

TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, May 11, 2009
Council Chambers

- 1. Call to Order** 1.0 Mayor Posti called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Present: Mayor Helen Posti, Councillors Gord Ebdon, Geoff Humphrey, Scott Kinley, Mitch Krecsy, Grant van Boeschoten, John Walker
Staff: Administrator Therese Kleeberger, Susan Norberg
Press: Carson Papke, Eckville Echo
Other: Dimitri Pojidaeff, HR Group
- 2. Delegations** 2.1 Jon Macrae, Raelyn Huseby – Eckville Ag Society
- 3. Agenda** 3.1 Additional Agenda Items:
5.6 – Lacombe County Joint Economic Agreement
5.7 – Organizational Review Report – Set Date
10.4 – Eckville Grad – May 23, 2009
- Res.196/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley that the agenda be adopted as presented with the additions. Carried.
- 4. Minutes** 4.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting April 27, 2009
- Councillor van Boeschoten advised that his Committee Report was missing from the Minutes of the April 27, 2009 meeting. Councillor van Boeschoten attended a Quality Assurance Committee meeting on April 6th and a Website Development Committee meeting on April 15th.
- Res.197/09 Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 27, 2009 be adopted with the addition of his Committee Report. Carried.
- 5. Action Items**
- Camp Kuriakos – Bike/
Walk/Hike-a-Thon 5.1 Permission was requested from the organizers of the Camp Kuriakos Bike/Walk/Hike-a-Thon to utilize the portion of Highway 766 that goes through the Town of Eckville for the Bike-a-Thon portion of their event on June 6 and 7, 2009.
- Res.198/09 Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten to grant permission to the Camp Kuriakos Bike/Walk/Hike-a-Thon to utilize the portion of Highway 766 that goes through the Town of Eckville for the Bike-a-Thon portion of their event on June 6 and 7, 2009 and to let them know about the Eckville Rodeo Parade that is taking place on June 6, 2009. Carried.
- Budget 2009 Final 5.2 The final Budget 2009 document was presented to Council.
- Res.199/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that the 2009 Budget be approved. Carried.
- 7. Reports**
- Street Maintenance 7.1 **Foreman’s Report**
The sweeper has been out and all streets have been done once except for McDonald Heights. Most of the gravel has been swept off the grass, there are a few places on the east side of town but we had to quit because we were getting complaints about the dust. Hopefully it will rain in the next week and then we can finish. We have put a new broom and rubbers on the sweeper so it is doing a nicer job. The sweeper is broke down right now as the bolts holding the broom on sheared off.
There are getting to be quite a few pot holes on the streets so I have ordered a 2 part hole filler that is better than just cold mix. It will come with the crack filler.
Lift Stations The west lift station went down so I got a flush and camera truck out. The suction line was plugged and there seems to be a pink plastic pipe stuck inside the suction line just before the valve. The John Brooks rep was out a couple of days ago and I showed him the video of the suction lines and he said that the foreign object does not belong there. He is going to send out the parts we need to pull the valve off so that the foreign object can be removed.
Bermac was also at the lift station and hooked up a high level alarm that works off of the photo cell in the wet well. So now if the pumps go down we should get an alarm sooner.
Bermac has also installed the disconnect switch at the west lift station so now we can simulate a power failure and test it properly.
We are having trouble with the generator at the west lift station as it will not start as it should. We have to over-ride the computer and start it manually. I believe it is the electronic oil pressure sender so when the sewer samples are taken in on Friday I

will get a new one. In the event of a power failure we will get a call-out telling us it did not start so I did not see the need to make a special trip to Red Deer.

Garbage
 We had some trouble with the garbage truck today. A bin dumped and would not come down so I had to send the tractor over to pull it down. Other than that the truck has been running fine.
 We have hauled 3 loads of dry rubble and about 6 loads of brush out to the Transfer Site. We had cleaned up the compost pile of brush last week and by Monday morning you would not have thought we had done a thing over there. We are planning to put up better signage and fence off the compost pile so the people have to dump in selected sites, allowing us to sort it before it gets into the pile. All the stumps and roots from the campground were hauled out to the lagoon. The Recycle Depot was quite a mess. On Monday morning it took two of us a couple of hours to clean it up and yet there was room to put stuff where it belongs. We will have to look at buying new totes for the tin cans and glass in the near future as ours are getting pretty broken up.

Pumphouse
 We have had a few call-outs at the pumphouse lately due to all the fires that the Fire Department has been called to. When they go to turn the fire pump off the other pumps will not work properly. Bermac was called in to repair them. Bermac is also coming back to see why the outside meter does not work for bulk water sales as they had just replaced that a month ago or so. According to one of our water customers it never worked since it was replaced so I let Bermac know. The chlorine line was plugged at the pumphouse so I took it apart and cleaned it out really good so we are hoping it will not bother us for a while now. I spent the morning of May 5th with Stantec going over the pumphouse and reservoir. I also showed them the wells.

Vehicles
 The fuel system is working on the gravel truck again but now we have a hydraulic leak that we are having a hard time locating.

Other
 The person we hired to help repair and clean the yard started last week but on nice days he has to go over to the arena until the roof is repaired. After that he will be with the Town full time.
 The summer employee started on May 6.
 We had a sewer dig on the east end of 54 avenue as the line was broke between the side walk and curb. It had been repaired before and who ever did it had hit the copper water line and crushed it so we had to shut the water off on that block to repair it.
 The “Do Not Enter” sign is back up by the Elementary School.
 The electrician has finished the wiring in the cold storage building, and also re-hooked up the compressor as we ended up getting another new one.
 The loader is down right now as it blew a hydraulic line up under the cab and it is a major job to repair. I am hoping to have time in the next few days to work on it.

Old Fire Truck
 Council decided that the old Fire Truck should be included in the Town’s Silent Auction. As per the Town of Eckville Disposal Policy, any items with a value of over \$5000. will have a reserve bid.

Forced Main
 Rick recommended that a 30’ section of the forced main, just beyond where the last repair was completed, be dug up to remove any possible debris that may be buried. It is better to do it now rather than on an emergency basis that usually happens in the winter. Cost will likely be around \$2000-\$3000. Council gave to go head with the expenditure being covered out of contingencies if need be.
 Rick McKinnon left the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

5. Action Items

Crime Stoppers, Central Alberta Association (CSCAA) – Signage 5.3
 Correspondence was received from CSCAA advising that Crime Stoppers signage can be installed at the entrances to the Town. There is no cost for the signs but installation would be the Town’s expense.
 Res.200/09
 Moved by Councillor Kinley that two signs be requested from CSCAA to be installed at each entrance to the Town of Eckville. Carried.

Eckville Dance Jamboree Committee – Property Usage Permission 5.4
 A letter was received from the Eckville Dance Jamboree Committee requesting permission to use Lot R8, Block 20, Plan 7720079 (Peace Park) and the Arena Grounds for dry camping for their Dance Jamboree being held on August 28, 29 and 30, 2009. In addition they are requesting barricades and garbage cans be supplied and set up by the Town.
 Res.201/09
 Moved by Councillor Ebden to allow dry camping on Lot R8, Block 20, Plan 7720079 and the Arena Grounds on August 28, 29 and 30, 2009 for the Eckville Dance Jamboree, and that barricades and garbage cans be supplied and set up by the Town in the dry camping areas. Carried.

Letter from Resident – Automated Phone Answering Service 5.5 A letter was received from a resident regarding the automated phone answering service in the Town Office. The telephone message was recorded by a former staff member. The resident would like staff to answer the phone during the day rather than the automated message coming on and the message be updated and only used when the office is closed.

Res.202/09 Moved by Councillor Krecsy that the letter regarding the automated phone answering service be received for information and that a reply letter be sent to the resident. Carried.

Lacombe County Joint Economic Agreement 5.6 A draft of a Joint Economic Agreement (JEA) between the Town of Eckville and Lacombe County was received from Lacombe County. The JEA sets out guidelines for the establishment and purpose of the Joint Economic Area, Land Use Planning and Development Control, Development and Servicing of Lands, Sharing of Taxes and Grants in Lieu of Taxes, Administration of the Agreement and Resolution for Disputes.

Res.203/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley that Administration request legal opinion regarding the Lacombe County Joint Economic Agreement. Carried.

Jon Macrae and Raelyn Huseby entered the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Organizational Review Report – Set Date 5.7 HR Group, who is in the process of completing an Organizational Review for the Town of Eckville, requested that Council set a date to review the Organizational Review report.

Res.204/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that Council meet with Dimitri Pojidaeff of HR Group on June 8, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. to review the Organizational Review report and that the time of the June 8, 2009 Council meeting be changed to 6:45 p.m. Carried.

Dimitri Pojidaeff left the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Carson Papke left the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

2. Delegation Jon Macrae, Raelyn Huseby – Eckville Ag Society

Res.205/09 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, and Delegation Jon Macrae and Raelyn Huseby to discuss the Eckville Ag Society. Time: 7:05 p.m. Carried.

Res.206/09 Moved by Councillor Krecsy that the meeting come out of camera and reverts back to the regular meeting. Time: 7:21 p.m. Carried.

Jon Macrae and Raelyn Huseby left the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Carson Papke re-entered the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

6. Bylaws, Policies, Projects None.

- 7. Reports**
- 7.2 Administrator's Report**
- 2010 Home Show Changes The Red Deer Home & Garden Show Committee is looking at changes to the show. They are proposing that a 4th day be added which would be Thursday opening at 1 pm and going till 9 pm. They are also considering a different floor plan that would categorize the various booths into sections.
- Ambulance Donation Fund Transfer With the transfer of ambulance service to the province, Council has decided to close out the ambulance donation fund. Two contributors that made large donations were contacted to find out how they wanted their donations handled. Both ConocoPhillips and the Estate of Sophus Rasmussen confirm their approval to transfer their donations to the Fire Donation Fund.
- Cemetery Plots, Expansion Project Ten more plots have been marked out at the cemetery thanks to the assistance of Lacombe County. As well, Lacombe County is going to do some preliminary planning for grounds excavation and shaping. This does not include a landscaping design.
- Website Design Staff have met with Central Alberta Web Development and gone over page designs, graphics, text material, etc.
- Organizational Review HR Group has been out and done the first step of the process. They will be sitting in on this meeting to observe.
- Quality Assurance The Quality Assurance Committee met May 4 and went over proposed policies:

Committee	sidewalk, curb & gutter maintenance and independent contractors.
Joint Economic Agreement – Lacombe County	A proposed Joint Economic Agreement is being drafted for consideration by Lacombe County and Town Council. The agreement arises out of the Eckville IDP (Intermunicipal Development Plan) to provide for the sharing of economic benefits when development occurs within the economic area.
Alarm System Call Outs	No issues or incidents recorded on the system.
Water System Study	Stantec were out on May 4/09 to gather information, drawings, etc. on the water system.
Water Meter Issues	Problems are starting to get sorted out with the handheld radio, software and reading of meters. Accu-Flow came out and assisted staff to get these solved.
Holidays	I will be out of the office starting May 13 until May 26/09.
Upcoming Meetings, Events	None scheduled at this time.

Since writing the Administrator’s Report, the Red Deer Home & Garden Show Committee has advised they will not be changing the floor plan for the Home Show. They have not provided an update on the possibility of holding the Home Show for an additional day.

7.3 **Financial Report**

The April 2009 Financial report was reviewed.

7.4 **Development Officer’s Report**

The April 30, 2009 Development Officer’s Report was reviewed.

7.5 **Fire Chief’s Report**

The Fire Chief’s Report was reviewed.

Res.207/09 Moved by Councillor Krecsy that the Foreman’s, Administrator’s, Financial, Development Officer’s and Fire Chief’s reports be received for information. Carried.

8. Committee, Board Reports

Councillor Ebden
Councillor Humphrey
Councillor Kinley
Councillor Krecsy

Mayor Posti

Councillor van Boeschoten

Councillor Walker

8.1 **Committee, Board Reports**

Nothing to report.
Nothing to report.
Nothing to report.
April 8 – Eckville Municipal Library Meeting
April 16 – Parkland Regional Library Meeting
April 30/May 1 – attended The President’s Summit on the Future of Local Governance
April 30 – FCSS/Eckville Neighborhood Place Annual Meeting
May 4 – Lacombe Foundation Meeting
May 4 – MPC Meeting
May 5 – Eckville Arena Board Meeting
May 8 – Third Academy Hidden Hero
May 9 – Municipal Breakfast
April 29 – Town of Eckville Evaluation Program Meeting
May 4 – Quality Assurance Committee Meeting
May 9 – Municipal Breakfast
May 7 – Chamber of Commerce Meeting
May 8 – CASCHA Spring Workshop

Congratulations to Councillor Ebden on receiving the Chamber of Commerce Community Builder Award for an individual at the Municipal Breakfast.

Congratulations to Councillor van Boeschoten for putting together a great Community Builder Awards presentation.

Res. 208/09 Moved by Councillor Ebden that the Committee and Board reports be received for information as presented. Carried.

9. Correspondence, Information Items

Alberta Municipal Affairs (AMA) – Assessment Bulletin April 2009

Lacombe County – 2008 Schedule of Revenues and Expenses – Eckville Shared Fire

Eckville Ambulance –

9.1 Correspondence was received from AMA advising that due to the restructuring of health services in Alberta, there is no longer a need to report assessment information and prepare equalized assessments for health regions and ambulance authorities.

9.2 A Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures, prepared by BDO Dunwoody Chartered Accountants, was received from Lacombe County. The schedule is as at December 31, 2008 and includes Alix, Clive, Eckville and Lacombe Shared Fire Equipment.

9.3 The Statement of Operations for the Eckville Ambulance as at March 2009 was

Statement of Operations reviewed by Council.
March 2009

Alberta Sustainable 9.4 A news release and some background information on the Alberta Land Stewardship
Resource Development – Act were received from Alberta Sustainable Resource Development.
Alberta Land
Stewardship Act

Res. 209/09 Moved by Councillor Krecsy that the correspondence and information items be
received for information. Carried.

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

- 10.1 Town of Rocky Mountain House – Annual Parade June 6, 2009
- 10.2 Central Alberta Economic Partnership Ltd. (CAEP) – AGM June 11, 2009. Mayor
Posti to attend.
- 10.3 Government of Alberta – Alberta Land Stewardship Act Open Houses. Innisfail –
May 14 (Councillor Walker to attend), Edson – May 20 (Mayor Posti to attend).
- 10.4 Eckville Grad – May 23, 2009. Mayor Posti to attend.

Res. 210/09 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.211/09**

- 11.1 Moved by Councillor Walker that the meeting moves in camera excluding all
persons except Council members and Staff members Administrator Kleeberger and
Susan Norberg to discuss Fire Department and land issues. Time: 7:42 p.m.
Carried.

Res.212/09 Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten that the meeting come out of camera and
reverts back to the regular meeting. Time: 8:24 p.m. Carried.

Eckville Fire Department Moved by Councillor Walker that Administration forward a letter to the Eckville
– Purchase of a Rapid Fire Department stating that the Town of Eckville shall participate in the purchase
Response Unit of a Rapid Response Unit when appropriate funding is available and upon receipt of
Res.213/09 a recommendation of the joint Town/Lacombe County Emergency Services
Committee, and that copies of the letter be sent to Lacombe County and Councillor
Kinley. Carried.

**13. Adjournment
Res.214/09**

- 13.1 Moved by Councillor Humphrey that the meeting be adjourned. Time: 8:27 p.m.
Carried.

Administrator Kleeberger and staff member Susan Norberg vacated the Council
Chambers at 8:28 p.m.

**12. Committee of the
Whole**

- 12.1 Council reviewed the final CAO Performance Evaluation document.

Mayor

Administrator