

**TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Monday, November 9, 2009**  
**Council Chambers**

- 1. Call to Order**                    1.0 Mayor Posti called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.  
Present: Mayor Posti, Councillors Gord Ebden, Geoff Humphrey, Mitch Krecsy,  
Grant van Boeschoten, John Walker  
Councillor Kinley arrived at 6:03 p.m.  
Staff: Administrator Therese Kleeberger, Susan Norberg  
Press: Carson Papke, Eckville Echo
- 2. Delegations**                    2.1 Terry Engen, Lacombe County  
2.2 Larry Jackshaw, Norman Bellerive – Subdivision Proposal
- 3. Agenda**                            3.1 Additional Agenda Items:  
5.7 – Chamber of Commerce – CTV Olympic Media Shoot  
11.1 – Land (NE Industrial Park)
- Res.434/09                            Moved by Councillor Humphrey that the agenda be adopted as presented with the  
additions. Carried.
- 4. Minutes**                            4.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting October 26, 2009
- Res.435/09                            Moved by Councillor Humphrey that the Minutes of the regular Council meeting of  
October 26, 2009 be adopted with the following amendments:  
-Resolution 409/09 should read “Moved by Councillor Krecsy.....”  
Carried.
- Res.436/09                            Moved by Councillor Walker that Council rescinds Resolution 432/09. Resolution  
432/09 reads “Moved by Councillor Walker that Resolution #431/09 be deferred to  
the November 9, 2009 Council meeting”. Carried.
- Moved by Councillor Humphrey that Council reconsiders Resolution 431/09.  
Resolution 431/09 reads “Moved by Councillor Humphrey that the Town of  
Eckville absorb 1/5 of the cost of the road development for 57 Avenue with the  
other 4/5 going against the undeveloped properties”.
- Res.437/09                            Moved by Councillor Walker to defer Councillor Humphrey’s motion to In-Camera  
for discussion. Carried.
- 5. Action Items**
- Pandemic Preparedness    5.1 At the last Eckville Emergency Management Agency meeting it was suggested that  
– Hand Sanitizers                    all municipal buildings have hand sanitizer stations installed. Costs have been  
obtained for same.
- Res.438/09                            Moved by Councillor Kinley that 8 wallmount dispensers and sanitizing solution be  
purchased and installed in the municipal buildings at the discretion of  
Administration. Carried.
- Business Vitality                    5.2 AUMA is hoping to pilot a dynamic tool and process called the BVI that will help  
Initiative (BVI)                            to build prosperous and entrepreneurial rural communities. If successful in a grant  
application to the Rural Community Adaptation Program, AUMA will partner with  
the BVI’s creator to deliver the pilot in rural communities in Alberta over the next  
year and a half.
- Res.439/09                            Moved by Councillor Kinley that the information on the Business Vitality Initiative  
be forward to the Eckville Chamber of Commerce for their review and possible  
preparation for next year if the program is still offered at that time. Five in favour,  
two opposed. Carried.
- Reeve Terry Engen entered the meeting at 6:50 p.m.
- Letter from Resident –    5.3 A letter was received from a Town of Eckville resident requesting permission to  
Request to Own Three                    own/license three dogs within the Town. The current Dog Control Bylaw states  
Dogs    “No more than two (2) dogs shall be harboured or permitted to remain in any house,  
shelter, room or place in the Town, provided this section shall not apply to premises  
lawfully used for the care and treatment of dogs operated by a licensed veterinarian  
located in a properly zoned area as authorized by the Town’s Land Use Bylaw”.
- Res.440/09                            Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten that Council review the existing Animal

Bylaws. Carried.

Res.441/09 Moved by Councillor Krecsy that Council grant permission to this resident to own and license three dogs in this instance only. Four in favour, 3 against. Carried.

**2. Delegation**

2.1 Reeve Terry Engen, Lacombe County presented Mayor Posti, on behalf of all of Council, with a plaque in appreciation of the Town of Eckville's participation in and support of the Lacombe County 2009 Agriculture Service Board Tour.

Mayor Posti thanked Reeve Engen for the plaque and he left the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

**5. Action Items**

Kilian Estates Property Taxes 5.4 Administration received a petition from some of the tenants in the Kilian Estates Mobile Home Park requesting that Town Council review their property taxes and reduces them to reflect the current tax assessments for comparable manufactured homes. Staff have determined that for the people that signed the petition, the taxes range from \$652.87 to \$1193.49 and for comparison purposes taxes were noted for 20 mobile homes on their own lots. The taxes on those properties range from \$1343.53 to \$2189.97.

Res.442/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley that the information regarding the petition received from some of the Kilian Estates tenants be received for information and that a letter be sent to those residents advising them of the assessment and taxation process and to include the comparison property tax information in the letters. Four in favour, three against. Carried.

Strategic Plan 5.5 At their September 14, 2009 meeting, Council requested that Administration obtain 3 quotes to facilitate a session to prepare a Strategic Plan. Two proposals were received as follows:  
-HR Group Management Consultants - \$3000 plus GST and travel/accommodation expenses  
-Wayne Page Facilitation Services - \$2000 plus GST (includes travel/accommodation expenses)

Council requested this item be deferred to after the Delegation in order that they could review the proposals.

Councillor van Boeschoten withdrew from the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Letter from Eckville Minor Hockey Association – Proposal to Host Provincials 5.6 A letter was received from the Eckville Minor Hockey Association advising that they have decided to apply to host provincials for the 2009-10 season and as such, they are requesting a letter of support from the Town of Eckville.

Res.443/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that Administration send a letter of support to the Eckville Minor Hockey Association to host provincials for the 2009-10 season. Carried.

Councillor van Boeschoten re-entered the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce – CTV Olympic Media Shoot 5.7 A Proposed Budget was received from the Chamber of Commerce for the CTV Olympic Media Shoot. The total budget is \$845.00. Previously a Chamber of Commerce Charity Golf Tournament was planned, for which Council agreed to purchase a Bronze Sponsorship in the amount of \$600, however due to the weather the golf tournament was cancelled. The Chamber of Commerce is requesting that the Town re-designate those funds to the CTV Olympic Media Shoot.

Res.444/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that the Town of Eckville authorize the Eckville Chamber of Commerce to re-designate the \$600 Chamber of Commerce Charity Golf Tournament Bronze Sponsorship to the CTV Olympic Media Shoot. Carried.

**2. Delegation**

2.2 Larry Jacksaw and Norman Bellerive entered the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Mr. Jacksaw and Mr. Bellerive attended the meeting to discuss with Council a proposed subdivision they wish to apply for on Lot 17, Block 5, Plan 6117AQ in order to construct a duplex. In order to accommodate the building some relaxations would be required and they requested that Council consider their request.

Mr. Jacksaw and Mr. Bellerive left the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Res.445/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley that Council would be receptive to the concept of subdivision of Lot 17, Block 5, Plan 6117AQ for the purposes of a duplex as

presented to Council.

Mayor Posti requested a recorded vote.

In favour – Mayor Posti, Councillors Humphrey, Kinley, van Boeschoten and Walker. Against – Councillors Ebdon and Krecsy. Carried.

Strategic Plan	5.5	Council reviewed the Strategic Plan proposals that were submitted.
Res.446/09		Moved by Councillor Walker to award the tender to Wayne Page Facilitation Services to facilitate and prepare the Strategic Plan for the Town of Eckville with the amount of the Tender being \$2000 plus GST. One opposed. Carried.
<b>6. Bylaws, Policies, Projects</b>	6.1	None
<b>7. Reports Street Maintenance</b>	7.1	<b>Foreman's Report</b> I met with the property owner who is developing the new site south of 50 Avenue and we decided that the water and sewer would not go in until spring, which is better as it is now too late in the year to repave the dig site. The repairs have been started at McDonald Heights as far as curbs. They will have to come back in the spring to do the pavement repairs.
<b>Lift Stations</b>		No problems.
<b>Garbage</b>		We have been having some problems with the garbage truck lately, leaks and hoses blowing mostly.
<b>Pumphouse</b>		All has been well and the water consumption levels have been back to normal for some time now.
<b>Vehicles</b>		No problems.
<b>Other</b>		The metal is here for the roof of the Friendship Centre so we are going to try and get it on beginning of next week. We are currently working on building the mezzanine in the cold storage. All the framing is done so we are building stairs and going to sheet the floor. We have been having problems with vandalism to the snow fence.
AB Emergency Notification System	7.2	<b>Administrator's Report</b> Alberta Emergency Management Agency has made some enhancements to the AB Emergency Notification System (AENS). The AENS was established to ensure that critical emergency management information could be spread widely and quickly to people responsible for managing emergency response. Enhancements include automated personal messaging which eliminates the need for a municipal identification code.
Kilian Estates – Age of Manufactured Homes		Kilian Estates advise that their policy concerning the age of mobile homes approved by them to move into the park is 2001 or newer. There is no reference in the development agreement or the town's Land Use Bylaw that states the homes have to be five years old or newer.
Capital Works Plan		I have met with Stantec and reviewed the Capital Works plan. Further revisions are being made and a final review will be completed once these are done.
Lift Stns/Forced Main		Design plans are about 50% complete and have been reviewed by myself and Rick McKinnon. Stantec will proceed to the next stage of the design once the geotechnical work is done. Required land easements will be acquired also.
ARB Complaint Process		Councillor Walker and I attended another workshop concerning the changes to the assessment complaint system. The session focused on the implementation of the new complaint system, proposed amendments to matters relating to assessment and taxation, and the assessment complaints regulation.
Upcoming Mtgs, Seminars		Nov. 17/09: ARB Regional Proposal – City of Red Deer Nov. 18/09: Budget meeting – 8:30 am at Emergency Services facility Nov. 19/09: Eckville Emergency Management Agency meeting
	7.3	<b>Financial Report</b> The November 9, 2009 Accounts Payable report was reviewed.
	7.4	<b>Development Officer's Report</b> As at October 30 <sup>th</sup> there have been 38 Development Permits and two Demolition Permits issued. For the same period in the previous year, 48 Development Permits and one Demolition Permit had been issued. Kilian Estates Phase I – two mobile homes have been moved out of Phase I so there are now three lots available for rent in the first phase of the mobile home park. There are presently 28 lots rented in Phase I and three lots rented in Phase II. Fourteen lots have been sold in McDonald Heights, with ten homes completed and one home under construction.

Res.447/09 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**

**8.1 Committee, Board Reports**

Councillor Humphrey

October 27 – Eckville Agricultural Society meeting  
November 3 – Eckville Arena Board meeting

Mayor Posti

October 28 – Mayors & Reeves meeting  
November 3-6 – AUMA Conference

Councillor Walker

October 26 – Lacombe Foundation  
October 29 – Assessment Review update  
October 30 – CASCHA Annual Meeting  
November 3-6 – AUMA Conference

Res.448/09

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

Press left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

**9. Correspondence, Information Items**

Town of Eckville – Website Usage Statistics

9.1 Council reviewed the Town of Eckville website stats from May to October 2009.

Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) – Powering Albertans

9.2 Correspondence was received from AESO advising Council of their magazine, Powering Albertans. The purpose of the magazine is to provide factual and unbiased information about electricity in Alberta. As well, the AESO has been planning and consulting on the need for critical infrastructure since its inception on June 1, 2003. All approved transmission projects will continue to go through the facilities process, which remains heavily dependent on public involvement.

AUMA – MuniFunds Aggregated Investments

9.3 Information was received from AUMA advising that the Alberta Municipal Services Corporation (AMSC) has introduced MuniFunds (investment solutions for Alberta Municipalities).

AUMA Member Notice – New Resource Available on AUMA Water Website

9.4 There is a new resource available on the AUMA Water website. AUMA has developed a Municipal Water Efficiency Bylaw Primer which provides common ingredients and suggestions for how to create such a bylaw.

AUMA Member Notice – Breaking News: AUMA and AAMDC to Sign Working Protocol

9.5 The Presidents of AUMA and AAMDC have agreed to sign a Working Protocol on behalf of their Associations.

AUMA Member Notice – Setting Away Electricity: One Missing Link in the Green Era

9.6 Although today's electricity grid operates effectively without storage, storing electrical energy would result in a more reliable and cost-effective grid. Direct storage can occur by storing directly into coils and capacitors, which several new technologies are incorporating.

AUMA Member Notice – Alberta Communities Turn Waste into Renewable Energy

9.7 Alberta's forest and household wastes will become greater sources of renewable energy, thanks to innovative biomass production projects that convert waste to clean energy.

AUMA Media Release – Urban Municipalities Question Call for Costly, Unnecessary Creation of Municipal Auditor

9.8 Citing serious and continuing concerns about the value and the timing of legislation to create a Municipal Auditor General, the AUMA made its case to the provincial review committee.

Alberta Employment and Immigration – Alberta Business Award of Distinction

9.9 A letter was received from the Minister of Employment and Immigration (E&I), Hector Goudreau requesting that municipalities consider submitting a nomination for an Alberta Business Award of Distinction. E&I is seeking nominations for two awards: The Employer of Youth Award of Distinction and the Employer of Persons with Disabilities Award of Distinction.

Res.449/09

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

10. **Seminars, Meetings, Special Events** None
11. **In Camera**  
NE Industrial Subdivision  
Res.450/09  
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- 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 issues. Time: 8:42 p.m. Carried.
- Moved by Councillor Humphrey that the meeting come out of camera and reverts back to the regular meeting. Time: 9:05 p.m. Carried.
- Moved by Councillor Humphrey that Council reconsiders Resolution 431/09. All in favour. Carried.
- Moved by Councillor Humphrey that the Town of Eckville absorb 1/5 of the cost of the road development for 57 Avenue with the other 4/5 going against the undeveloped properties.  
Mayor Posti requested a recorded vote.
- In favour – Councillors Ebden, Humphrey, Kinley and Walker. Opposed – Mayor Posti, Councillors Krecsy and van Boeschoten. Carried.
12. **Committee of the Whole** 12.1 None
13. **Adjournment**  
Res.454/09 13.1 Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten that the meeting be adjourned. Time: 9:12 p.m. Carried.

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Mayor

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Administrator