

TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, August 24, 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, Geoff Humphrey, Scott Kinley,
Mitch Krecsy, Grant van Boeschoten, John Walker
Staff: Susan Norberg
Press: Carson Papke, Eckville Echo
Absent: Administrator Therese Kleeberger
- 2. Delegations** 2.1 None

Councillor Ebden arrived at 6:07 p.m.
- 3. Agenda** 3.1 Additional Agenda Items:
5.6 – Water Treatment Plant and Water Network Capacity Study

Res.338/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that the agenda be adopted as presented with the
addition. Carried.
- 4. Minutes** 4.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting August 10, 2009

Res.339/09 Moved by Councillor Krecsy that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of
August 10, 2009 be adopted as presented. Carried.
- 5. Action Items**
- Parkland Community 5.1 A Subdivision Report, along with supplemental information to the report, was
Planning Services – received from Parkland Community Planning Services. The subject site is the west
Subdivision Report portion of Lot 10, Block 9, Plan 264HW. The applicant is proposing to subdivide
the parcel into two residential lots. A surveyor has proposed two different lot
configurations for Council’s consideration.

Res.340/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that Council approve Option A for the subdivision
plan of Lot 10, Block 9, Plan 264HW. Four in favour, three against. Carried.
- Lacombe Regional Fire 5.2 Correspondence was received from LRFSA requesting a special resolution by
Service (LRFSA) – Council to amend LRFSA Bylaw Item 25.4 **from**: “A staff member from both the
Special Resolution to Town of Lacombe and Lacombe County, the Lacombe Regional Fire Chief, the
Amend LRFSA Bylaw Lacombe District Chief and one (1) member at large from the Lacombe Volunteer
Item 25.4 Fire Department shall serve as advisors to the Board, subject to the discretion of the
Board.” **to** “A staff member from both the Town of Lacombe and Lacombe County,
the Lacombe Regional Fire Services Coordinator and the Alix, Bentley, Clive,
Eckville, Lacombe and Mirror District Fire Chiefs shall serve as advisors to the
Board, subject to the discretion of the Board.” A last minute change to the
resolution was received and reads “Staff members from Lacombe County, the
Towns of Bentley, Eckville and Lacombe and the Villages of Alix and Clive, the
Regional Fire Services Coordinator and the Alix, Bentley, Clive, Eckville, Lacombe
and Mirror District Fire Chiefs shall serve as advisors to the Board, subject to the
discretion of the Board.”

Res.341/09 Moved by Councillor Krecsy that Council approves the proposed amendment to
Lacombe Regional Fire Service Association Bylaw Item 25.4 as follows:
“Staff members from Lacombe County, the Towns of Bentley, Eckville and
Lacombe and the Villages of Alix and Clive, the Regional Fire Services
Coordinator and the Alix, Bentley, Clive, Eckville, Lacombe and Mirror District
Fire Chiefs shall serve as advisors to the Board, subject to the discretion of the
Board.” Six in favour, one against. Carried.
- Eckville Dance 5.3 A request was received from the Eckville Dance Jamboree Committee requesting
Jamboree – permission to barricade the arena and curling rink entrances into Memorial Park for
Barricades/Dry Camping the Eckville Dance Jamboree being held on August 28, 29 and 30, 2009. They also
Request requested permission for dry camping in the Memorial Park grounds and at the
Peace Park. They will not allow camping at the Peace Park if it is raining to prevent
damage to the grass.

Res.342/09 Moved by Councillor Ebden to approve the request from the Eckville Dance
Jamboree Committee to barricade the arena and curling rink entrances into
Memorial Park for the Eckville Dance Jamboree being held on August 28, 29 and
30, 2009 and to also approve dry camping in the Memorial Park grounds and at the

Peace Park. Carried.

Letter – Eckville Transfer Site/Garbage Res.343/09 5.4 Moved by Councillor Humphrey that this item be deferred until the Public Works Foreman arrived at the meeting. Carried.

Day of the Honey Bee Proclamation Request Res.344/09 5.5 A request was received from an individual requesting that the Town declare May 29, 2010 as the “Day of the Honey Bee”. Saskatoon, Regina and Tisdale, Saskatchewan and Milton, Ontario have all proclaimed May 29, 2010 to be the first annual “Day of the Honey Bee”.

Moved by Councillor Humphrey that the Day of the Honey Bee Proclamation Request be received for information. Carried.

Water Treatment Plant & Water Network Capacity Study Res.345/09 5.6 Moved by Councillor Walker that this item be deferred until the Public Works Foreman arrived at the meeting. Carried.

6. **Bylaws, Policies, Projects** Recreation/Cultural Funding Program Policy 6.1 The Recreation/Cultural Funding Program Policy was brought back to Council for review. Council requested that the following changes be made:
5.1 Delete first sentence
5.2 Add “with a report to Council” to existing sentence.

Res.346/09 Moved by Councillor Humphrey that the changes be made and the Recreation/Cultural Funding Program Policy be brought before Council at the next Council meeting. Carried.

Rick McKinnon, Public Works Foreman entered the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Letter – Eckville Transfer Site/Garbage 5.4 A letter was received from the operator of the Eckville Transfer Site who is also a resident of the Town. This person expressed concerns about the amount of garbage and cardboard that is being put into the large garbage bins. He suggests the amount of garbage would be reduced if the town eliminated the large bins from residential areas and replaced them with individual totes. He also questioned why the Town is still doing dry rubble runs.

Discussion took place regarding the disposal of cardboard, dry rubble runs and replacing the existing lids on the large garbage bins with locking lids. Rick McKinnon advised that garbage volumes are down from previous months.

Res.347/09 Moved by Councillor Krecsy that the letter be received for information and that Administration send a letter to the resident advising that the town shares his concerns regarding the volume of cardboard in the garbage and the amount of dry rubble around Town and that we are continuing to investigate what options might be available. Carried.

Res.348/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that Administration research what other comparable communities are doing with respect to recycling, dry rubble and brush, and that this information be provided to Council at the first 2010 Budget meeting. Carried.

7. **Reports** Street Maintenance 7.1 **Foreman’s Report**
We are currently sweeping residential streets and then going behind afterwards and burning all of the weeds off that are growing between the curbs and pavement. This will take a while as it is slow going and there are a lot of weeds growing. I do not think this will be done before the dance jamboree.
All of the torch material we had for this year has been installed so the crosswalks that are left will have to be painted on next week before school starts.
We have completed one handicap stall on main street and have left it for now until council decides if they like it or not.
Lift Stations We have had another lucky 2 weeks with the lift stations, I hope our luck stays.
Garbage There were some troubles with the carriage for picking up the bins but it is all fixed now and seems to be working fine again.
Pumphouse The unit heater downstairs broke down a few weeks ago so a plumber was called and we had to order a new heater. The repairs were going to be around \$1000 and a whole new unit was \$1500 so I thought we should put in a new one because next week it could be the electric motor that goes on the unit.
Vehicles All is fine.
Other We are currently stripping all the black dirt out of the north end of the shop yard, in most places the dirt is 2 feet deep. In return we are mixing the sweeping with clay to

put back into the excavation. The black dirt is going north of the shop yard, which we will spread it out and plant grass.
Council requested that the width of the handicap parking stall be reviewed to ensure it is adequate and then the remaining handicap parking stalls be installed as soon as possible.

Rick McKinnon advised that Alberta Transportation will be removing the pedestrian sign on Highway 766.

7.2 **Administrator's Report** – none

7.3 **Financial Report**

The cheque registers for July 27th, August 10th and August 24th were reviewed.

Res.349/09

Moved by Councillor Walker that the Foreman's report and the July 27th, August 10th and August 24th cheque registers be received for information. Carried.

Water Treatment Plant &5.6
Water Network Capacity
Study

Council reviewed the Water Treatment Plant & Water Network Capacity Study that was completed by Stantec Consulting Ltd. The following items were noted by Council/Public Works:
-timers at the Pumphouse will need to be replaced in the near future
-Water Demand – Last Hill RV Park – is the figure of 98,700L/day based on seasonal or year-round consumption?
-all municipal building water meters should be read with the rest of the Town in order that an accounting of all water being pumped out could be done. This might be helpful in determining if there is a water leak somewhere
-with respect to the recommendations for future planning, including maintenance and replacement of infrastructure, an annual reserve for this purpose should be included in budget/planning
-the wells will need to be re-tested in 2010 – this expense will need to be included in the 2010 budget
-investigate the cost of a mixer
-the bottom of the reservoir will need to be cleaned next year – include this expense in 2010 budget
-the sand will need to be replaced in the filter system – investigate cost and include in 2010 budget
-this document (Water Treatment Plant & Water Network Capacity Study) will need to be referred to annually as part of the Budget/Planning process

Res.350/09

Moved by Councillor Walker that the Water Treatment Plant & Water Network Capacity Study be received for information. Carried.

Rick McKinnon left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.
Press left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

8. **Committee, Board Reports**

Mayor Posti

8.1 **Committee, Board Reports**

Mayor Posti advised that she attended the Bowden Rodeo on behalf of the Town of Eckville and presented the saddle, which the Town sponsors, to the Bull Riding Champion, Michael L'Hirondelle from Seba Beach.

Councillor Ebden

Councillor Ebden advised that one of the cordless microphones has gone missing from the Community Centre. The Board has no alternative but to keep the microphones and lighting keyboard at the Town Office. When people sign for the keys they will also sign for a microphone and keyboard if they need to use the sound system.

Res.351/09

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

9. **Correspondence, Information Items**

CAEP – Quicknotes
Newsletter August 2009

9.1 The CAEP Quicknotes August 2009 Newsletter was reviewed by Council.

Town of Halton Hills/
Canadian Manufacturers
& Exporters – Support
for Fair Trade

9.2 Correspondence was received from the Town of Halton Hills and the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters regarding Support for Fair Trade. They are requesting that municipalities adopt a fair trade procurement policy consistent with FCM's Fair Trade Resolution and to support the efforts of the Canadian Government to negotiate an end to Buy American restrictions.

Natural Resources

9.3 NRCan is soliciting proposals for projects to help Canadian drivers change their

Canada (NRCan)–
Announcement of
Funding Opportunity

behaviours when buying, driving and maintaining their vehicles to reduce fuel consumption and CO2 emissions, the principal greenhouse gas (GHG) linked to climate change. NRCan is launching Round 3 of its funding process and proposals will be accepted starting August 2009. Further details are available at www.vehicles.nrcan.gc.ca.

AUMA Member Notice 9.4
– Important Information
about the Federal Gas
Tax Agreement
Extension

Information was received from AUMA regarding the Federal Gas Tax Agreement Extension. The Gas Tax Fund, formerly the New Deal for Communities and Cities, was extended for an additional four years to 2013/14. Funding from the Federal Gas Tax fund is intended to supply municipalities with predictable funding for infrastructure development and lays the future foundation for future environmentally-sustainable economic growth. The details regarding eligibility for this program are not available as they are currently under review, but it is expected any changes will be minor. One of the requirements of the program is the development and implementation of an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan by March 31, 2010. The annual allocation for a municipality will be based on the 2009 Official Population; therefore municipalities may wish to conduct a municipal census.

AUMA Member Notice 9.5
– Rural Connectivity
Gap Analysis

Information was received from AUMA advising the Rural Connectivity Gap Analysis project aims at capturing a snapshot of current service levels of internet service to rural municipalities. Stantec Consulting Ltd. has been selected to conduct the analysis. Representatives will be approaching municipalities to gather information in this regard. The information from the gap analysis should be available in early fall.

AMSC Member Notice –9.6
Electrical Code
Regulation

A notice was received from AMSC regarding the new Electrical Code Regulation.

Res. 352/09

Moved by Councillor Walker that the correspondence and information items be received for information. Carried.

Councillor Walker left the meeting at 8:17 p.m.
Councillor Walker re-entered the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

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

- 10.1 Parkland Regional Library – Celebrating 50 Years – October 2, 2009. Councillor Kresy to attend.
- 10.2 Red Deer River Watershed Alliance – Tour of the Red Deer Waste Water Treatment Plant – September 9, 2009
- 10.3 Economic Developers Alberta – Community Economic Development Training Courses
- 10.4 Red Deer Symphony Orchestra – Fall Gala Fundraising Dinner – September 19, 2009
- 10.5 CAARA Rodeo & Awards – August 22, 2009. Mayor Posti attended to present the Town sponsored saddle.

Res. 353/09

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

Councillor Ebden requested that Administration follow-up with Kilian Estates on the paving of the remainder of 52 Street.

Councillor Ebden requested that Administration provide a monthly report showing the number of hits the Town of Eckville website gets each month.

**12. Committee of the
Whole**

- 12.1 None

13. Adjournment
Res.354/09

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

Mayor

Administrator