

TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, March 9, 2009
Council Chambers

- 1. Call to Order** 1.0 Mayor Posti called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
Present: Mayor Posti, Councillors Gord Ebden, Scott Kinley, Mitch Krecsy,
Grant van Boeschoten, John Walker
Staff: Administrator Therese Kleeberger, Susan Norberg
Press: Carson Papke, Eckville Echo
- 2. Delegations** 2.1 Staff Sergeant T.S. Gilbert, Sylvan Lake RCMP
2.2 Lyle Howatt – Shield Structures
- 3. Agenda** 3.1 Additional Agenda Items:
Item 5.6: Town Pin – New Design
Item 5.7: Street Lighting – 50 Avenue
Item 5.8: Building Canada Fund Grant Application – North Outlet Storm
Water Project
Item 5.9: Sidewalk Replacement – West of Eckville High School
Item 5.10: Lift Stations/Forced Main Sewer Report
Item 10.8: Tribute to Bob Mills
- Res.088/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley that the agenda be adopted as presented with the
additions. Carried.
- 4. Minutes** 4.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting February 23, 2009
- Res.089/09 Moved by Councillor Van Boeschoten that the minutes of the regular Council
meeting of February 23, 2009 be adopted as presented. Carried.
- 5. Action Items**
- Eckville Municipal 5.1 Correspondence was received from the Eckville Municipal Library Board
Library – New Board requesting approval to appoint Carol Burt to the Board.
Member
- Res.090/09 Moved by Councillor Krecsy that Council approve the appointment of Carol
Burt to the Eckville Municipal Library Board. Carried.
- Lacombe Regional Fire 5.2 At the November 24, 2008 meeting it was approved by Council that the
Service Association – Lacombe Regional Fire Services be accredited as the entity to administer a
Joint Fire Quality new joint QMP. The proposed joint fire QMP was reviewed by Council.
Management Plan
(QMP)
Res.091/09 Moved by Councillor Krecsy that the Lacombe Regional Fire Service
Association be approved to administer the joint fire Quality Management
Plan on the Town of Eckville’s behalf and the plan be approved as presented.
Carried.
- Letter from Resident – 5.3 A letter was received from a resident who has concerns regarding the parking
Parking at corner of at the corner of 4859-54 Avenue. There are two businesses operating out of
4859-54 Avenue the building on the corner of 54 Avenue and 49 Street and the resident feels
that parking is congested causing a dangerous situation for drivers turning off
54 Avenue onto 49 Street. The resident proposes that angle parking be
implemented on the east side of 49 Street with no parking allowed on the
west side of 49 Street.
- Res.092/09 Moved by Councillor Ebden that the letter be received for information.
Carried.
- Res.093/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley that when the next crosswalk painting is
scheduled that the curb in this area be painted as per the guidelines in the
Traffic Bylaw. Carried.
- Stantec Consulting Ltd. 5.4 At the request of the Town of Eckville, Stantec Consulting Ltd. completed a
– Building Infrastructure building assessment report for all municipal buildings. The assessment was
Data Collection Project basic and encompassed architectural, structural, mechanical and electrical
disciplines.
- Res.094/09 Moved by Councillor Ebden to accept the report as presented and that
Administration set up a time schedule and cost estimates to complete the

maintenance of the deficiencies identified in the report. Carried.

2. Delegation

2.1 Staff Sergeant T.S. Gilbert and Corporal Halwa of the Sylvan Lake RCMP arrived at 7:00 p.m. to address Council on policing in our community. Staff Sergeant Gilbert spoke to Council on various topics including patrol hours and attending youth activities.

Press left the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Res.095/09

Moved by Councillor Kinley that the meeting move in camera excluding all persons except Council members, and Staff members Administrator Kleeberger and Susan Norberg, to discuss policing services. Time: 7:19 p.m. Carried.

Res.096/09

Moved by Councillor Kinley that the meeting come out of camera and reverts back to the regular meeting. Time: 7:45 p.m. Carried.

Mayor Posti thanked Staff Sergeant Gilbert and Corporal Halwa for attending the Council meeting. Staff Sergeant Gilbert and Corporal Halwa left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Press re-entered the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

2.2 Lyle Howatt, Shield Structures, entered the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Mr. Howatt presented Council with a verbal proposal to put a moveable industrial building on a vacant lot in McDonald Heights with signage to promote the sale of lots. The signs would have contact information for various contractors and the building would be manned at various times. Mr. Howatt felt this would provide someone for interested buyers to contact during evenings and weekends when the Town Office and Realtor's office are not open.

Mayor Posti thanked Mr. Howatt for his proposal and for attending the meeting. Mr. Howatt left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Councillor Kinley called for a recess at 7:56 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

Recreation Funding Requests

5.5 Each year the Town budgets for Recreation Funding for community organizations. The Recreation Funding applications were reviewed by Council. Council did not approve the application from the Eckville Arena as the proposed equipment purchase will be funded as a regular Budget item. Council did not approve the application from the David Thompson Snow Riders Association as the snowmobile trails are not located within the Town of Eckville.

Res.097/09

Moved by Councillor Walker that Council approve the Recreation Funding as follows:

Eckville Children's Playgroup - \$1500.00 subject to receipt of a proper budget and information on the storage of the equipment they are proposing to purchase

Eckville Chamber of Commerce – \$600.00

Eckville Figure Skating Club – \$500.00

Eckville Minor Hockey - \$1250.00 subject to an explanation regarding what the money they presently have on hand will be used for.

Eckville Neighborhood Place – \$950.00

Eckville Playschool – \$800.00

Eckville Recreation Board – \$500.00

Eckville Youth Society - \$750.00

Carried.

Res.098/09

Moved by Councillor Krecsy that Administration have a Recreation Funding policy in place by August 31, 2009 outlining all criteria required to approve the funding requests in order that Administration can approve the requests in future and they will no longer go before Council. Four in favor, two opposed. Carried.

Town Pin – New Design 5.6

Councillor Walker brought forward the suggestion of having a new Town pin designed to honor Mellisa Hollingsworth and her success as an Olympic Athlete and to support her on her way to the 2010 Olympics.

- Res.099/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that Administration pursue the development of a Town Pin honoring Mellisa Hollingsworth. Five in favor, one opposed. Carried.
- Street Lighting – 50 Ave.5.7 At the February 9, 2009 meeting, Council passed a motion that an additional streetlight be installed on 50 Avenue between 49th and 50th Streets. The initial cost estimate was around \$1500.00. Fortis has since provided a quote of \$2,111.55.
- Res.100/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley to accept the quote from Fortis and to proceed with the installation of the additional streetlight on 50 Avenue between 49th and 50th Streets. Carried.
- Building Canada Fund Grant Application – North Outlet Storm Water Project 5.8 Building Canada is the Government of Canada’s new infrastructure plan that commits funding from 2007 to 2014 for infrastructure projects. Municipalities contribute one-third of the project costs matching the federal and provincial contributions. The call for projects is open until March 15, 2009. More than one application can be made under this program and Council previously approved application for the Lift Stations/Forced Sewer Main under this program. Administration now recommends that application be made for the North Outlet Storm Project under this program. Tagish Engineering has been working on the North Outlet Storm Water Project.
- Res.101/09 Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten that the Town of Eckville makes application under the Building Canada Fund for funding towards the North Outlet Storm Water Project and that Tagish Engineering be authorized to complete the application on behalf of the Town. Carried.
- Sidewalk Replacement – West of Eckville High School 5.9 Wolf Creek Public Schools has tendered out the Eckville High School Parking lot project. They included replacement of the sidewalk running between the street and the proposed parking lot as a separate price item. The cost would be \$25,908.00 and would be the responsibility of the Town. If the Town would like to replace this sidewalk, they will include it in the contract document. Public Works has advised that compared to other sidewalks in town they felt this sidewalk was in satisfactory condition.
- Res.102/09 Moved by Councillor Ebden that Administration advise Wolf Creek Public Schools that the Town of Eckville declines replacing the sidewalk west of the Eckville High School at this time. Carried.
- Lift Stations/Forced Main Sewer Report. 5.10 Stantec Consulting has completed the draft report of the Lift Stations/Forced Main Sewer which was reviewed with Stantec by Administrator Kleeberger and Public Works Foreman Rick McKinnon. Stantec will also complete the application under the Building Canada Fund and submit it by the March 15, 2009 deadline.
- Res.103/09 Moved by Councillor Krecsy to accept the report from Stantec Consulting as presented. Carried.
- 6. Bylaws, Projects** None.
- 7. Reports**
- Street Maintenance 7.1 **Foreman’s Report**
Main street and most of the truck routes have been plowed for a second time. We had trouble with the west lift station this week. Pump 1 - the air valve plugged up and the pump would not prime. That made it so Pump 2 had to work overtime at keeping the fluids down so the motor burnt out. We had to get a vac truck out until we could rectify the problem.
- Lift Stations
Garbage The compactor on the garbage truck broke last week, the metal broke away from the cylinder so we had to get the welding shop to repair. Other than that it has been working fine.
- Pumphouse Everything has been working fine at the pump house, our well depths were good at the end of the month.
- Vehicles Once we get the little trucks sorted out the one ton will be going in for a few repairs. Had some trouble with the hydraulics on the dump truck so had to sub snow hauling for a few days.
- Other The welding shop is making up a plate to mount the Do Not Enter sign at the Elementary School.
Garry revised the procedure for water samples at the pump house.
The outside meter at the pumphouse is now working.
Talked to president of PAC comitee and will meet in a couple of weeks about

the Elementry School.

There were roughly 20 water meters that did not read this month compared to 17 that didn't read last month.

- 2009 STEP Program 7.2 **Administrator's Report**
Alta Employment & Immigration announce the Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP) for 2009. A funding allocation of \$3,400 is available to the Town. The program runs from April 27 to August 28, 2009. Application has been made to participate.
- Alarm System Reports System tested on February 19, 2009.
North Outlet Storm Met with Tagish Engineering to go over the details – design, required permits
Project and approvals, review of cost estimates. Current design is a piped system to
Hwy 766, open channel along Hwy 766, and tie in to the underground storm
under Hwy 766. The project is ready for tender.
- Res.104/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley that Tagish Engineering be authorized to
continue as the Town's Engineering Consultants for the North Outlet Storm
Project. Carried.
- Quality Assurance The Committee met and reviewed proposed draft policies for Streets
Committee Meeting maintenance and Recreation, Playgrounds & Parks maintenance. Final drafts
will be coming forward to Council.
- Budget Meeting Budget meeting held Mar. 4/09. Revisions as discussed will be made and a
final draft prepared.
- Water Meters Staff still working on getting the glitches out of the reading and billing
processes. It will likely take another reading or two to get this accomplished.
- Street Light Installation FortisAlberta has done a site visit and will begin installation of the light
– 50 Avenue between 49 St. and 50 Ave.
- Lift Stations/Forced Stantec Consulting have completed the draft report and this was reviewed
Main Sewer with them (Mar. 4/09). The application under the Building Canada Fund will
be completed and submitted by the Mar. 15/09 deadline.

7.3 **Financial Report**

The March 9, 2009 Accounts Payable Report was reviewed.

7.4 **Development Officer's Report**

Year-to-date there have been 6 Development Permits issued, two for minor residential renovations, one for a placement of a mobile home in Kilian Estates and one for a major commercial project (ConocoPhillips – new 2 storey office building). The two other Development Permits were for Razzle Dazzle Family Day Home and Big West Pizza.

For the same period last year 6 Development Permits were issued.

Kilian Estates Phase I – there is one lot available for rent in the first phase of the mobile home park, with 29 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.105/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that the Foreman's, Administrator's, Financial
and Development Officer's reports be received for information. Carried.

8. **Committee, Board Reports**

Councillor Ebdon

8.1 **Committee, Board Reports**

Attended a Budget meeting.
Attended the Red Deer Home Show (Town of Eckville booth).

Councillor van Boeschoten

Attended a Budget meeting.
Attended a Quality Assurance meeting.
Attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting.
Attended a Webpage Committee meeting.

Councillor Krecsy

Attended a Budget meeting.
Attended the Red Deer Home Show (Town of Eckville booth).

Councillor Kinley

Attended an MPC meeting.
Attended a Budget meeting.
Attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting.
Attended the Red Deer Home Show (Town of Eckville booth).

Councillor Walker
Attended a Lacombe Foundation meeting.
Attended an MPC meeting.
Attended a Budget meeting.
Attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting.
Attended the Red Deer Home Show (Town of Eckville booth).

Mayor Posti
Attended an MPC meeting.
Attending a Budget meeting.
Attended a Quality Assurance meeting.
Attended an Arena meeting.
Attended the Red Deer Home Show (Town of Eckville booth).

Res.106/09
Moved by Councillor Krecsy that the Committee and Board reports be received for information as presented. Carried.

Press left the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

9. Correspondence, Information Items

Eckville Ambulance – Statement of Operations January 2009 9.1 The January 2009 Statement of Operations was received for the Eckville Ambulance.

Lacombe County Protective Services – Eckville Municipal Report February 2009 9.2 The Lacombe County Protective Services February 2009 Report for the Town of Eckville was reviewed by Council. Due to poor weather and road conditions and a decreased number of staff the number of patrol hours was down. They are anticipating that an additional member should be hired in early April. A decision on the Regional Emergency Management Plan Funding should be received before the end of March.

Alberta Municipal Affairs Assessment Services Branch – Summary of 2008 Information Sessions on Alberta's Property Assessment and Tax System 9.3 In July 2008 the Assessment Services Branch of Alberta Municipal Affairs held information sessions in various locations throughout the province. The purpose of the sessions was to provide information to participants and to receive feedback on a range of topics associated with the provincial assessment and tax system. A summary of the information sessions was reviewed by Council.

Alberta Fire Chiefs Association Region 5 – February 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes 9.4 The Alberta Fire Chiefs Association Region 5 February 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes were reviewed by Council.

Res.107/09
Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten that the correspondence and information items be received for information. Carried.

10. Seminars, Meetings, Special Events

- 10.1 One Change – Simple Actions Matter in Alberta Celebration Event – March 15, 2009
- 10.2 Welcoming Communities Forum – March 18, 2009
- 10.3 AUMA Member Notices – Elected Officials Education Program – Various Dates & Locations
- 10.4 Red Deer River Watershed Alliance – The Spirit of Water – March 13, 2009
- 10.5 Alberta Regional Economic Development Conference – May 12-14, 2009
- 10.6 The Society to Prevent Dutch Elm Disease – Annual General Meeting – Change from March 18 to April 15, 2009
- 10.7 Parkland Regional Library – Consultation Sessions – April 3 or April 16, 2009. Councillor Krecsy to attend.
- 10.8 Tribute to Bob Mills – April 6, 2009. Mayor Posti to attend.

Res.108/09
Moved by Councillor Kinley that the Seminars, Meetings, and Special Events be received for information and to approve attendance as indicated. Carried.

Res.109/09
Moved by Councillor Walker to extend the meeting beyond 10:00 p.m. by ten minutes. Time: 9:41 p.m. Carried.

11. In Camera Res.110/09

- 11.1 Moved by Councillor Walker that the meeting move in camera excluding all persons except Council members, and Staff members Administrator Kleeberger and Susan Norberg, to discuss land and legal issues. Time: 9:42 p.m. Carried.

Res.111/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that the meeting come out of camera and reverts back to the regular meeting. Time: 10:04 p.m. Carried.

Shield Structures - Request
Res.112/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that the proposal by Lyle Howatt of Shield Structures to place a moveable industrial building on a vacant lot in McDonald Heights be declined. Carried.

12. Committee of the Whole 12.1 CAO Bylaw & Job Description – postponed to next meeting.

13. Adjournment 13.1 Moved by Mayor Posti that the meeting be adjourned. Time: 10:05 p.m.
Res.113/09 Carried.

Mayor

Administrator