Reports**

Councillor Ebden

**8.1 Committee, Board Reports**

Will be attending an Eckville Emergency Management Agency meeting on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. A table top exercise will be completed.

Councillor van Boeschoten

Attended a Basic Emergency Management Course on January 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor McKinnon

Attended an Arena meeting. New lights were installed in the lobby which could potentially save the arena 20% in their power bills. The Midget tournament that was held last weekend was well attended.

Councillor Krescy

Nothing to report.

Councillor Kinley

Councillor Kinley provided invitations to all of Council and staff for an ACE (Active, Creative, Engaged) Committee event on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Walker

Attended a Basic Emergency Management Course on January 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>. The Chamber decided to cancel the 2009 Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party and is looking at some other options. On February 11<sup>th</sup> FCSS and Neighborhood Place are hosting an Open House for Young Families outlining what services are available in the community, including childcare. Election of Officers took place as follows:

Chair – Grant van Boeschoten

Vice-Chair – Marty Jones

Secretary – Rick Anderson

Treasurer – Sharon Lemke

The Chamber of Commerce website is now up and running.

It was decided to present the annual Business Awards at the Municipal Breakfast.

Mayor Posti

Mayor Posti received a thank you from the Eckville High School for assisting with the portfolio interviews.

Res.018/09

Moved by Councillor McKinnon that the Committee and Board reports be received for information as presented. Carried.

**9. Correspondence,  
Information Items**

- Blaine Calkins, MP – The Alberta Building Communities Fund 9.1 Correspondence from received from Blaine Calkins, MP regarding the Alberta Building Communities Fund and encouraging the Town of Eckville to apply for any program relevant infrastructure projects. A News Release with further project details and some basic Questions and Answers was also included.
- Eckville 50's & 60's Dance Jamboree – Cancellation of 2009 Dance Jamboree 9.2 A letter was received from the Eckville 50's & 60's Dance Jamboree advising the committee has decided not to host a Dance Jamboree in 2009, and thanking Council for their support over the last five years. The committee's intention is to meet in 2009 and propose ideas for hosting a jamboree in 2010.
- Alberta Environment – Waterworks Approval/Registration Holders 9.3 Correspondence was received from Alberta Environment advising that Minimum Operator Attendance Guidelines for Waterworks Systems were implemented effective January 1, 2009. A copy of the guidelines was also included.
- CAEP – Community Investment Readiness (CIR) Project – Phase 2 9.4 A report was received from CAEP on Phase 2 of the CIR Project. The project builds on the 2006 CIR Project when communities evaluated their readiness for investment and were provided an index. In Phase 2, additional questions were added to the CIR Index making it a more thorough evaluation.
- Alberta Emergency Management Agency – Emergency Public Warning System 9.5 A letter was received from the Managing Director of the Alberta Emergency Management Agency on the Emergency Public Warning System (EPWS). It is their intent to explore the possibility of a modernized EPWS.
- Alberta Sustainable Resource Development – News Release – Final Land-use Framework 9.6 A News Release was received from Alberta Sustainable Resource Development regarding the final Land-use Framework. The final Alberta Land-use Framework will ensure future land development considers cumulative environmental impacts as well as social and economic factors.
- Eckville Ambulance – Statement of Operations November 2008 9.7 The Eckville Ambulance Statement of Operations for November 2008 was received.
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Assessment Bulletin – Property Assessment and Taxation Legislation Updates 9.8 An Assessment Bulletin on Property Assessment and Taxation Legislation Updates was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs clarifying the definition of farming operations and excluding micro generation property from the definition of machinery and equipment.
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Assessment Bulletin – 2008 Minister's Guidelines for Linear Property, Machinery and Equipment, Railway, and Farm Land 9.9 An Assessment Bulletin on the 2008 Minister's Guidelines for Linear Property, Machinery and Equipment, Railway, and Farm Land was received. The 2008 assessment year modifiers and cost factors for regulated properties were provided.
- Alberta Strong Communities – New Release – Improved Property Assessment Complaint and Appeals System 9.10 A News Release was received from Alberta Strong Communities advising that effective January 1<sup>st</sup> the Province has capped the property assessment complaint fees charged by municipalities. The maximum complaint filing fee for single-family residential and farmland properties is \$50 and the cap for multi-family residential, non-residential, and machinery and equipment is set at \$650. The fees allow municipalities to recover the costs of administering assessment review boards and ensure continued access for taxpayers.
- Lacombe Regional Solid Waste Authority (LRSWA) – December 10, 2008 Meeting Minutes 9.11 The LRSWA December 10, 2008 meeting minutes were received.
- Res.019/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that the correspondence and information items be received for information. Carried.

**10. Seminars, Meetings,  
Special Events**

- 10.1 Alberta Health Services – Curb the Danger Presentation – Feb.3, 2009

- 10.2 Red Deer River Watershed Alliance – Open House – Jan.26, 2009. Councillor Walker to attend.
- 10.3 Alberta Municipal Affairs – Municipal Dispute Resolution Initiative Workshops – Various Dates
- 10.4 Red Deer River Watershed Alliance – Learning for Sustainability Workshop – Feb.19, 2009. Mayor Posti to attend.
- 10.5 CAEP – 2009 MLA Roundtable – Jan.23, 2009. Mayor Posti to attend.
- 10.6 Composting Council of Canada – Compost Matters Workshop – Feb.24&25, 2009. Councillor McKinnon to attend.
- 10.7 Travel Alberta Open House – Feb.5, 2009. Councillor Walker to attend.

Res.020/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that the Seminars, Meetings, and Special Events be received for information and to approve attendance as indicated. Carried.

- 11. **In Camera**  
Res.021/09 11.1 Moved by Councillor McKinnon that the meeting move in camera excluding all persons except Council members, and Staff members Administrator Kleeberger and Susan Norberg, to discuss Lacombe Foundation and Infrastructure issues. Time: 9:29 p.m. Carried.

Res.022/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that the meeting come out of camera and reverts back to the regular meeting. Time: 9:41 p.m. Carried.

- 12. **Committee of the Whole** 12.1 None.

- 13. **Adjournment**  
Res.023/09 13.1 Moved by Councillor Walker that the meeting be adjourned. Time: 9:42 p.m. Carried.

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Mayor

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Administrator