

TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, February 23, 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, Scott Kinley, Mitch Krecsy,
Grant Van Boeschoten, John Walker
Staff: Administrator Therese Kleeberger, Rick McKinnon, Susan Norberg
Press: Carson Papke, Eckville Echo
- 2. Delegations** 2.1 None
- 3. Agenda** 3.1 Additional Agenda Items:
Item 5.6: Bobcat Purchase – Reserve Transfer
Item 9.9: CWMC – Order in Council
Item 10.7: AEMA - Emergency Training Opportunities
- Res.068/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley that the agenda be adopted as presented with the
additions. Carried.
- 4. Minutes** 4.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting February 9, 2009
- Res.069/09 Moved by Councillor Krecsy that the minutes of the regular Council meeting
of February 9, 2009 be adopted as presented. Carried.
- 7. Reports** 7.1 **Foreman’s Report**
Street Maintenance All streets have been plowed at least once with a few being done twice.
The basket is back in the West Lift Station again and seems to be working
fine. We are waiting for the other basket to be built.
Lift Stations There were some problems last week with the hydraulics on the Garbage
Truck. Superior Truck advised to change the setting on a pressure release
valve and it seems to be working fine now.
Garbage We have been getting call outs for the Chlorine Analyzer lately due to power
surges. Bermac has been contacted to check it out.
Pump House The older small truck is in having some repairs and a service.
New batteries and an ignition switch were put into the big loader.
Vehicles There was a sewer backup at 5407-51 Street. It was dug up and it was found
that a utility company crossing our line had directional drilled through the
sewer line. It has since been repaired.
Other There was also a water line break at 4832-51 Avenue which has been
repaired.
A sewer dig was completed at 4812-51 Avenue as the no-corrode pipe was
broken on the underside of the pipe on the owner’s property. The property
owner and the Town worked together to get it fixed as the street had to be dug
up.
New street signs for 54 Avenue and Handicap Parking signs were ordered.
54A Avenue The Eckville Elementary School has raised a concern about parking, one way
designation, and safety of students crossing the street, particularly during
drop off and pick up times. There exists a “One Way” sign on the east end of
54A Avenue just west of the bus barns. A “Do Not Enter” sign on the west
end of the street has disappeared. The Eckville Elementary PAC is looking at
options to address and assist with determining parking arrangements and
street crossing and will be getting in contact with the Town. Council is the
authority to decide what traffic control devices will be installed and request
that the street remain as a one-way and signage be installed indicating this.
- Res.070/09 Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten that Public Works replace the missing
“Do Not Enter” sign at the south-west corner of 54A Avenue. Carried.
- An additional Foreman’s Report was provided on the testing of the Lift
Stations and Pump House. Public Works met with Bermac who determined
there was a cellinoid gone at the East Lift Station thus the reason it did not
start up after the power failure at the end of January. This will be repaired.
It was determined the only way to do a true test on the power backup is to put
a main breaker inside the shed. The cost would be approximately \$1000.
It was also discussed with Bermac how to test the high limits on each lift
station. Presently the only way is to go down into the dry wells and manually
shut off the pumps and wait until the fluid level reaches the high limits. We
could move all of the controls from the dry well into the generator buildings
so that the only time we would have to go into the dry well would be to

change motors or shut off valves. The cost to move the controls would be approximately \$10,000. per lift station.

There is also a problem with power spikes at the Pump House which sets off an alarm. The cost to fix this problem would be approximately \$1000.

Public Works Foreman Rick McKinnon left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

5. Action Items

- Parkland Airshed Management Zone (PAMZ) 5.1 Correspondence was received from PAMZ advising that the organization was formed in 1997 to monitor and manage air quality within the west central region of Alberta. A copy of the PAMZ 2007 Annual Report was also included as well as an invitation to join PAMZ. The membership fee for 2009 is \$341.26.
- Res.071/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley that the Parkland Airshed Management Zone correspondence be received for information and that Council revisit the membership with that organization as part of the 2010 Budget. Carried.
- Lacombe County – Notice of Public Hearing – Proposed Amendments to the County’s Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw 5.2 A Notice of Public Hearing was received from Lacombe County. The Public Hearing is being held on March 12, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lacombe County Administration Office to consider proposed amendments to the County’s Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw, specifically Bylaw Nos. 1093/09 “First Parcel Out” Subdivisions and 1094/09 Industrial and Commercial Uses in the Agricultural “A” District.
- Res.072/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that a letter be sent to Lacombe County advising that the Town of Eckville has no objections to the proposed amendments to Bylaw Nos. 1093/09 and 1094/09. Carried.
- Lacombe County – Notice of Public Hearing – Proposed Amendments to the Lacombe County’s Land Use Bylaw 5.3 A Notice of Public Hearing was received from Lacombe County. The Public Hearing is being held on March 12, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the Lacombe County Administration Office to consider proposed amendments to the Lacombe County Land Use Bylaw No. 1095/09 specifically with respect to Recreational Vehicle Resort Developments and Other Regulatory Requirements.
- Res.073/09 Moved by Councillor Krecsy that a letter be sent to Lacombe County advising that the Town of Eckville has no objections to the proposed amendments to Bylaw Nos. 1095/09. Carried.
- Lacombe County – Notice of Subdivision Application 5.4 A Notice of Subdivision Application was received from Lacombe County. The proposal is to create separate title to an approximately 13.76 ha (34 acre) parcel of land on the northeast part of the NW 3-39-3-W5M, south of Eckville, which is physically severed from the remainder of the quarter section by the Medicine River. The proposed parcel is intended for residential/agricultural use.
- Res.074/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that a letter be sent to Lacombe County advising that the Town of Eckville has no objections to the proposed subdivision. Carried.
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – Members Advisory – Lights Out Across Canada for Earth Hour March 28, 2009 5.5 Information was received from FCM advising that cities and communities in more than 70 countries will be turning off their lights on March 28, 2009 from 8:30-9:30 p.m. to mark Earth Hour and show support for action on climate change. FCM, in partnership with World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Canada, is asking all municipalities to sign up, participate and engage the community in celebrating these sustainability efforts.
- Res.075/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that Council support the Lights Out Across Canada initiative by turning off all lights that can be safely turned off, in municipal buildings and to include information about this initiative in the Town’s weekly newspaper ad. Carried.
- Bobcat Purchase – Reserve Transfer 5.6 Council approved the purchase of a Bobcat for Public Works in the 2008 Budget. Funds were designated to come from reserves however it was not specified which reserve. There are presently two reserves set up, one for Water and one for Waste Management. Administrator Kleeberger recommended the funds from the Waste Management Reserve be transferred to cover the purchase of the Bobcat.
- Res.076/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley that the funds from the Waste Management Reserve be transferred to cover the purchase of the Bobcat. Carried.

6. **Bylaws, Projects**
Bylaw No. 685/08 – Town of Eckville/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan Res.077/09
- 6.1 Council reviewed Bylaw 685/08, being a Bylaw to adopt the Town of Eckville/Lacombe County Intermunicipal Development Plan. First reading was given to Bylaw 685/08 on December 8, 2008. A Public Hearing was held on January 26, 2009.
- Moved by Councillor Walker to give Bylaw 685/08 second reading. Carried.
- Res.078/09 Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten to give Bylaw 685/08 third and final reading. Carried.
- Bylaw No. 689/09
Land Use Bylaw Amendment
- 6.2 Council reviewed Bylaw 689/09, being a Bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw by amending the Minimum Yard Requirements in the Manufactured Home District (R3) under Manufactured Home Subdivision Standards.
- Res.079/09 Moved by Councillor Kinley to give Bylaw 689/09 first reading. Carried.
- Res.080/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that the Public Meeting be held on March 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Carried.
7. **Reports**
2009 Ambulance Audit
- 7.2 **Administrator's Report**
The Board of Lacombe Municipal Ambulance Service has accepted the proposal by Gitzel Krejci Dand Peterson to conduct the 2009 audit for the Eckville Ambulance Service. The audit will be done shortly after the April 1/09 transition to the province.
- Waste Management Cost Increase
Waste Management's costs related to environmental compliance continue to increase. As a result they are increasing the environmental compliance cost recovery component of the Fuel/Environmental charge from 4.2% to 6%.
- General Insurance Program Renewal, Building Valuation Inspections
AMSC Insurance Services have sent out the 2009 General Insurance Program renewal. MUNIX will now be self-insuring the physical damage portion of the Automobile insurance. Total premium is \$38,337.00. AMSC has engaged RMS/CGI to continue performing valuation inspections on all buildings. These inspections ensure that the building values adequately reflect the replacement cost. There will be a general inflation factor of 10% on buildings over \$100,000. It is hoped that the Town will be on the inspection list for 2009.
- 2009 Energy Aggregation
The final energy program agreement has been completed and forwarded for signatures. The contract is a 5 year term. AMSC will be working with participants on operational enhancements such as the bill format and billing reports. The AMSC will also be working on developing an Energy Management Information System (EMIS). EMIS will be able to support and calculate green house gas offsets, energy efficiency, micro-generation and demand side management opportunities.
- Audit Update
Collins Barrow has completed the on site visit. They are now compiling everything back at their office.
- Lift Station/Forced Main Project
The draft report is almost complete and the next step is to prepare the Building Canada grant application.
- Building Data Collection Report
Stantec is finishing up the summary report and should have it out this week.
- Lacombe Regional Fire Services Association
Eckville hosted the meeting on Feb. 18/09 which I attended. Highlights included an amendment to their bylaws to allow for a review engagement rather than an annual audit for financial. A draft joint quality management plan has been prepared and will be coming before Council shortly for their approval. A volunteer recognition proposal was also discussed. An information handbook has been put together as a quick reference guide for Councils, administration and fire departments outlining their responsibilities and requirements.
- Upcoming Meetings, Events
Linear Assessment Information Session – Feb. 20/09
Webpage Development – Feb. 27/09
Quality Assurance Committee – Mar. 4/09
Home Show – Mar. 6 – 8/09
- 7.3 **Financial Report**
The February 23, 2009 Accounts Payable Report was reviewed.
- Res.081/09 Moved by Councillor Walker that the Foreman's, Administrator's and Financial reports be received for information. Carried.
8. **Committee, Board Reports**
Councillor Ebden
- 8.1 **Committee, Board Reports**
Attended a Community Hall Board Meeting. The Hall Board is having a

working a Casino on August 15th and 16th.

Councillor van Boeschoten

Nothing to report.

Councillor Krecsy

Attended the local Library meeting.
Attended a Regional Fire meeting.

Councillor Kinley

Attended a Youth Society Valentine Dance.
Met with the Fire Department regarding the storage of the 1953 GMC Fire Truck (Gerty).

Councillor Walker

Attended an Emerging Trends in Municipal Law workshop.
Attended a Lacombe Foundation meeting.

Mayor Posti

Attended an Emerging Trends in Municipal Law workshop.
Attended a FCSS/Neighborhood Place Meeting.
Attended an Alberta Environment workshop.
Attended a CWMC meeting.

Res.082/09

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

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

9. Correspondence, Information Items

Alberta Municipal Affairs – Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT)

9.1 Information was received from Municipal Affairs on amendments to the AIT that will become effective April 1, 2009.

Canadian Red Cross – Services During Emergencies

9.2 Correspondence was received from the Canadian Red Cross advising of the services they offer during emergencies as well as Personal Disaster Preparedness workshops that are available.

Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) – Electoral Zones

9.3 The AUMA is proposing to change the dividing lines for the Electoral Zones. The proposed changes were outlined.

Alberta Education – School Transportation Services

9.4 A letter of response was received from Minister Dave Hancock, Alberta Education regarding School Transportation Services. Minister Hancock advised that under the School Act, school boards are responsible for the transportation of students who live 2.4 kilometers or more from their designated school. Boards are free to reduce the walk limit for students in their jurisdiction if they wish, and they may charge a fee for these services.

Lacombe County Protective Services – January 2009 Report

9.5 The Lacombe County Protective Services January 2009 Report for the Town of Eckville was reviewed by Council. Due to poor weather and road conditions the number of patrol hours was down.

AMSC Aggregated Investments Service

9.6 AMSC announced the newest of its shared services – the Aggregated Investment Fund which is due for launch in May 2009 and is being specifically designed to meet the needs of municipalities. The objective of the fund is to provide participants with a stable, high quality investment alternative that should yield greater returns through aggregation's economies of scale and enhanced professional fund management. Details of the fund will continue to be released.

Lacombe Regional Solid Waste Authority (LRSWA) – February 11, 2009 Minutes and January 2009 Waste Haul Summary

9.7 The LRSWA February 11, 2009 Minutes and the January 2009 Waste Haul Summary were reviewed by Council.

Lacombe Regional Fire Service Association – September 17, 2008 Minutes

9.8 The Lacombe Regional Fire Service Association September 17, 2008 Minutes were reviewed by Council.

Central Waste

9.9 In the fall of 2008 a number of municipalities, including the Town of

Management
Commission (CWMC) –
Order in Council

Eckville, decided that they wanted to opt out of the commission. The request was forwarded to the province for their decision. On February 18, 2009 the Lieutenant Governor in Council amended the Central Waste Management Commission Regulation by repealing the following municipalities as members: Lacombe County, Bentley, Eckville, Lacombe, Alix and Clive.

Res.083/09

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

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

- 10.1 Public Open House Meeting – Last Hill Golf Course – March 11, 2009. Administrator Kleeberger to attend.
- 10.2 Alberta Emergency Management Agency – Getting to Know Fire Workshop – Dates to be determined.
- 10.3 Alberta Municipal Affairs – Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Workshop – March 20, 2009. Councillor Krecsy to attend.
- 10.4 Central Alberta Economic Partnership – Welcoming Communities Forum – March 18, 2009
- 10.5 Alberta Capital Finance Authority – Annual General Meeting – March 19, 2009
- 10.6 Economic Developers Alberta – Annual General Meeting & Professional Conference – March 30-April 3, 2009
- 10.7 Alberta Emergency Management Agency – Emergency Training Opportunities – various dates and workshops.

Eckville Credit Union –
Annual General Meeting

Councillor Krecsy advised that the Eckville Credit Union will be holding their Annual General Meeting on March 11, 2009 at the Eckville Legion. Councillor Walker to attend.

Res.084/09

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

11. In Camera
Res.085/09

- 11.1 Moved by Councillor van Boeschoten that the meeting move in camera excluding all persons except Council members, and Staff members Administrator Kleeberger and Susan Norberg, to discuss protective services and land issues. Time: 8:05 p.m. Carried.

Res.086/09

Moved by Councillor Walker that the meeting come out of camera and reverts back to the regular meeting. Time: 8:47 p.m. Carried.

Mayor Posti called for a recess at 8:48 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:02 p.m.

**12. Committee of the
Whole**

- 12.1 CAO Bylaw & Job Description – postponed to next meeting.

13. Adjournment
Res.087/09

- 13.1 Moved by Mayor Posti that the meeting be adjourned. Time: 9:11 p.m. Carried.

Mayor

Administrator