

TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, April 27, 2009
Council Chambers

- 1. Call to Order** 1.0 Mayor Posti called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
Present: Mayor Helen Posti, Councillors Gord Ebden, Geoff Humphrey, Mitch Krecsy arrived at 6:23 p.m., Grant van Boeschoten, Scott Kinley, John Walker
Staff: Administrator Therese Kleeberger, Susan Norberg
Press: Carson Papke, Eckville Echo
- 2. Delegations** None
- 3. Agenda** 3.1 Additional Agenda Items:
New Councillor Official Oath
- Res.174/09 Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten that the agenda be adopted as presented with the addition. Carried.
- 4. Minutes** 4.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting April 13, 2009
- Res.175/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 13, 2009 be adopted as presented. Carried.
- Official Oath** Newly elected Councillor, Geoffrey Humphrey, completed execution and signing of the “Official Oath”. Mayor Posti welcomed Councillor Humphrey to Eckville Town Council.
- 5. Action Items**
- Website Development – 5.1 One of the goals that Council set for 2009 is the development of a new webpage for the Town of Eckville. A Request for Proposals was completed and three proposals were received. The Website Committee reviewed the proposals and recommended that Central Alberta Web Development be awarded the contract for the Website Redesign and Development project.
- Request for Proposals
- Res.176/09 Moved by Councillor Ebden that Central Alberta Web Development be awarded the contract for the Website Redesign and Development project in the amount of \$4,500.00. Carried.
- Lacombe County – 5.2 A Public Notice was received from Lacombe County for Proposed Amendments to the County’s Land Use Bylaw with respect to RV Resort Developments.
- Proposed Amendments to the County’s Land Use Bylaw
- Res.177/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that correspondence received from Lacombe County be received for information. Carried.
- Councillor Krecsy entered the meeting at 6:23 p.m.
- 7. Reports** 7.1 **Foreman’s Report**
- Street Maintenance The street sweeper has been out and we completed the first pass on the truck routes and Main Street . Also we have completed some of the worst residential streets. We were waiting on parts for the sweeper thus the reason it was a little late getting out. We have left the old broom on for now to pick up the heavy sweeping so as not to wreck a new broom, but we have a new broom ready when the time comes. Due to using the old broom that is why there are little piles of gravel left behind. The Do Not Enter sign fell down at the Elementary School as it was just put there temporarily until the frost was out of the ground. We are hoping to have it put in permanently next week.
- Lift Stations All the sewer digs have been graded numerous times. We have put gravel in the larger potholes for now. The crack filler has been ordered for the streets and will arrive in May.
- Garbage The West Lift Station went down again on April 16. Number 1 pump went down on suction failure and a pulley broke on number 2 pump. I took the pulley off number 1 and put it on number 2 which got number 2 going again. Then we worked on number 1 and finally got it going April 21.
- I am going to try and get somebody out to check how much sludge is in the ponds in the lagoon, and I am going to get the boat fixed.
- Some welding was completed on the garbage truck last Wednesday as the carriage got caught on a curb and was bent.
- Our garbage volumes have really gone up these last few weeks. On April 15th 10,000 kg’s of garbage was hauled to the transfer site which is the most hauled out

	ever in one day.
Pumphouse	On April 20 we had a call-out at the Pumphouse as one of the Fire Department members shut off the fire pumps incorrectly and drained all the pressure on the lines. There were complaints that day and the next day about the water pressure. The divers went into the reservoir and inspected it. There is about ½” of sediment on the bottom. Cleaning should be scheduled in the next year.
Vehicles	The gravel truck fuel pump quit so we are getting a new one. We are going to have some leaks fixed on it at the same time. The gravel truck is going to need new front tires right away as well. Would Council like us to put the 98 truck into the silent auction listing everything that is wrong with it or would you rather we took it elsewhere?
Other	The newer Toro is serviced and has the broom on it so is ready to take the gravel off of the grass as soon as the weather cooperates. We will use the Toro and the Bobcat to sweep the gravel off the grass. The new compressor is wired in now but there is a leak on the fitting coming out of the tank so we are looking into having it fixed. The electrician did not finish the wiring in the cold storage shop so that will be done after he gets back from holidays. The JD Tractor is all serviced so we are going to use it while the loader is getting checked over plus have the pins and bushings replaced.
Garbage Collection	During the Planning Session, Council was presented with proposals for the provision of garbage collection by private or to continue doing it municipally. A number of factors were considered: costs, delivery of service, administration, and capital obligations to name a few.
Res.178/09	Moved by Councillor Kinley that the Town of Eckville continue to provide garbage collection services. Carried.
Res.179/09	Moved by Councillor Walker that the Town of Eckville purchase a new garbage truck from Superior Truck as per their quote of \$218,700.00 + GST and that the purchase be covered under the MSI Grant Program as approved by Alberta Municipal Affairs. Carried.
Alley Maintenance Between 52 Ave/53 Ave.	Rick McKinnon provided Council with a plan to widen the alley approach onto Hwy 766 between 52 Ave/53 Ave. Council agreed to the plan and advised Public Works to proceed with the work.
Equipment Silent Auction	Council agreed that Public Works include the 1998 pick-up truck in the Silent Auction indicating that it is on as “as is” condition.
Old Toro Lawn Mower	As an afterthought and Public Work’s inability to make arrangements to contract with someone to periodically mow around the lagoon site, Rick would like Council to reconsider their decision to trade in the old Toro Lawn Mower (refer to Resolution 161/09 from the April 13, 2009 Council Meeting). The lagoon site is rough and mowing there is hard on the equipment. Council did not change their original decision to trade in the old Toro and advised Public Works to use the second machine to do the mowing at the lagoon.
Fence At Skateboard Park	The existing chain link fence at the Skateboard Park is in need of repair. Rick would like to suggest that it be removed and replaced with a 2-3 foot high pipe fence. Council prefers that the chain link remain and that a price be obtained to repair same. Rick McKinnon left the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

5. Action Items

Canada West Land Services Ltd. – Notification of Class II Disposal Well Re-Classification to a Class 1B Disposal Well Res.180/09	5.3	Correspondence was received from Canada West Land Services Ltd. advising, on behalf of Central Disposal Inc., of their proposed development to re-classify their Class II Disposal Well to a Class 1B Disposal Well at 103/8-16-39-3 W5M. Moved by Councillor Humphrey that the correspondence from Canada West Land Services Ltd. be received for information. Carried.
Land Lease Renewal – St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church	5.4	St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church wish to renew the land lease rental agreement with the Town of Eckville for their Canadian Food Grains Bank project for 2009. The lease rate in the past has been \$45.00 per acre and there are 18 acres. The land that is leased to St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church is directly west of Phase I of the McDonald Height’s Subdivision. In previous years, Council also agreed to make a

donation to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church towards the Canadian Food Grains Bank project that was equal to the land rental.

- Res.181/09 Moved by Councillor Ebden that the Town of Eckville renew the land lease rental agreement with St. Paul's Presbyterian Church at the rate of \$45.00 per acre and to make a donation to the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church towards the Canadian Food Grains Bank project in the amount equal to the land rental. Carried.
- ATCO Gas – Main Line 5.5 ATCO Gas is proposing to upgrade and re-align its main lines in the area along 52 St. and south of 56 Ave. Lines will be converted from MP (105KPA) to IP5 (550 KPA). The old main will be abandoned and a new line installed.
- Res.182/09 Moved by Councillor Krecsy that approval be given to ATCO Gas for their proposed project and that all work carried out shall be done in a proper and diligent manner and that any surface areas that are disturbed are to be restored as closely as possible to the condition in which they existed immediately prior to the work being commenced. Carried.
- Alberta Seniors 5.6 Correspondence was received from the Alberta Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta advising that Alberta is preparing to honour its seniors during Seniors' Week 2009 in June. They are requesting that municipalities formally recognize the importance of this celebration by proclaiming June 1 to 7, 2009 as Seniors' Week.
- Res.183/09 Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten that the Town of Eckville proclaim June 1 to 7, 2009 as Seniors' Week. Carried.
- National Nursing Week 5.7 Correspondence was received from the College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta, College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta and College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Alberta requesting that the Town of Eckville proclaim May 11-17, 2009 as Nursing Week to highlight the importance of the work of registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and registered psychiatric nurses.
- Res.184/09 Moved by Councillor Krecsy that the correspondence received from the College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta, College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta and College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Alberta be received for information. Four in favour, three against. Carried.
- Eckville Fire Department 5.8 A letter was received from the Eckville Fire Fighters inquiring if the town sells the old Pumper if the proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new Rapid Response Unit.
- Res.185/09 Moved by Councillor Ebden that when the old Town of Eckville Pumper is sold that the proceeds go into the Fire Fighting Reserve Fund. One opposed. Carried.
- Parkland Community 5.9 Correspondence was received from PCPS advising that they are investigating the possibility of obtaining current aerial photographs of and for urban municipalities and are wondering if the Town of Eckville is interested in having this done. The cost would be approximately \$1,900.00.
- Res.186/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley that Administration contact Parkland Community Planning Services to advise that the Town of Eckville is interesting in having aerial photographs of the town taken. One opposed. Carried.
- Stantec Proposal – 10 5.10 At the April 13, 2009 meeting, Council requested that the decision to approve the Year Capital Works Plan and MIMS Update proposal from Stantec to prepare a capital works plan be deferred to the next Council meeting and that Administration contact Stantec to see if they would do the plan for \$20,000.00, versus the estimated project cost of \$27,500.00, or as close to the grant approval amount as possible without changing the scope of the project. Stantec advised that they cannot do the project for the budget amount and do it justice. They also indicated that they have already reduced the cost by about \$2,000.00 when preparing the proposal and additional items added from the original request for the scope of work was the inclusion of the sewage lagoon and the Tangible Capital Assets.
- Res.187/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley to approve the proposal in the amount of \$27, 500.00 from Stantec Consulting to complete a 10 Year Capital Works Plan and update the Town of Eckville MIMS system. Carried.

6. Bylaws, Policies, Projects None.

7. **Reports**
- 2009 MSI Funding
- 2008 Ambulance Grant Reporting
SIP Grant
- Regional Emergency Response Plan
- Budget, Financial
- Council Planning Session
Bi-Election
- Upcoming Meetings, Events
- 7.2 **Administrator's Report**
- Alberta Municipal Affairs advises that the town's 2009 Municipal Sustainability Initiative funding is \$85,922 for capital projects and \$50,632 for conditional operating. For added flexibility, interest costs for MSI are now eligible under the program. Alberta is also working with the federal government to ensure that the province receives its share of economic stimulus funding.
- All reporting obligations under the 2008/2009 grant program have been completed and forwarded on to Alberta Health & Wellness.
- Alberta Transportation advises that the Town has been approved for grant funding under the Streets Improvement Program in the amount of \$60,120.00 based on \$60 per capita.
- Municipal Affairs has approved the grant application made by Lacombe County for funding for the Regional Emergency Management Plan. The Steering Committee and partnership will reconvene in May.
- Working on completion of budget, school requisition, tax rate bylaw for presentation to Council at the May 11 Council meeting.
- The session resulted in good discussion and ideas. Administration will compile the information gathered and put it in a report back to Council for approval.
- There were 130 voters out of a possible 700.
- The results were: Geoff Humphrey – 67 votes, Andrew van Dirstein – 63 votes. Welcome Geoff! And Congratulations on your win.
- May 4 – Quality Assurance Committee.
May 5 - Muni-Funds Presentation (Red Deer).
May 9 – Municipal Breakfast, Bullarena
- 7.3 **Financial Report**
- The March 2009 Financial report was reviewed.
- Res.188/09
- Moved by Councillor Walker that the Foreman's, Administrator's and Financial reports be received for information. Carried.
- Eckville Dance Jamboree
- In reference to Resolution 160/09 from the April 13, 2009 Council Meeting Minutes, the intent was that Council would loan \$3,000.00 to the Eckville Dance Jamboree Committee to assist with upfront costs in order to host the event. Further review of the Municipal Government Act (MGA Section 265) after the fact clarified that any loans by a municipality to a non-profit organization require Council to pass a Bylaw. Discussion.
- Res.189/09
- Moved by Councillor Kinley that Resolution 160/09 from the April 13, 2009 Council meeting be rescinded. Carried.
8. **Committee, Board Reports**
- 8.1 **Committee, Board Reports**
- Councillor Ebden
Councillor van Boeschoten
Councillor Krecsy
Councillor Kinley
Councillor Walker
- April 21 – Community Hall Board
Nothing to report.
- Nothing to report.
- Nothing to report.
- April 22 – Council Planning Session
April 23 – Co-op Annual Meeting
- Mayor Posti
- April 15 – Website Development Committee meeting
April 21 – Volunteer Appreciation Tea at the Eckville Manor
April 22 – Council Planning Session
April 22 – Volunteer Appreciation Night hosted by Eckville FCSS
April 23 – Parkland Community Planning Services Board Meeting
- Signage – Ball Diamonds
- Councillor Ebden advised that Eckville Minor Ball would like Council to consider paying for some "name signs" at each of the ball diamonds. Cost is estimated at \$500. each for 2 signs. No decision by Council.
- Swine Flue Pandemic Emergency Response Plan (ERP)
- Councillor Kinley inquired as to the process and the Town's ERP in the event of the Swine Flu becoming a pandemic. Councillor Ebden advised that the Health Board ERP would be activated and the municipal ERP would draw on mutual aid between other municipalities if needed to ensure that essential services are still provided.
- Res. 190/09
- Moved by Councillor Kinley that the Committee and Board reports be received for information as presented. Carried.
9. **Correspondence, Information Items**
- 9.1
- Alberta Education – Severe Disability
- A letter was received from Alberta Education in response to the letter the Town of Eckville submitted to them regarding Severe Disability Funding in the Wolf Creek

Funding In Wolf Creek School Division		School Division. Their letter advised that Wolf Creek School Division has not experienced a decrease in severe special needs funding.
Ray Prins, MLA - Severe Disability Funding In Wolf Creek School Division	9.2	A letter was received from Ray Prins, MLA in response to the letter the Town of Eckville submitted to him regarding Severe Disability Funding in the Wolf Creek School Division. His letter advised that Wolf Creek School Division has not experienced a decrease in severe special needs funding.
Alberta Municipal Affairs (AMA) – 2009 Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Program Changes	9.3	A letter was received from AMA outlining the changes to the 2009 MSI program. Of particular note, interest costs are now an eligible expense under the MSI capital guidelines, subject to specified limits.
Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) Day of Mourning – April 28, 2009	9.4	A letter was received from WCB advising that on April 28, 2009 people across Canada will recognize a Day of Mourning for all workers who have been killed, injured or disabled at their place of work.
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Municipal Infrastructure Lending Program	9.5	Correspondence was received from FCM advising that CMHC has announced its Municipal Infrastructure Lending Program. The program promises fast approvals of low-interest loans to municipal governments for municipal infrastructure projects.
Lacombe County Enforcement – Eckville Enforcement Report March 2009	9.6	The Eckville Enforcement Report for March 2009 from Lacombe County Enforcement was reviewed.
albertafirst.com – Community Profile Report January 1 – December 31, 2008	9.7	The albertafirst.com Community Profile Report for January 1 – December 31, 2008 was reviewed.
Central Alberta Rodeo Association (CARA)– 2008 Award Photograph, 2009 Invoice and Donor Passes	9.8	A 2008 Award photograph, 2009 invoice and donor passes were received from CARA.

Res. 191/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that the correspondence and information items be received for information. Carried.

10. Seminars, Meetings, Special Events

- 10.1 TransCanada Open House – April 27, 2009
- 10.2 Safety Codes Council – 2009 Summit – June 10-12, 2009
- 10.3 Red Deer River Watershed Alliance – State of the Watershed Report – May 25, 2009. Councillor Walker to attend.
- 10.4 Red Deer College 45th Convocation – May 22, 2009
- 10.5 AECOM – Annual Open House – May 14, 2009
- 10.6 The Third Academy Annual Fundraising Gala – May 8, 2009. Mayor Posti to attend.
- 10.7 Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation – 2009 Energize Workshop – October 29-31, 2009

Res. 192/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that the Seminars, Meetings, and Special Events be received for information and to approve attendance as indicated. Carried.

Carson Papke, Eckville Echo withdrew from the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

11. In Camera
Res.193/09

- 11.1 Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten that the meeting move in camera excluding all persons except Council members and Staff members Administrator Kleeberger and Susan Norberg to discuss water supply, ambulance, land and legal issues. Time: 8:02 p.m. Carried.

Res.194/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that the meeting come out of camera and reverts back to the regular meeting. Time: 9:09 p.m. Carried.

13. Adjournment
Res.195/09

- 13.1 Moved by Mayor Posti that the meeting be adjourned. Time: 9:10 p.m. Carried.

Administrator Kleeberger and staff member Susan Norberg vacated the Council Chambers at 9:11 p.m.

12. Committee of the Whole

- 12.1 Council reviewed the CAO Bylaw and Job Description and completed the CAO Performance Evaluation.

Mayor

Administrator