

TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, January 26, 2009
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, Scott Kinley, Mitch Krecsy,
Rick McKinnon, Grant Van Boeschoten, John Walker
Staff: Administrator Therese Kleeberger, Susan Norberg
Press: Carson Papke, Eckville Echo
- 2. Delegations** 2.1 Chris Ulmer, Parkland Community Planning Service
- 3. Agenda** 3.1 Additional Agenda Items:
Item 5.7: Eckville Neighborhood Place – Request for Letter of Support
Item 5.8: Lieutenant Governor’s Community Leadership Award
- Res.024/09 Moved by Councillor McKinnon that the agenda be adopted as presented
with the additions. Carried.
- 4. Minutes** 4.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting January 12, 2009
- Res.025/09 Moved by Councillor Krecsy that the minutes of the regular Council meeting
of January 12, 2009 be adopted with the following corrections. Under
Correspondence, Information Items, Item 9.1 should read “Correspondence
received from Blain Calkins, MP” instead of “Correspondence from received
from Blain Calkins, MP” and under Committee, Board Reports 8.1 –
Councillor Walker’s report should read “The decision to present the annual
Business Awards at the Municipal Breakfast was discussed” instead of “It
was decided to present the annual Business Awards at the Municipal
Breakfast”. Carried.
- 5. Action Items**
- Alarm Call Out System –5.1 At the January 12, 2009 meeting, Council requested that Administration
Sewer and Water further investigate the Lift Station security system to ensure all components
are working as they were designed to. Administration provided a report to
Council from the information received.
- Res.026/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley that Public Works create a procedure to do
regular testing on the alarm system at the Lift Stations and that
Administration requests the monitoring company to provide monthly reports
of the test signals. Carried.
- Eckville Directory 5.2 Eckville FCSS and Eckville Neighborhood Place are putting together a
directory for Eckville that will include information on available health
services, services, agencies and organizations serving the community,
community societies, boards, clubs and associations, help lines and resources,
and Central Alberta services. They are seeking Council’s input and other
information about the Town that Council thinks would be beneficial to
include.
- Res.027/09 Moved by Councillor Ebden that Council support the directory and that
information about the Town be included in the directory, such as telephone
numbers for the Town Office, Public Works, Councillors and the hours of the
Eckville Municipal Library. Carried.
- Eckville Neighborhood 5.3 Each year Eckville Neighborhood Place has to renew their contract with
Place – Request for Child & Family Services and one of the requirements of the renewal is a letter
Letter of Support of support from the Town.
- Res.028/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that a letter of support be provided to Eckville
Neighborhood Place for renewal of their contract with Child & Family
Services. Carried.
- Lieutenant Governor’s 5.4 Councillor Kinley advised Council that the Lieutenant Governor’s
Community Leadership Community Leadership Award is available to an Alberta based organization
Award whose leadership results in increased citizen engagement and higher levels of
participation in recreation for healthier, balanced lifestyles. Mayor Posti
requested that Council supports the nomination of the Eckville Community
Development Association for the Lieutenant Governor’s Community
Leadership Award.

Res.029/09 Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten that Council supports the nomination of the Eckville Community Development Association for the Lieutenant Governor's Community Leadership Award and that Administration complete the required nomination package. Carried.

6. Bylaws, Projects 6.2 Council reviewed Bylaw 688/08, being a Bylaw to regulate the traffic within the Town of Eckville.

030/09 Moved by Councillor Walker to give Bylaw 688/08 first reading. Five in favor, two against. Carried.

0031/09 Moved by Councillor Ebden to give Bylaw 688/08 second reading. Five in favor, two against. Carried.

032/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley to introduce Bylaw 688/08 for third reading. All in favor. Carried.

Councillor Krecsy requested a recorded vote.

033/09 Moved by Councillor Walker to give Bylaw 688/08 third and final reading. Mayor Posti, Councillors Ebden, Kinley, van Boeschoten and Walker in favor, Councillors Krecsy and McKinnon against. Carried.

Chris Ulmer, Parkland Community Planning Service entered the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Posti closed the regular meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Public Hearing –
Intermunicipal
Development Plan
Bylaw 685/08

Mayor Posti opened the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Mayor Posti introduced Chris Ulmer from Parkland Community Planning Service. Mr. Ulmer explained what an Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) is, who the Steering Committee is, what the process was to develop the IDP with Lacombe County, and what the overall goals and objects of the plan are. The remaining steps in the process are for Lacombe County to hold their Public Hearing on February 12, 2009, for the plan to be edited as necessary after that time and then for the applicable Councils to adopt their IDP Bylaw at a subsequent meeting.

There were no objections brought forth.

Mayor Posti closed the Public Hearing at 7:37 p.m.

Mayor Posti called for a recess at 7:38 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:49 p.m.

7. Reports
Street Maintenance
Street Plowing

7.1 **Foreman's Report**

Most of the streets in Eckville have been plowed. There are a few still not completed and we will not get the chance to do them until the weather warms up. Thanks go out to Jim Ramsay for working on Saturday January 17 plowing the streets.

Sanding
Lift Stations
West Lift Station

Streets continue to be sanded as necessary.

Lift Stations

The basket in the west lift station was picked up by Pidherneys. We have new stainless steel cable to attach to the baskets from now on. Eckville Machining and Welding will make us two (2) new baskets to insert at a later date.

A meeting took place on January 15 with representatives from Stantec to discuss the Lift Stations and the issues stemming from them. Stantec representatives were taken to both the East and West Lift Stations as well as the Lagoon.

Garbage
Recycling

I was asked by Canadian Waste to see if we could put a notice in the paper or a notice in the utility bills that items are being put in recycling that are not recyclable. We still continue to receive computer boards and non recyclable metal in the metal bins as well as clothing and oil etc in the other bins. Although this is a continuing battle, any help we can get in stopping or limiting this issue would be very helpful.

Pumphouse
Chlorine Line

The Chlorine Line from the pump to the water line into the reservoir has been

changed as it was plugged from years of calcium build-up. Bruins Plumbing came in to replace line as parts were not available in Town. Currently there isn't secondary access for chlorine if required. Due to the build-up in the water line, we are going to tap a new chemical line into the system so in the case of emergency, chlorine can be put in the system. We are working with The City of Red Deer and Bruins Plumbing and Heating for this task. A work start date has yet to be determined.

Bulk Water
As we have been unable to get the meter operational at the Bulk Water station, I have asked Bermac to try and hard wire a meter into the current space. They are still working on it. The computer which keeps track of Bulk Water usage has broken down. Powers Enterprises has been hired to transfer the Bulk Water program from the old computer to another computer from the shop.

Vehicles

Grader
A couple of times since the last Foremans report, we have had hydraulic lines break on the grader. They have since been replaced.

Garbage Truck
Work continues to be done in order to have the garbage truck pass the Provincial Inspection and become certified.

Other

Water – Residence
The water at the home at 5139-55 avenue had to be shut off as requested. The home has extensive damage to it.

Annual Reports
Both the Water and Wastewater reports for the year 2008 have been completed and handed into the office for forwarding to Alberta Environment.

Brush Run
The gravel truck was given out and filled with wood for removal. The contents were taken to the transfer site for burning.

Paint Can Removal
Envirosort came in and exchanged our paint bins. Two (2) totes were taken away and two (2) left for refilling.

7.2 Administrator's Report

MSI Grant – Capital Funding Component
Ray Danyluk, Minister of Municipal Affairs, has accepted the potential future purchase of a garbage truck as a qualifying project under the capital funding guidelines under the Municipal Sustainability Initiative program.

MSI Grant – Operating Component
Alberta Municipal Affairs has accepted the following projects under the 2008 conditional operating funding component of the MSI grant: street/sidewalk maintenance, safety equipment purchases, and IDP plan project for a total of \$74,948.00.

Fire Budget – Lacombe County
Lacombe County advises that they have finalized and approved the 2009 budget equipment requests for the Eckville Fire Department.

Building Discipline Audit
Alberta Municipal Affairs has provided a copy of their summary report to the building discipline audit done on Nov. 19, 2008. A couple of forms need to be changed to include the FOIP statement, SCO designation number, and phone numbers of owners/contractors. A couple of permit files did not include all the information as per the minimum guidelines of the Quality Management Plan (QMP).

Upcoming Meetings, Workshops
Jan. 27/09 – Tangible Capital Assets (TCA) training session in Red Deer.
Jan. 28/09 – Quality Assurance Committee.
Feb. 2/09 – Audit Starts (may be deferred for one week).Feb. 5/09 – TCA Fixed Assets – training on Diamond Software module.

Personnel Committee Meeting
The Personnel Committee met on Jan. 21. Topics of discussion included: wage survey and schedule, Employee Code of Conduct & Ethics, and review and short list of applications received for the Public Works Supervisor position.

Country Lane Estates – Residential Development
The preliminary design plans have been forwarded to our engineer for review and comment. The development agreement is being reviewed between myself and the developer in preparation for final approval. The goal is to start construction in late spring with completion of the residential development by September 2009. Thus far everything appears to be on schedule.

Year End Building Data Collection Project
Staff still working on and nearing completion of year end procedures. Together with Stantec, we are reviewing the reports and findings on the structural, architectural, mechanical and electrical conditions of the municipal buildings. This report is only a base for and not a detailed report on the condition of the buildings. Once the review is complete, it will come before Council.

Data Collection Projects – Next Stage
I have asked Stantec to provide a proposal and cost for the next stage of the data collection projects. The next stage will be more in depth and will include a schedule and probable costs for upgrades, replacement, rehabilitation of the roadways, sewer and water systems and buildings. They are currently working on the Lift Stations/Forced Main report that was approved by Council in 2008.

2009 Council Goals
Staff are developing objectives to the 2009 goals of Council being: new webpage, organizational review, and communications program.

Street Lighting – 50 Ave. I have contacted Fortis Alberta to get information about their standards for installation of street lighting in general. This is the result of inquiry about additional lighting along 50 Ave. to alleviate dark areas.

Library – Bldg. Repairs Some minor repairs were needed to the fascia/soffit at the library.

7.3 Financial Report

The January 26, 2009 Accounts Payable Report was reviewed.

7.4 Fire Chief's Report

A written report dated January 22, 2009 was received from Gord Balon, Fire Chief, Eckville Fire Department. In 2008 the Eckville Fire Department responded to 57 calls of which 22 were fires, 11 were motor vehicle accidents, 18 were EMS assists, 4 were fire investigations and false alarms, and 2 were downed power line calls. Call volumes were up significantly from previous years. 2007 – 34 calls, 2006 – 32 calls, 2005 – 25 calls. Membership was down to nine members and a recruiting campaign was put into place. There are presently 21 members with additional interest. Completion of training courses will be required for the new members. The Eckville Fire Department will be hosting a couple of training courses in the coming months.

Res.034/09 Moved by Councillor Krecsy that the Foreman's, Administrator's, Financial and Fire Chief's reports be received for information. Carried.

8. Committee, Board Reports

8.1 Committee, Board Reports

Councillor Ebden Attended a Community Hall Board meeting, Eckville Emergency Management Agency meeting and a Personnel Committee meeting.

Councillor van Boeschoten Attended an Interagency meeting.

Councillor McKinnon Nothing to report. The annual winter Carnival will be held on February 7 & 8, 2009.

Councillor Krecsy Attended an Eckville Emergency Management Agency meeting, Personnel Committee meeting and an ACE meeting.

Councillor Kinley Attended an ACE meeting and had a meeting with the Eckville Fire Chief.

Councillor Walker Attended a Lacombe Foundation meeting.

Mayor Posti Toured the Innovation & Manufacturing wing at the Red Deer College. Attended an MLA Roundtable meeting.

Res.035/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that the Committee and Board reports be received for information as presented. Carried.

9. Correspondence, Information Items

Lacombe County – Notice of Public Hearing – Intermunicipal Development Plan 9.1 A Notice of Public Hearing was received from Lacombe County for the joint Town of Eckville/Lacombe County Development Plan. The Public Hearing will be held on February 12, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lacombe County Administration Office.

Alberta Municipal Affairs – Information about Safety Codes Acts Orders 9.2 Information about Safety Codes Act Orders was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs.

Ray Gilmour, Deputy Minister Alberta Municipal Affairs – Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Conditional Operating Program 9.3 Correspondence was received from Ray Gilmour, Deputy Minister Alberta Municipal Affairs advising of an update on the MSI Conditional Operating Program. Commencing with the 2008 program year, municipalities will be allowed to carry forward MSI Operating funding not spent in the year it was allocated. Amendments to the MSI Operating guidelines and the long-term funding agreements will be made in early 2009.

Parkland Regional Fire Prevention Group – January 15, 2009 Meeting Agenda, 9.4 The Parkland Regional Fire Prevention Group January 15, 2009 meeting agenda and September 18, 2008 meeting minutes were reviewed.

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Lacombe County – 2008 9.5 The 2008 Lacombe County Protective Services report was received. The Lacombe County Statistical Report for Eckville for 2008 shows the following:
Protective Services Contract Hours – 385
Report Actual Hours – 347
Violation Tickets – 189
Warning Tickets – 40
Complaints – 17
The report also contained Lacombe County Protective Services 2008 Traffic Safety Plan.

AUMA Member Notices 9.6 A Member Notice was received from AUMA announcing AMSC has secured – 2009+ Energy five years of gas and electricity for municipalities. The 2009+ Aggregation Aggregation Update program now features:
-the ability to take advantage of multiple rounds of procurement
-the flexibility to take advantage of market signals and secure energy requirements outside the aggregated volumes
-the advantage of using multiple suppliers for both electricity and gas suppliers over the five year term ensuring the lowest possible pricing for the related products in a given year

AUMA Member Notices 9.7 A Member Notice was received from AUMA advising that the Alberta – School Speed Zone School Boards Association submitted a recommendation to the Government Areas of Alberta to change current School Speed Zone hours to 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. They are asking municipalities to also consider implementing the change.

Clean Air Strategic 9.8 The CASA is reviewing parts of the 2003 Emission Management Framework Alliance (CASA) – for the Alberta Electricity Sector. The Framework guides how air emissions Review of 2003 from electricity generation are managed in Alberta. The CASA is inviting Emission Management residents and municipalities, that are located near power plants, to let them Framework for the know about the review and invite them to share their views on this topic. Alberta Electricity Sector

Res.036/09 Moved by Councillor McKinnon that the correspondence and information items be received for information. Carried.

10. Seminars, Meetings, Special Events

- 10.1 Parent Link – 3rd Annual Parenting Conference – February 7, 2009
- 10.2 The Alberta Association of Community Peace Officers & The Alberta Municipal Enforcement Association – 2009 United Conference – February 2-6, 2009
- 10.3 AUMA Member Notices – 2009 President’s Summit on the Future of Local Governance – April 30 & May 1, 2009. Mayor Posti to attend.
- 10.4 Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport and Physical Activity & Alberta Centre for Active Living – Mothers in Motion Workshop – February 12, 2009

Res.037/09 Moved by Councillor McKinnon that the Seminars, Meetings, and Special Events be received for information and to approve attendance as indicated. Carried.

Councillor McKinnon left the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

11. In Camera
Res.038/09

- 11.1 Moved by Councillor Krecsy that the meeting move in camera excluding all persons except Council members, and Staff members Administrator Kleeberger and Susan Norberg, to discuss personnel issues. Time: 8:36 p.m. Carried.

Res.039/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that the meeting come out of camera and reverts back to the regular meeting. Time: 9:55 p.m. Carried.

Res.040/09 Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten that the proposed Town of Eckville Organizational Chart be accepted. Carried.

Res.041/09 Moved by Councillor Krecsy that the proposed Town of Eckville Performance Evaluation Chart be accepted. Carried.

Res.042/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley that the proposed Town of Eckville Job Rate

Schedule be approved and that Staff pay rates be increased in equal annual installments over a 3 year period to bring them up to their job rate. Carried.

12. Committee of the Whole

12.1 None.

13. Adjournment
Res.043/09

13.1 Moved by Councillor Kretsy that the meeting be adjourned. Time: 9:57 p.m. Carried.

Mayor

Administrator