

**TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Monday, July 13, 2009**  
**Council Chambers**

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| <b>1. Call to Order</b>   | 1.0 | Mayor Posti called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.<br>Present: Mayor Posti, Councillors Gord Ebdon, Geoff Humphrey, Scott Kinley, Grant van Boeschoten, John Walker<br>Staff: Administrator Therese Kleeberger, Susan Norberg<br>Press: Carson Papke, Eckville Echo<br>Absent: Councillor Mitch Krecsy  |
| <b>2. Delegations</b>   | 2.1 | None  |
| <b>3. Agenda</b>  | 3.1 | Additional Agenda Items:<br>5.7 – Sidewalks<br>5.8 – Dirt Pile North of Town Shop<br>5.9 – Community Hall   |
| Res.283/09  |     | Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten that the agenda be adopted as presented with the additions. Carried.   |
| <b>4. Minutes</b>   | 4.1 | Minutes of Regular Meeting June 22, 2009  |
| Res.284/09  |     | Moved by Councillor Kinley that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of June 22, 2009 be adopted as presented. Carried.   |
| <b>5. Action Items</b>  |     |   |
| AUMA Member Notice – Request for Comments: Ambulance Transition<br>Res.285/09   | 5.1 | AUMA is requesting feedback from municipalities regarding the Ambulance Transition from municipalities to the province.<br><br>Moved by Councillor Van Boeschoten that Administration respond to AUMA that as our Ambulance provider has not changed the transition has been smooth to date. Carried.   |
| Red Deer River Watershed Alliance (RDRWA) – Application for Charitable Status<br>Res.286/09                           | 5.2 | The RDRWA is considering applying for Charitable Status through Revenue Canada and is asking municipalities if it will affect our relationship with them if they are approved.<br><br>Moved by Councillor Walker that Administration advise the RDRWA that Council does not feel our relationship with them will be affected if they are approved for Charitable Status through Revenue Canada. Carried.  |
| Standing Committee on Community Services – Review of Bill 202: Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2009<br>Res.287/09 | 5.3 | The Standing Committee on Community Services is undertaking a review of Bill 202: Municipal Government (Municipal Auditor General) Amendment Act, 2009. The Committee is inviting written submissions on the Bill.<br><br>Moved by Councillor Humphrey that Administration advise the Standing Committee on Community Services that Council has no concerns will Bill 202 as to the effects it will have on the Town of Eckville. Three in favour, three against. Defeated.   |
| Lacombe Foundation – Request for Letter of Support (Intent to Borrow)   | 5.4 | At the June 22, 2009 meeting Council agreed to provide a Letter of Support to Lacombe Foundation regarding their Intent to Borrow \$160,000 (over 9 years) ) to cover the capital cost additions at Lacombe Senior’s Lodge & Eckville Manor House Lodge, as approved by the Board of Directors of Lacombe Foundation. Correspondence has since been received from Lacombe Foundation advising the amount has been reduced to \$80,000 and the amortization reduced to 5 years. As such, they are requesting an amended Letter of Support. |
| Res.288/09  |     | Moved by Councillor Walker that Council revisits Resolution 264/09. Carried.  |
| Res.289/09  |     | Moved by Councillor Walker that the Town of Eckville amends Resolution 264/09 to read:<br>-that Council supports the intent of Lacombe Foundation to finance \$80,000 (over 5 years) to cover the capital cost additions at Lacombe Senior’s Lodge & Eckville Manor House Lodge, as approved by the Board of Directors of Lacombe Foundation, and<br>-that Council acknowledges that this debt becomes the responsibility of the  |

supporting municipalities in the event of a financial inability on the part of the Lacombe Foundation. Carried.

2009 Tax Cancellation 5.5 A mobile home that was located in Kilian Estates moved out of the park on June 4/09. It has been requested that the 2009 tax levy be pro-rated for the time period that the mobile home was situated in the park and that the remaining balance be cancelled. The cancellation amount would be \$653.59. Council may cancel or refund all or part of a tax.

Res.290/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley that this item be deferred to the next Council meeting in order that Administration can investigate the matter further. Carried.

CN – Pile of Railway Ties 5.6 A concern was brought forward regarding the pile of railway ties that CN has stacked on the south side of the railway tracks within the Town of Eckville. The Town can pursue the matter under the Unsightly Yards Bylaw should Council wish to do so. The Public Works Foreman has been endeavouring to contact the Regional Supervisor with CN to no avail. Councillor Humphrey provided an alternate contact name and phone number. An update will be provided at the July 27, 2009 Council meeting.

Res.291/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that the information regarding the CN Rail pile of railway ties provided by Administration be received for information. Carried.

Councillor Ebden left the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Sidewalks 5.7 Public Works is recommending that the sidewalks on the north side of the high school and on the south side of 52 Avenue from the back alley to 51 Street be removed and replaced with dirt and grass.

Res.292/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that this item be deferred to the 2010 Budget and not completed at this time. Carried.

Councillor Ebden re-entered the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Dirt Pile North of Town Shop 5.8 The dirt that was dug out from the street repair west of the Town Shop was piled north of the compost pile. There is pavement and concrete mixed with the dirt. Public Works would like to haul it to the lagoon and received a quote of approximately \$3200 to complete this.

Res.293/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley that Council approve the request from Public Works to hire local companies to load and haul the dirt pile to the lagoon and to pay the cost from contingencies. Three in favour, three against. Defeated.

Community Hall 5.9 Councillor Ebden advised that when McMullen's Refrigeration & Heating were doing their bi-annual service call they discovered that the air conditioning units require some repairs. They provided a quote for the work which is \$3,776.18 plus GST.

Res.294/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley to approve the repairs to the air conditioning units at the Community Hall and for the costs to be taken out of contingencies. Carried.

6. **Bylaws, Policies, Projects** 6.1 None

7. **Reports** 7.1 **Foreman's Report**  
Street Maintenance All of the crack filling is now finished and we had just enough product to complete the job. The pot hole filler seems to be working fine as I have not noticed any of it coming loose.  
I ordered more of the torch-on cross walk material and am waiting on that so we can get the cross walks looking better. There are also handicap emblems coming with the cross walk material so we can then finish that task.  
The line painter has been repaired so when Laborer I returns from holidays I will have him paint the rest of the cross walks and the yellow on the curbs.  
Lift Stations We had Bermac at the East Lift Station and it is now working so that it will start the generator in a power failure. There was a relay gone and we also had to put a spare battery in to open the electric solenoid on the fuel shut off.  
The West Lift Station has been working fine.  
Garbage We located the leak on the transmission of the garbage truck and it has been repaired, however we are still trying to find the rest of the leaks.  
The garbage levels still seem quite high.

Pumphouse We have had quite a bit of trouble with the chlorine analyzer not reading properly and a technician will be coming out on Wednesday to look at it. The Chlorine Pump and the Potassium Pump both quit recently. The Chlorine Pump was replaced with a new one. I was able to get the Potassium Pump working and it seems fine now.

Vehicles We had to take the 1998 truck back from the Silent Auction as the people who bought it thought the repair list on the truck window had been completed; however those were the required repairs. We felt it was in the best interests of the Town to take it back. It is handy to use in Town.

Other The Silent Auction went well and we got rid of everything except the wood chipper and the 1998 truck. There were two parties interested in the wood chipper. If they are no longer interested I will talk to Bobcat to see if we can put it on their lot on consignment.

A couple of days were spent at the lagoon sorting the stumps and concrete out of the dirt piles. We also mowed at the lagoon. There is now quite a pile of brush and stumps at the lagoon so I obtained a burning permit to get rid of it, but as it has been raining we haven't been able to burn it yet.

The parts came in for the fire hydrant on 59 Avenue so we will get that repaired as soon as possible.

**7.2 Administrator's Report**

Regional ERP – Grant Funding Lacombe County advises that they have not received the second phase provincial grant funding for the regional emergency response initiative. Lacombe County is going to put a hold on the initiative until September 2009.

Assessment Complaints Legislation Councillor Walker and I attended a workshop concerning new assessment legislation and changes to the complaints process. Bill 23 has been passed and the legislation comes into effect January 1, 2010. Major changes in timelines, mandatory board member training now required. A notice has been placed on the website looking for people who may be interested in sitting on the Board.

54A Avenue – Elementary School Parking Eckville Elementary School advises that they plan on leaving the parking configuration as it was for the June trial. Signage will be installed by the Town and Wolf Creek, the school will continue to work with parents to ensure proper and safe parking, bylaw enforcement to periodically monitor as well.

CAEP Roundtable I attended a roundtable discussion hosted by caep. Three topics were discussed: communications to the membership, community investment readiness program, and, connecting to inactive members and increasing municipal memberships.

Canada Day Celebration The celebration was a big success – food, entertainment, and fire works. Kudos to staff, Council members, Gord Ebden for the fireworks display, the Fire Dept., Amy Lesage for singing O Canada, and the entertainers for a job well done.

2009/10 MAG Grant Alta Municipal Affairs advises that they have authorized the payment of the 2009/10 unconditional municipal assistance grant of \$2,870.00 to the Town.

Kilian Estates Update Border Paving has stated that they will be paving 52 St. in July. At the emergency access, “No Through Traffic” and “Emergency Access Only” signs will be installed. There are some issues with buried water valves which they will get exposed.

Alarm System Report Water Meters Alarm system tested at east lift station on Jun 30/09. No other incidents to report. Still having problems with readings and transfer of data into the software. Accu-Flow is assisting to solve this problem.

Webpage Fine tuning is continuing and more Information being added. Any suggests and ideas are welcome.

Grant Applications, Reporting Water System Study Project profiles, applications, statements of funding and expenditures are being completed for submission to the province for review and approvals. Stantec is reviewing the draft report and should be sent out by the end of the week for town review and comments.

Capital Works/MIMS Project Stantec now has all of the information and Public Works has provided comments on the Map booklets. Next steps are to update the MIMS, review the existing reports and begin compiling the Infrastructure Analysis.

Lift Stn/Forced Main Project Stantec to provide a Scope of Services Proposal by the end of the week.

Community Clip Video Profiles Initiative At the last meeting Council made a decision not to participate in this initiative but rather look at local talent to put together a mini-video type profile. Caep would like Council to reconsider their decision. iMediaTV have been invited to make a presentation at the next Council meeting.

Bldg Insurance Appraisal Upcoming Meetings, Events Starting July 13, 2009, SCM Risk Management Services Inc. will be appraising the municipal buildings for insurance purposes. None at this time.

Administrator Kleeberger also advised that the Town of Eckville's application under the Building Canada Fund was recently approved for the North Outlet Storm Project.

**7.3 Financial Report**

The July 14, 2009 Accounts Payable Report was reviewed.

**7.4 Development Officer's Report**

Year-to-date there have been 23 Development Permits and one Demolition Permit issued. For the same period last year 27 Development Permits were issued. Kilian Estates Phase I – there is still one lot available for rent in the first phase of the mobile home park. There are presently 29 lots rented in Phase I and one lot rented in Phase II.

Fourteen lots have been sold in McDonald Heights, with nine homes completed and two homes in various stages of development.

Press left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Res.295/09

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**

Mayor Posti

**8.1 Committee, Board Reports**

June 13 – Dr. Steven Duckett (Central AB Mayors & Reeves)  
June 17 – Communications Tower  
June 19 – PCPS Semi-Annual Meeting  
June 19 – RDRWA Meeting  
June 20 – Mr. Niemela's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday/65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Niemela's Seed Farm  
June 22 – Third Academy Graduation  
June 25 – FCSS Meeting  
June 27 – Heisler 10<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
June 29 – Special Meeting of Council (Organizational Review Presentation)  
July 1 – Canada Day Celebration  
July 2 – 4-H BBQ (PEI/Ontario 4-H Exchange)  
July 4 – Fairways at Last Hill Grand Opening  
July 8 – Lacombe County Ag Tour Banquet

Councillor Walker

June 15 – Assessment Appeal Hearing  
June 22 – Lacombe Foundation  
June 24 – Assessment Complaints System Workshop  
June 27 – Ponoka Parade  
June 29 – Special Meeting of Council  
June 30 – SDAB Hearing  
July 6 – MPC

Councillor van Boeschoten

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July 1 – Canada Day Celebration

Res.296/09

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

**9. Correspondence, Information Items**

AMSC Member Notice –9.1  
Alberta Updates Vehicle  
Rules July 1<sup>st</sup>

AMSC advises that new vehicle safety and equipment regulations come into effect in Alberta on July 1, 2009 for both commercial and passenger vehicles. More information is available on the AMSC website.

AUMA Member Notice 9.2  
– Federal and Provincial  
Governments Agree to  
Give Affordable  
Housing a Boost

Correspondence was received from AUMA advising that both levels of government signed an amendment to the Canada-Alberta Affordable Housing Program Agreement and announced \$386 million over the next two years in Alberta. More information is available on the Government of Canada website.

AUMA Member Notice 9.3  
– Electoral Zone  
Changes

The AUMA Board approved changes to the electoral zones. The zone listings are included in the Election Procedures Handbook on the 2009 AUMA Convention/AMSC Tradeshow page on the AUMA website.

AMSC Member Notice –9.4  
Fundamental Factors  
Driving Alberta Power  
Prices

AMSC advised that the fundamental factors driving Alberta power prices are:  
1-Coal Fired Generation  
2-Natural Gas Fired Generation and Prices  
3-Reserve Margin  
4-Wind Generation  
More information about AMSC Energy Services is available through AMSC.

AUMA Member Notice 9.5  
– Mayors Debate Tough  
Issues

The second Mayors' Caucus was held in Calgary on June 10-12. A synopsis of the Caucus was provided by AUMA.

- Lacombe Regional Fire Service – Volunteer Recognition Grant 9.6 Lacombe Regional Fire Service sent a letter to the Eckville Fire Department advising that a \$1000 Volunteer Recognition Grant was being provided as a means of showing appreciation to its member departments for their outstanding work on behalf of their communities. The monies are to be used towards the morale and social needs of the fire fighters and their families. A copy of this letter was provided to the Town of Eckville.
- Lacombe Regional Solid Waste Authority (LRSWA) – June 10, 2009 Meeting Minutes, December 31, 2008 Financial Statements 9.7 The June 10, 2009 LRSWA Meeting Minutes and December 31, 2008 Financial Statements were reviewed.
- Lacombe County – Development Application No.105/09 Notice of Decision 9.8 Lacombe County provided a Notice of Decision for a Development Application at Lot 4 Block 1 Plan 0728985 on Pt. NE 9-39-3-W5M. Should the Town wish to appeal the Notice of Decision, the notice of appeal must be received by Lacombe County by July 15, 2009.
- Maverick Land Consultants Ltd. – Anderson Energy Ltd. Sweet Gas Well 9.9 Information was received from Maverick Land Consultants Ltd. regarding a Sweet Gas Well that will be drilled at 15-10-39-3 W5M by Anderson Energy Ltd.
- Lacombe County Enforcement Services – Eckville Municipal Report June 2009 9.10 The June 2009 Municipal Enforcement Report was received from Lacombe County. An update on the Regional Emergency Plan was also provided.

Res. 297/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley that the correspondence and information items be received for information. Carried.

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

- 10.1 AUMA Municipal Water Conservation Workshop – October 1, 2009  
 10.2 Mayors’ Caucus – September 2, 2009. Mayor Posti to attend.  
 10.3 Village of Delburne – Charity Golf Tournament – September 19, 2009  
 10.4 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Development Tour – September 16, 2009. Mayor Posti to attend.  
 10.5 Village of Alix – Aloha Days Parade – August 8, 2009  
 10.6 Alberta Congress Board’s 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Workplace Conference – October 22-25, 2009

Res. 298/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that the Seminars, Meetings, and Special Events be received for information and to approve attendance as indicated. Carried.

Council took a recess at 7:32 p.m.  
 Council reconvened at 7:38 p.m.

**11. In Camera**  
 Res.299/09

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 land and legal issues. Time: 7:39 p.m. Carried.

Res.300/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that the meeting come out of camera and reverts back to the regular meeting. Time: 8:30 p.m. Carried.

Sale of Portion of Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 7921646 Res.301/09 Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten to re-introduce Resolution 279/09 for discussion. Four in favour, two against. Carried.

Res.302/09 Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten to amend Resolution 279/09 by changing the requirement to have a Development Permit in place by October 30, 2009 to having to apply for a Development Permit by October 15, 2009. Four in favour, two against. Carried.

**12. Committee of the Whole**  
 Joint Economic Agreement – Lacombe County

12.1 Moved to In-Camera.

McDonald Heights Subdivision – Landscaping Plan 12.2 A letter was received from a resident in McDonald Heights who is interested in planting some trees within the green space behind their home. At this time the area has been landscaped and grass planted, however due to the dry spring the grass is

not growing very well. Council discussed some options for this area and requested that Administration investigate the cost to have some trees and shrubs planted. Council is not in agreement to residents planting trees in this area.

**13. Adjournment**  
Res.303/09

13.1 Moved by Councillor Humphrey that the meeting be adjourned. Time: 9:10 p.m.  
Carried.

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Administrator