

TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, May 25, 2010
Council Chambers

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| 1. Call to Order | 1.0 | Mayor Posti called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
Present: Mayor Posti, Councillors Geoff Humphrey, Scott Kinley, Grant van Boeschoten, John Walker
Staff: Administrator Therese Kleeberger, Asst. Admin. Susan Norberg
Absent: Councillors Ebden and Krecsy
Press: Carson Papke |
| 2. Delegations | 2.1 | None |
| 3. Agenda | 3.1 | Additional Agenda Items:
10.3 – Town of Sylvan Lake – 1913 Days Parade & Events
10.4 – Kasha Farm Supplies – Open House
10.5 – Alberta Committee of Citizens with Disabilities – Community Consultation |
| Res.202/10 | | Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten that the agenda be adopted as presented with the amendments. Carried. |
| 4. Minutes
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting – May 10, 2010
Res.203/10 | 4.1 | Moved by Councillor Humphrey that the Minutes of the regular Council meeting of May 10, 2010 be adopted as presented. Carried. |
| 5. Action Items
FCM Member Advisory – New Federal Wastewater Treatment Regulations | 5.1 | An update was received from FCM concerning Environment Canada’s proposed new wastewater treatment regulations and the affect this will have on many Canadian municipalities. To some municipalities the financial implications will be substantial. FCM is organizing a nationally coordinated municipal response and is requesting support by sending letters to local MP’s, MLA’s and to Federal Environment Minister Prentice. |
| Res.204/10 | | Moved by Councillor Kinley that Council supports the FCM’s initiative regarding the new Federal Wastewater Treatment Regulations by sending letters to our local MP, MLA and to Federal Environment Minister Prentice. Carried. |
| CAEP – 2010/2011 Membership | 5.2 | The 2010/2011 Member Support Declaration renewal form was received from CAEP. The annual membership fee is \$0.30 per capital for a total of \$300.60. CAEP provides opportunities to assist with economic development strategies. |
| Res.205/10 | | Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten that the Town of Eckville renews its 2010/2011 membership with CAEP. Carried. |
| Sidewalk Repair – 5019, 5023 – 52 Avenue | 5.3 | A request was received from a resident to repair or remove the sidewalks in front of his properties at 5019 and 5023 – 52 Avenue. Public Works has done an inspection of the sidewalk on the south side of 52 Avenue between the back alley and 51 Street and confirms that the condition is from good to poor. The sidewalk on the north side of 52 Avenue from the back alley to 51 Street is in good condition. |
| Res.206/10 | | Moved by Councillor Kinley that the sidewalk on the south side of 52 Avenue between the back alley and 51 Street be removed and then re-landscaped and seeded to grass. Three in favor, two opposed. Carried. |
| Electronics Recycling | 5.4 | Alberta Recycling Management Authority has approved the Town’s application for a Municipal Electronics Collections site which will be located at the Town Shop. The Town of Eckville will need to enter into an agreement with Ecycle Solutions for the collection and recycling of electronics. |
| Res.207/10 | | Moved by Councillor Walker that the Town of Eckville enters into an agreement with Ecycle Solutions for the collection and recycling of electronics. Carried. |
| Red Deer River Watershed Alliance – Endorsement of the Terms of Reference for the Red Deer River Integrated Watershed | 5.5 | The final Terms of Reference for the Red Deer River IWMP were sent to municipalities for endorsement.

Moved by Councillor Walker that Council endorses the final Terms of Reference for the Red Deer River Integrated Watershed Management Plan. Carried. |

Management Plan
(IWMP)
Res.208/10

90th Anniversary
Publication 5.6 Correspondence was received from Polder Communications regarding a no-cost custom publication they would create for the Town of Eckville that would document our history and help to celebrate the Town's 90th Anniversary in 2011. The Town would maintain total editorial control and would receive a minimum of 1000 copies.

Res.209/10 Moved by Councillor Walker that the 90th Anniversary Publication be referred to the June Chamber of Commerce meeting for feedback and/or support. One opposed. Carried.

Rick McKinnon, Public Works Foreman entered the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

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

7. Reports 7.1 **Foreman's Report**
Street Maintenance The crack filler is now here and also the pot hole filler. Spoke with the company who sold us the torch-on crosswalk material and the rep. will be out in July to discuss.

The new services are just about finished on 50th Ave. We will be putting more material in than what was taken out so that is a good sign.

Lift Stations Brandt tractor was out and fixed the generator at the West Lift Station, it needed a new fuel pump, had a fuel leak and the oil pressure had to be checked out as the gauge read 140 lbs. We had no equipment to manually test the oil pressure so it was simpler to get Brandt out. While they were out I also got them to set the valves on the grader as it needed to be done. Other than that everything has been working fine.

Garbage We have to take the new garbage truck to the welding shop as the cart dumper is not strong enough.

Pumphouse The old truck is now certified but I will not have time to pick it up until Thursday or Friday. There wasn't much needed for repairs so that was good. All has been well. The fire department is going to flush hydrants on Wednesday May 26.

Vehicles All is fine.

Other There is a first call for U F A but nobody knows where the services are. I guess this has been an unanswered question for a few years. Everyone I can think of that might have an idea is not sure. But at least I now know how the old Esso site was serviced.

Rick will contact Superior Truck regarding the garbage truck prior to having any work completed to see if they will cover the costs to strengthen the cart dumper.

Canada Day Grant 7.2 **Administrator's Report**
Heritage Canada advises that our Canada Day grant application for \$2,500 has been approved.

Public Auction
Cancelled The property listed for sale by public auction under the tax recovery process has been cancelled as all outstanding costs have been paid. The public auction was scheduled for July 7, 2010.

Request to investigate
Tax Deferral Program
for Elderly Mayor Posti informed Council that herself and Administrator Therese Kleeberger met with a family member of the owner over concerns they had. During that meeting a suggestion was made that Council should consider investigating the possibility of implementing some type of program that would allow the elderly to defer annual property tax payments. Council discussed the complexities of such a program, the existing legislated requirements of the tax recovery process and other options currently available through the Town for tax payments. Council did not want to investigate further.

LAPP Audit Every 3 years, we are required to conduct a detailed audit under the Local Authorities Pension Plan. Collins Barrow has been out to do this audit.

North Outlet Storm
Project Tagish Engineering has advertised for tenders for the project. Closing date to receive tenders is June 11/10 at 11 am.

Lift Stns/Forced Main
TCA's We are still negotiating acquisition of an easement for the project. Compilation of capital assets data is complete. Collins Barrow will be out to

Municipal Admin Leadership Workshop		complete this component and then completion of the financial statement. I attended the SLGM annual workshop in Kananaskis. The focus this year was on leadership skills. I attended sessions on “its all about the small stuff”, ethics, the successful leader, and council orientation.
Upcoming Mtgs, Seminars		Jun 7: Quality Assurance Committee Jun 10: Lacombe Foundation 50 th Anniversary celebration Jun 16: Mayor’s/CAO Caucus Jun 18: LGA Zone meeting.
	7.3	Financial Report The March 2010 Financial Report and May 25, 2010 Accounts Payable Report were reviewed.
	7.4	Lacombe County Enforcement Report The April 2010 Enforcement Report and Emergency Management Update Reports received from Lacombe County were reviewed.
Res.210/10		Moved by Councillor Humphrey that the Foreman’s, Administrator’s, Financial, and Lacombe County Enforcement Reports be received for information. Carried.
8. Committee, Board Reports	8.1	
Councillor Krecsy		May 19 – Lacombe Regional Fire Service meeting
Councillor van Boeschoten		May 11 – Eckville Library Board meeting May 13 – Parkland Regional Library meeting May 20 – Eckville Recreation Group meeting
Res.211/10		Moved by Councillor Humphrey that the Committee and Board Reports be received for information. Carried.
9. Correspondence, Information Items		
Lacombe Regional Fire Service Association (LRFSA) – May 19,2010 Meeting Agenda, March 17, 2010 Meeting Minutes	9.1	The LRFSA May 19, 2010 Meeting Agenda and March 17, 2010 Meeting Minutes were reviewed.
Parkland Community Planning Services (PCPS) – Media Info Sheet	9.2	A Media Info Sheet was received from PCPS advising that the City of Red Deer has chosen to no longer participate in a shared planning service with their fellow Central Alberta municipalities. PCPS will continue to operate for at least another year.
Government of Alberta – Information Bulletin – Alberta recognizes International Day for Biological Diversity	9.3	An Information Bulletin was received from the Government of Alberta regarding Biological Diversity. On May 22, Albertans are encouraged to observe International Day for Biological Diversity by learning more about the importance of biodiversity and what is being done to conserve Alberta’s biodiversity.
New West Partnership Trade Agreement	9.4	On April 30, 2010 the Premiers of Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan signed the New West Partnership. The Partnership focuses on four areas intended to promote economic growth in the three western provinces, these being Interprovincial trade, International cooperation, Innovation and Government procurement.
Bill 203 – Local Access and Franchise Fees Amendment Act, 2010	9.5	AUMA has been following the debate on Bill 203 – Local Access and Franchise Fees Amendment Act, 2010 and is inviting municipalities to submit any comments or concerns they may have regarding Bill 203.
Government of Alberta – News Release – AUC improves review of rate-related applications, tightens timelines	9.6	Alberta’s independent utilities regulator has adopted demanding new internal performance standards for processing gas and electric rate-related applications. New, shorter timeframes now apply to the issuance of many rate regulatory decisions.
Municipal Affairs – Municipal Sustainability Strategy Update	9.7	The Municipal Sustainability Strategy working group continues its review of each of the four key questions within its mandate, those being: 1.What basic services should a municipality provide? 2.What constitutes a viable and sustainable municipality and how can these be

measured?

3.What capacity building tools are required?

4.What restructuring processes should be used?

A summary of the preliminary overview of the working group's intended direction was provided.

Res. 212/10

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

Press left the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

10. Seminars, Meetings, Special Events

10.1 Village of Clive – Clive Sports Day Parade – June 19, 2010

10.2 Rimbey Invitational Charity Golf Classic – June 10, 2010

10.3 Town of Sylvan Lake – 1913 Days Parade & Events – June 11-13, 2010

10.4 Kasha Farm Supplies – Open House – June 16, 2010

10.5 Alberta Committee of Citizens with Disabilities – Community Consultation – June 4, 2010

Res.213/10

Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten that the Seminars, Meetings, and Special Events be received for information. Carried.

Staff member Susan Norberg left the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

**11. In Camera
Land and Labour Issues
Res.214/10**

Moved by Councillor Walker that the meeting moves in camera excluding all persons except Council members, Administrator Kleeberger and Staff member Rick McKinnon to discuss matters relating to land and labour matters. Time: 7:28 p.m. Carried.

Res.215/10

Moved by Councillor Walker that the meeting come out of camera and reverts back to the regular meeting. Time: 8:07 p.m. Carried.

Seasonal PW Employee
Res. 216/10

Moved by Councillor Kinley that Public Works be authorized to hire a temporary seasonal employee for the period of June 1 to August 31, 2010. Carried.

Councillor Humphrey withdrew from the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Council Meeting
Cancellation
Res. 217/10

Moved by Councillor Kinley that the regular Council meeting of August 9, 2010 be cancelled. Carried.

Public Works Supervisor Rick McKinnon withdrew from the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

CAO Evaluation

Council reviewed the information package provided in preparation for the evaluation of the CAO.

Res. 218/10

Moved by Councillor Walker that, for the CAO evaluation, the sample form from Alberta Municipal Affairs be used and that each Council member is to complete individually and be prepared to compile individual responses on June 14/10 following the Council meeting. Carried.

12. Committee of the Whole

none

**13. Adjournment
Res.219/10**

13.1 Moved by Councillor Walker that the meeting be adjourned. Time: 8:37 p.m. Carried.

Mayor

Administrator