

**TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Monday, May 25, 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 Geoff Humphrey, Scott Kinley, Mitch Krecsy, Grant van Boeschoten, John Walker  
Staff: Susan Norberg  
Press: Carson Papke, Eckville Echo  
Absent: Councillor Gord Ebden and Administrator Therese Kleeberger
- 2. Delegations**                    2.1 Jon Macrae, Raelyn Huseby – Eckville Ag Society
- 3. Agenda**                            3.1 Additional Agenda Items:  
5.4 – Letter from Citizen – Animal Licensing  
5.5 – Skateboard Park  
6.1 – Tax Rate Bylaw 690/09  
9.7 – FCM Elections – June 7, 2009  
10.15 – Wetland Tour Invitation – June 11, 2009  
10.16 – CAEP – Roundtable for CAO’s – June 19, 2009  
10.17 – Town of Sylvan Lake – 1913 Days Parade – June 13, 2009  
10.18 – Lacombe County – Ag Service Board Tour Social – July 8, 2009
- Res.215/09                            Moved by Councillor Walker that the agenda be adopted as presented with the additions. Carried.
- 4. Minutes**                            4.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting May 11, 2009
- Res.216/09                            Moved by Councillor Krecsy that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of May 11, 2009 be adopted as presented. Carried.
- 7. Reports**                            7.1 **Foreman’s Report**  
Street Maintenance                All of the streets have had their spring cleaning and I think they look really good. They all have been cleaned at least once and most of them have been done twice. We had some trouble with the sweeper as the bracket holding one of the splash boards on was bent so we had to repair it. I hope to start crack filling next week, there are 4 barrels left over from last year that I want to use up right away and hopefully the new product will be here by then. If you are getting complaints about pot holes I am waiting on a 2 part hole filler that is better than just cold mix.
- Lift Stations                            We changed the rotating assembly out on Pump 2 at the East Lift Station as it was vibrating quite hard. It is still vibrating but not quite as bad. The concern is that the vibrating might cause other problems underground. Tomorrow I hope to remove the foreign object out of Pump 1 at the West Lift Station as all of the parts finally showed up.
- Garbage                                A return line broke on the Garbage Truck and dumped all the hydraulic oil. We could not get a new line in town so I patched it but it did not hold and dumped all the oil again. I went to a local business and borrowed a hose off of them and got the truck running again and it seems to be working fine now. The welding shop is just about finished designing the lockable lid for the dumpsters and we are going to try it out soon.
- Pumphouse                            On May 16 at 2:00 am something happened at the Pumphouse as the filters were back- washing and a valve or electric relay stuck and the fire pumps kicked in and really washed out the filters. I talked to the other Public Works staff and they had never had this happen so we aren’t sure why it happened, but it has not done it since.
- Vehicles                                No problems to report.
- Other                                    We have made approximately 15 brush runs and 5 rubble runs in the past 2 weeks but the alleys are starting to take shape and we hope to start grading them in the near future.  
There has been quite a bit of clean up done around the shop and yard and the new staff are working out very well.  
Brandt Tractor are coming out May 25 to test the loader and fix the injectors on the grader so then we will know where we are at.  
On May 20th a fire hydrant was backed into by the garbage truck and was broke off at ground level. The hydrant is out into the street and when they backed the truck up to get a tote he could not see it in the mirror. We went to shut off the valve to the hydrant but could not because when they paved the street the tube leading down to the shut off had been broken off and is quite crooked so we can not get the wrench

on. Next week we will have to dig up the hydrant as well as the valve and repair it. I will have to order parts in first.

I plan on starting the mowing towards the end of the week, after all this moisture the grass will really grow now.

The pins and bushings have been replaced in the loader, we had to order more parts as it was worse than originally thought.

The lagoon discharge will be done on May 26.

We will put up another “Do Not Enter” sign west of the Elementary School tomorrow.

Mowing has been started.

Rick is wondering whether Council wants repairs done on “Gertie” (the old fire truck) as presently it is not safe to drive. No decision was made.

Rick McKinnon left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

## 5. Action Items

Eckville Chamber of Commerce – Eckford Street Esthetics

- 5.1 Correspondence was received from the Eckville Chamber of Commerce expressing concern with the esthetic appearance of Eckford Street. The Chamber is hoping to find ways of enforcing a higher standard of building maintenance and beautification. The Chamber requested information about the Bylaws and Policies the Town has in place regarding building maintenance standards, building occupancy, and owner responsibility to vacancy.

Res.217/09

Moved by Councillor Kinley that Administration send a letter, along with a copy of the Unsightly and Unsafe Properties Bylaw, to the Eckville Chamber of Commerce requesting that they forward their specific concerns about the esthetic appearance of Eckford Street and once received this information be forwarded to the Quality Assurance Committee for review. Carried.

Lacombe County – Eckville Ambulance Service

- 5.2 The December 31, 2008 Eckville Municipal Ambulance Joint Venture Financial Statements were received from Lacombe County, along with a list of ambulance equipment and supplies that Lacombe Municipal Ambulance Service Association (LMASA) would like to purchase for the amount of \$17,622.00. There are some items that are not needed by LMASA. Council suggested these items be included in the Town of Eckville’s Silent Auction if Lacombe County is agreeable to this.

Res.218/09

Moved by Councillor Krecsy that Administration follow-up with Lacombe County regarding the payment of \$1363.00 that the Town of Eckville previously made to Lacombe Municipal Ambulance Service Association for unrecorded vacation and banked time to ensure we will be reimbursed that amount. Carried.

Res.219/09

Moved by Councillor Walker that Administration advise Lacombe County that Council is agreeable to sell to Lacombe Municipal Ambulance Service Association the ambulance equipment and supplies, as documented on the Eckville Ambulance Station Inventory Checklist, for the amount of \$17,622.00. Carried.

Res.220/09

Moved by Councillor Walker that Council approve the Eckville Municipal Ambulance Joint Venture December 31, 2008 Financial Statements. Carried.

Res.221/09

Moved by Councillor Walker that the decision to approve the Eckville Municipal Ambulance Joint Venture December 31, 2008 Financial Statements be deferred to the June 8, 2009 Council meeting. Carried.

Lacombe County – Facilities Operational Cost-Sharing Agreement

- 5.3 A Facilities Operational Cost-Sharing Agreement was received from Lacombe County. The agreement outlines the sharing of costs for the operation of such facilities as arenas, water spray parks, ball diamonds, skateboard parks, community halls, cemeteries and public libraries.

Res.222/09

Moved by Councillor Walker that the Town of Eckville enter into the Facilities Operational Cost-Sharing Agreement with Lacombe County. Carried.

Letter from Citizen – Animal Licensing

- 5.4 An email was received by the Town from some residents that recently received two \$50 fines for not licensing their dogs. The email indicates that they have purchased dog tags from the Town for the past four years, but as they are aware of many people who do not purchase animal licenses, they decided not to purchase dog tags this year. They also feel that the Town should not be sharing their personal information with the Animal Bylaw Officer. Additionally, they questioned why the Town does not require certification of altering pets.

- Res.223/09 Moved by Councillor Humphrey that contracted services by the Town of Eckville be authorized to receive relevant information. Carried.
- Res.224/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that Animal Bylaw 635/01 be brought before Council for review at the June 8, 2009 Council meeting. Carried.

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

**2. Delegation**

Jon Macrae, Raelyn Huseby – Eckville Ag Society

The Eckville Ag Society is having its Charity status revoked and is therefore requesting that the Town accept a donation of the funds the Ag Society currently has on hand. The funds will be held by the town in a separate bank account and released upon presentation of Eckville Ag Society meeting minutes and after approval by Council. The funds will be used for Multi-Purpose Building capital projects, building maintenance and operational costs. An agreement between the Eckville Ag Society and the Town of Eckville was presented for review. Council suggested some amendments to the agreement of which the Ag Society was in agreement to.

- Res.225/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley that the Town of Eckville enters into the amended agreement with the Eckville Ag Society to accept the donated funds from the Ag Society, which will be held by the town in a separate bank account, and released upon presentation of Eckville Ag Society meeting minutes and after approval by Council. Carried.

Jon Macrae and Raelyn Huseby left the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

**5. Action Items Continued**

Skate Park

- 5.5 Councillor Krecsy brought to Council’s attention that the Skate Park equipment that was purchased by the SkatePark Committee is ready to be installed, but it has been determined that the pad where it will be located is not level. The SkatePark Committee is requesting to make alterations to the pad at no cost to the Town.

- Res.226/09 Moved by Councillor Krecsy to approve the SkatePark Committee’s request to make alterations to the pad where the Skate Park equipment will be installed and that the committee ensure Alberta One Call is called prior to any digging. Carried.

**6. Bylaws, Policies, Projects**

- 6.1 Council reviewed Bylaw 690/09, being a Bylaw to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property within the Town of Eckville for the 2009 taxation year.

- Res.227/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley to give Bylaw 690/09 first reading. Carried.

- Res.228/09 Moved by Councillor Walker to give Bylaw 690/09 second reading. Carried.

- Res.229/09 Moved by Mayor Posti to introduce Bylaw 690/09 for third reading. All in favor. Carried.

- Res.230/09 Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten to give Bylaw 690/09 third and final reading. Carried.

**7. Reports**

- 7.2 **Administrator’s Report – None**

7.3 **Financial Report**

The May 25, 2009 Accounts Payable report was reviewed.

- Res.231/09 Moved by Councillor Krecsy that the Foreman’s and Financial reports be received for information. Carried.

**8. Committee, Board Reports**

8.1 **Committee, Board Reports**

- Councillor Ebden
- Councillor Humphrey
- Councillor Kinley
- Councillor Krecsy
- Mayor Posti
- Councillor van Boeschoten
- Councillor Walker

- Nothing to report.
- Nothing to report.
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- May 13 – Interagency Meeting
- May 14 – Land Use Open House

May 25 – Lacombe Foundation events  
May 25 – Red Deer River Watershed Workshop

Res. 232/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley that the Committee and Board reports be received for information as presented. Carried.

Councillor Humphrey left the meeting at 7:25 p.m. and re-entered the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Press left the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

## 9. Correspondence, Information Items

Canada West Land Services Ltd. – Central Disposal Inc. – Notification of Disposal Facility Re-Classification to Waste Management Facility 9.1 Correspondence was received from Canada West Land Services Ltd. advising of their client's, Central Disposal Inc., proposed development to re-classify their Disposal Facility to a Waste Management Facility at 2-29-39-3-W5M.

AUMA Member Notices – 2009 FICE Program 9.2 AUMA and Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development (AARD) announce that applications are now being accepted to participate in the 2009 FICE Program. The Town of Eckville applied for this program last year.

Res.233/09 Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten that the Town of Eckville apply for the 2009 FICE Program. Carried.

Western Economic Diversification Canada – Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program (RInC) 9.3 A Fact Sheet was received from Western Economic Diversification Canada outlining the Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program (RInC). The RInC provides funding to renew and upgrade community recreation facilities across Canada. Council requested this information be forwarded to applicable community organizations.

Alberta International and Intergovernmental Relations – TILMA 9.4 Correspondence was received from Alberta International and Intergovernmental Relations to remind Council that new provisions took effect under TILMA that apply to municipalities.

Lacombe County Enforcement – Eckville Report April 2009 9.5 The April 2009 Enforcement Report was received from Lacombe County Enforcement.

SeeVirtual360.com – Town of Eckville Tour Visits May 15, 2009 9.6 The May 15, 2009 statistical results for the Town of Eckville virtual tours were reviewed.

FCM Elections – June 7, 2009 9.7 Correspondence was received from Parkland County advising that Councillor Pat Brennan is seeking Council's support at the FCM elections.

Res. 234/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that the correspondence and information items be received for information. Carried.

## 10. Seminars, Meetings, Special Events

- 10.1 AAMDC Business Services Golf Tournament – June 17, 2009
- 10.2 Red Deer River Watershed Alliance – AGM – June 19, 2009. Councillor Walker to attend.
- 10.3 Alberta Association Canadian Institute of Planners – Green Development in Recessionary Times Presentation – June 3, 2009
- 10.4 Town of Penhold – Penhold Day Parade – June 6, 2009
- 10.5 Innisfail Chamber of Commerce – Innisfail Rodeo Parade – June 13, 2009
- 10.6 Town of Rimbey – Rodeo Day Parade – June 13, 2009
- 10.7 Rimbey Invitational Charity Golf Classic – June 18, 2009
- 10.8 Village of Clive – Clive Sports Day Parade – June 20, 2009
- 10.9 Town of Bowden – Bowden Daze Parade – July 25, 2009
- 10.10 Vitalize 2009 Conference – June 4-6, 2009
- 10.11 Aquality Environmental Consulting Ltd. – Alberta Wetlands Policy
- 10.12 FCM – 2009 AGM – June 7, 2009
- 10.13 Safety Codes Council – Municipal Meetings
- 10.14 Eckville Chamber of Commerce – Chili Cook-Off – June 5, 2009. Councillor Kresy and one staff member will participate.
- 10.15 Wetland Tour Invitation – June 11, 2009
- 10.16 CAEP – Roundtable for CAO's – June 19, 2009. Administrator Kleeberger to

attend.

10.17 Town of Sylvan Lake – 1913 Days Parade – June 13, 2009

10.18 Lacombe County – Ag Service Board Tour Social – July 8, 2009. Mayor Posti to attend.

Res. 235/09

Moved by Councillor Krecsy that the Seminars, Meetings, and Special Events be received for information and to approve attendance as indicated. Carried.

**11. In Camera**

None

**13. Adjournment**  
Res.236/09

13.1 Moved by Councillor Humphrey that the meeting be adjourned. Time: 8:03 p.m. Carried.

**12. Committee of the Whole**

None

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Mayor

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Administrator