

TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, June 28, 2010
Council Chambers

- 1. Call to Order** 1.0 Mayor Posti called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
Present: Mayor Posti, Councillors Gord Ebden, Geoff Humphrey, Scott Kinley,
Mitch Krecsy, Grant van Boeschoten, John Walker
Staff: Administrator Therese Kleeberger, Asst. Admin. Susan Norberg
Press: Carson Papke
- 2. Delegations** 2.1 Marsha Smalley, Collins Barrow
- 3. Agenda** 3.1 Additional Agenda Items:
5.2 – Sidewalk Repair/Removal – 52 Avenue
In-Camera - Land
- Res.242/10 Moved by Councillor Walker that the agenda be adopted as presented with the
amendments. Carried.
- 4. Minutes** 4.1 Moved by Councillor Krecsy that the Minutes of the regular Council meeting of
Minutes of Regular June 14, 2010 be adopted as presented. Carried.
Council Meeting – June
14, 2010
Res.243/10
- 5. Action Items**
- Splash/Spray Park 5.1 Council had requested that Administration research some possible sites for a Spray
Park and meet with the Eckville Recreation Board to determine the best location.
After the meeting, a letter was received from the Recreation Board advising they
endorse Andrew Field as their first choice and Millennium Park as their second
choice. Administration’s preferred location is Millennium Park due to the central
location and also due to the fact that the fencing is already on site and there is water
to the site. Council discussed both locations at length.
- Res.244/10 Moved by Councillor Kinley that Administration communicate to the Eckville
Recreation Board that Council has allocated a portion of Millennium Park for a
potential Spray Park. Carried.
- Res.245/10 Moved by Councillor Ebden that Administration contact Wolf Creek School
Division to renegotiate the Millennium Park lease from 14 years to 20 years.
Carried.
- Res.246/10 Moved by Councillor Walker that Administration prepare a plebiscite question
asking the electorate whether they approve or disapprove of the development of the
proposed Spray Park.
Councillor Krecsy requested a recorded vote.
Councillor Walker in favour, Mayor Posti, Councillors Ebden, Humphrey, Kinley,
Krecsy and van Boeschoten opposed. Defeated.
- Sidewalk 5.2 Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten that Action Item 5.2 be deferred to after the
Repair/Removal – 52 Delegation. Carried.
Avenue
Res.247/10
- 7. Reports** 7.1 **Foreman’s Report**
Street Maintenance All of the crack filling is done for this year; we had one tote of crack filler
left over so we sold it to Alta. Parking Lot. We ordered the same as last year
but I guess with doing it 2 years in a row that it did not take as much product.
I will know for ordering next year.
Border Paving has started stripping at 57 Avenue (NE Industrial Park).
Lift Stations We have been busy with both Lift Stations. The #1 pump keeps going down
on suction failure at the West Lift Station. The suction line was not plugged
at all so I believe the problem is because the gauges are so old that the suction
limit switches are tripped. I raised the suction limit from 15 pounds to 30
pounds and they seem to be fine now.
At the East Lift Station only one pump would run - the other pump would run
if you put it on manual. I got Bermac out and they determined it was the PLC

so we finally got the Lift Station working properly, but the PLC is weak and might quit at any time.

On Sunday June 20th the main sewer line east of 766 heading to the east lift station plugged up for some reason and backed up all the sewer from the town. While Labourer 2 and I were waiting for the flush truck we ran the snake down the line. We were not able to remove the blockage. Finally it broke loose on its own before the flush truck got there so we waited about 15 minutes until the flow slowed down and then flushed the line out.

The flush truck only had 300 feet of hose so he is going to get more hose and come back and flush all the lines leading to the East Lift Station.

On Friday I was at the East Lift Station and it had great flow - probably 60 to 70 of pipe diameter.

If the town grows much more we are going to have to increase the pipe size leading into the lift station.

We have pulled 4 aerators out of the lagoon and are looking at getting them rebuilt.

Garbage

Wednesday June 23 we used both garbage trucks to make sure the old one will be fine while the new one is in getting the recalls done.

I have gotten a price from Hellbound of 750.00 dollars to haul the old garbage truck to Richie's Auction.

Pumphouse

Bermac is getting a price together on the upgrades at the pumphouse.

Vehicles

All is fine.

Other

With the weather being more cooperative we are finally getting caught up on the mowing. There was a complaint about the dandelions at McDonald Heights but with the wet weather there was no way we could get out there to mow them. If we spray them that will kill any vegetation that is there causing more soil erosion. I have already received a complaint on that as well.

To replace the side walk on 52 Avenue from the back alley to 51 street will cost, with removal and replacement, approximately \$16,100.00. There is 385 feet of 4 foot wide sidewalk.

Ecycle is coming June 25th to haul our first load of electronic waste out.

Marsha Smalley entered the meeting at 7 p.m.

Rick further reported:

-the manufacturer is coming out to repair the painted areas for the handicap parking stalls

-the cost to replace the sidewalk on the east side of the Town Office is approximately \$3,000. The sidewalk needed replacing as it was sloped in towards the building and water was starting to become a problem in the basement

-the cost to haul the old garbage truck to auction will be approximately \$750

Rick left the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

2. Delegation
Financial Statements

2.1 Marsha Smalley, Collins Barrow
Marsha reviewed the Town's Financial Statements with Council.

Carson Papke left the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Res.248/10

Moved by Councillor Walker that the meeting moves in camera excluding all persons except Council members, Administrator Kleeberger, Staff member Susan Norberg and Marsha Smalley to discuss the Town of Eckville's Audit Report.
Time: 7:35 p.m. Carried.

Res.249/10

Moved by Mayor Posti that the meeting comes out of camera and reverts back to the regular meeting. Time: 7:48 p.m. Carried.

Marsha Smalley left the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Carson Papke re-entered the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Sidewalk
Repair/Removal – 52
Avenue

5.2 After a request from the resident at 5019-5023 Avenue, Council made the decision to remove the sidewalk on the south side of 52 Avenue between the back alley and 51 Street and re-landscape the area. Since that time a letter was received from another resident asking Council to reconsider their decision. Council then requested that Administration provide further information with respect to the costs to repair the sidewalk, versus removing it and re-landscaping the area. The costs to replace the sidewalk in that area would be approximately \$16,100.00.

Res.250/10

Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten that the sidewalk on the south side of 52

Avenue between the back alley and 51 Street be replaced at a cost of approximately \$16,100. Two in favour, five against. Defeated.

Res.251/10

Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten that Administration draft amendments to the sidewalk replacement policy to include a long-term plan with the draft policy being presented to Council at the first meeting in September. Carried.

6. Bylaws, Policies, Projects

6.1 None

7.2 Administrator's Report

Splash Park

Town staff met with members of the Eckville Recreation Board – reviewed potential park locations, discussed project capital costs, operational costs.

57th Ave Project

Border Paving has done some stripping. Discussions taking place with Alberta Transportation and Fortis concerning relocation of a power pole near the new approach. Tentative start date is mid July.

Lift Station/Forced Main Project

Tender Process timeline - July 20/10 – August 25/10

Construction Period – Aug. 26/10 – Feb. 1/11

Site Reclamation Deadline – June 30/11

North Outlet Storm Project

Tentative start date is late July, early August.

Bylaws

Working on final drafts for the local improvement bylaw, dog control bylaw.

Meetings, Workshops, Functions Attended

Jun 10: Lacombe Foundation 50th Anniversary celebration – very enjoyable – past accomplishments and achievements recognized, changes over the past 50 years, testimonies from people living in facilities.

Jun 18: LGA Zone meeting – tendering and purchasing practices, land use framework, municipal affairs update, election of Zone 3 director.

7.3 Financial Report

The April 2010 Financial Report was reviewed.

7.4 Recreation, Cultural Grant Program Report

An update was provided on the program.

7.5 Lacombe County Enforcement Report

The May 2010 Enforcement Report and Regional Emergency Management Plan update were reviewed.

Res.252/10

Moved by Councillor Krecsy that the Foreman's, Administrator's, Financial, Recreation, Cultural Grant Program and Lacombe County Enforcement Reports be received for information. Carried.

8. Committee, Board Reports

8.1

Mayor Posti

June 16 – Mayors Caucus

June 19 – Clive Parade

June 21 – CAEP meeting

June 23 - CAEP Breakfast meeting

June 24 – FCSS and Neighborhood Place meetings

June 25 – PCPS Semi-annual meeting

Res.253/10

Moved by Councillor Humphrey that the Committee and Board Reports be received for information. Carried.

9. Correspondence, Information Items

The Community Development Program – Building Rural and Northern Partnerships

9.1

Information was received from the Community Development Program regarding Building Rural and Northern Partnerships.

Parkland Regional Library Board – Minutes May 13, 2010

9.2

The May 13, 2010 Parkland Regional Library Board minutes were reviewed.

Wolf Creek Public Schools – Board Happenings

9.3

The Board Happenings for the Wolf Creek Public Schools were reviewed.

Canadian Federation of Independent Business

9.4

Information was received from CFIB regarding municipal taxes for small businesses.

(CFIB) – Tax Unfairness
to Small Business

Res. 254/10

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

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

Res.255/10

10.1 Rum Runner Days Parade (Blairmore) – July 17, 2010

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

Press left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

11. In Camera

Land Issues
Res.256/10

Moved by Councillor Kinley that the meeting moves in camera excluding all persons except Council members, Administrator Kleeberger and Staff member Susan Norberg to discuss matters relating to land. Time: 8:16 p.m. Carried.

Res.257/10

Moved by Councillor Walker that the meeting comes out of camera and reverts back to the regular meeting. Time: 8:48 p.m. Carried.

Development
Res.258/10

Moved by Councillor Walker that pursuant to Section 545 of the Municipal Government Act that Administration issues an order to the property owner at Lot 21, Block 3, Plan 6117AQ to have the dirt pile removed from the sidewalk in front of the property and the excavation filled in as per the contravention of Unsightly Yards Bylaw #619/99. Carried.

**12. Committee of the
Whole**

CAEP Regional
Transportation Strategy
– Request for Support in
Principle
Res.259/10

12.1 Moved by Councillor Walker that the CAEP Regional Transportation Strategy be deferred to the July 12, 2010 Council meeting. Carried.

13. Adjournment

Res.260/10

13.1 Moved by Mayor Posti that the meeting be adjourned. Time: 9:00 p.m. Carried.

Mayor

Administrator