

TOWN OF ECKVILLE-COUNCIL AGENDA

Monday, January 8, 2024

Town Office Council Chambers Eckville, AB 6:00 pm
(Councillors may attend via electronic means)

1. CALL TO ORDER 1.1

2. DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC HEARING 2.1 Austin Weaver- Lacombe Regional Tourism 6:00 pm

3. AGENDA 3.1 Additional Agenda Items
3.2 Adoption of Agenda

4. MINUTES 4.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2023 pg. 1-4

5. ACTION ITEMS 5.1 Animal Control Services Contract -Discussion pg. 5
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6. BYLAWS, POLICIES 6.1

7. REPORTS 7.1 Management Report – January 8, 2024 pg. 8-9
7.2 Financial Report -AP Report Dec 14, 19, and 29, 2023 pg. 10-12
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7.4 Animal Control Services December 2023 pg. 14

8. COMMITTEE, BOARD REPORTS 8.1

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9.2 Lacombe County Highlights of Reg Council Meeting Dec 14, 2023 pg.19-21
9.3 Alberta Municipal Affairs Office of the Minister pg. 22
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9.5 Alberta Transportation & Economic Corridors pg. 26
9.6 Lacombe County Policy RC(6) Library Support pg. 27

10. SEMINARS, MEETINGS, SPECIAL EVENTS 10.1

11. CLOSED SESSION 11.1 Section 16: Business interests of a third party

12. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12.1

13. ADJOURNMENT 13.1

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Agenda Item 4.1

TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES

December 11, 2023

Eckville Town Office, 5023 – 51 Avenue, Eckville, Alberta
(The meeting was available via electronic means)

1. Call to Order

1.1 Mayor Ebden called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Ebden
Councillor Meyers
Councillor Engen
Councillor Pacholek
Councillor Palm-Fraser
Councillor See
Councillor Thoreson (joined by electronic means)

Absent:

Staff: CAO, Jack Ramsden
Deputy CAO, Darcy Webb
Recording Secretary Heather Allen

Press: None Present

Gallery: None

2. Delegations/Public Hearings

2.1 None

3. Agenda

3.1 Additional Agenda Items -none

3.2 Adoption of Agenda

Res.295.2023

Moved by Councillor See that the agenda be adopted as presented. **Carried Unanimously.**

4. Minutes

4.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – November 27, 2023

Res.296.2023

Moved by Councillor Engen that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday November 27th, 2023, be adopted as presented. **Carried Unanimously.**

5. Action Items

5.1 RFD – Interim Operating Budget.

Res.297.2023

Moved by Councillor Pacholek that the 2023 Operating budget be adopted as the 2024 Interim Operating Budget until such time as the 2024 Operating Budget has been finalized and approved, and further that requests by Administration for Capital Expenditures be directed to Council until such time as the 2024 Capital Budget is approved. **Carried Unanimously.**

- 5.2 RFD- Possible Eckville Municipal Library Board Member Appt.
- Res.298.2023** Moved by Mayor Ebden that Lorianne Hoven be appointed to the Eckville Municipal Library Board for a three-year term commencing on December 12th 2023 and expiring on December 12th, 2026. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 5.3 RFD- Proposed 2024 Eckville Fire Department Honorarium Rate and Payment Schedule.
- Res.299.2023** Moved by Councillor Meyers that Eckville Town Council approve the proposed 2024 Eckville Fire Department Honorarium and Rate Payment Schedule for calls within the Town of Eckville. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 5.4 RFD- Renewal of Membership in Lacombe Regional Tourism & Marketing Association.
- Res.300.2023** Moved by Councillor See that Administration invite a representative from the Lacombe Regional Tourism and Marketing Association to attend a Council Meeting in the new year, to explain what they do and the benefit to the Town. **Carried Unanimously.**
- Res.301.2023** Moved by Councillor Meyers that a decision on the Renewal of the Membership in Lacombe Regional Tourism & Marketing Association be deferred until after the delegation. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 5.5 RFD-Approval of Cenovus Surface Lease.
- Res.302.2023** Moved by Councillor Engen that the Mayor and CAO be granted approval to sign and execute the Surface Lease Agreement with Cenovus Energy for access to cross the Town's property in PLAN 8920372. **Carried.**
- 5.6 RFD- Assistance with Garbage Bin.
- RES.303.2023** Moved by Councillor Thoreson that the Town of Eckville provide a 4 cubic yard garbage bin for the Eckville Manor Charitable Society's use at their Eckville Thrift Shop at no charge. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 5.7 Strategic Visioning/Planning Session
- Res.304.2023** Moved by Councillor Pacholek that a Strategic Visioning/Planning Session be held Saturday January 13th. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 5.8 CAO Vacation Summary.
- Res.305.2023** Moved by Councillor See that the CAO be authorized to carry over 8 days of his unused vacation days from 2023 to the 2024 calendar year. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 6. Bylaws /Policies** 6.1 None

Councillor Palm-Fraser joined the meeting. Tim 6:45pm.

7. Reports

7.1 Management Report for December 11th , 2023

Res.306.2023

Moved by Councillor Meyers that the Management Report for December 11, 2023, be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

7.2 Financial Report-AP Report November 30th , 2023 .

Res.307.2023

Moved by Councillor Pacholek that Financial Report – AP for Report for November 30th , 2023 information. **Carried Unanimously**

8. Committee & Board Reports

8.1 Councillor Pacholek reported on AB Munis Seminar.

8.2 Councillor Palm-Fraser reported on the Library, FCSS and Parkland Regional Library

Res. 308.2023

Moved by Councillor See that the Committee and Board Reports be accepted. **Carried Unanimously.**

9. Correspondence, Information Items

9.1 Lacombe County Highlights of Regular Council Meeting Nov. 23, 2023

9.2 Animal Control Services November 2023

Res.309.2023

Moved by Councillor See that the Correspondence and Information items be accepted as information. **Carried Unanimously.**

10. Seminars, Meetings, Special Events

10.1 Registration for Emerging Trends in Municipal Law Brownlee LLP.

Annual Municipal Law Seminars – Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer.

10.2 AB. Munis 101

Res.310.2023

Moved by Councillor Pacholek that Council be authorized to attend the Brownlee LLP Emerging Trends in Municipal Law, Reynolds Mirth Richard & Farmer Law Seminars and AB Munis 101. **Carried Unanimously.**

Mayor Ebden called for a five minute recess, Time 7:30pm.

The meeting reconvened at 7:35pm.

11. Closed Session

11.1 Section27: Privileged information & Section21: Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations.

Res. 311.2023

Moved by Councillor Engen that the meeting move into closed session, excluding all persons except Council Members, CAO, and Deputy CAO in order to discuss an item with Section 27 of the FOIPP Act: Privileged information & Section21: Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations. Time 7:36 p.m. **Carried Unanimously**

Res. 312.2023

Moved by Councillor Palm-Fraser that the meeting revert back to open session. Time 8:11 p.m. **Carried Unanimously.**

Mayor Ebden called for a five-minute recess. Time 8:12 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

12. Committee of the Whole 12.1 None

13. Adjournment

Res. 313.2023 Mayor Ebden adjourned the meeting. Time 8:18 pm. **Carried Unanimously.**

Mayor

CAO

Following is a proposed 3-year cost schedule.

Year 1

Cost per patrol hour (or portion thereof)	\$115.00 plus GST
Cost for unclaimed dog impounded	\$150.00 plus GST
Cost for unclaimed cat impounded	\$150.00 plus GST

Year two

Cost per patrol hour (or portion thereof)	\$120.00 plus GST
Cost for unclaimed dog impounded	\$170.00 plus GST
Cost for unclaimed cat impounded	\$170.00 plus GST

Year three

Cost per patrol hour (or portion thereof)	\$125.00 plus GST
Cost for unclaimed dog impounded	\$200.00 plus GST
Cost for unclaimed cat impounded	\$200.00 plus GST

Current Rates:	
Cost per Patrol Hour	\$89.00
Cost per Unclaimed Dog	\$100.00
Cost per Unclaimed Cat	\$100.00
Monthly Patrol Commitment	12 hours

TOWN OF ECKVILLE
Request to Council for Decision

Meeting:	Town Council
Meeting Date:	January 8, 2024
Originated By:	Jack Ramsden, CAO
Title:	Request to Extend Offer to Purchase Contract on Lot 31, Block 2, Plan 0720639

BACKGROUND: Please find attached an email from Don Heringer of Casa de Vita requesting an extension to the offer to purchase agreement on Lot 31, Block 2, Plan 072062.

DISCUSSION/ALTERNATIVES: We met with Don Heringer on December 19th to review his latest layout plans and receive an update on his discussions with Cenovus concerning the abandoned well which is located on the lot.

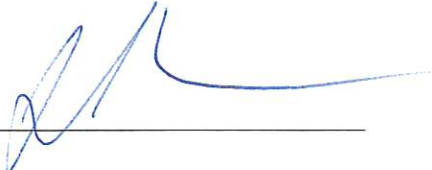
Due to the ongoing discussions with Cenovus and ongoing adjustments to the plans they are requesting and extension in the closing dater for the offer to purchase.

IMPACT ON BUDGET: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the following motion be presented for consideration:

“That the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign an extension to the offer to purchase agreement with Casa de Vita to March 31, 2024 on LOT 31 – BLOCK 2 – PLAN 0720639.”

Prepared By: _____ Approved By: _____


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Jack Ramsden

From: Don Heringer <donh@casadevida.ca>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2023 4:22 PM
To: Jack Ramsden
Subject: Request of extention of offer to purchase on Lot 31 for Casa de Vida developments

Good Day

As per our meeting on Dec 19th. I would like to request a extension on Casa de Vida developments offer to purchase agreement for Lot 31 in Eckville to March 31 of 2024.

Thank you

Happy holidays

Don Heringer

**MANAGEMENT REPORT
TO ECKVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**

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Current Activities:

- **Consideration of Joining the Sylvan Lake Regional Wastewater Commission:** No communication to date.
- **New Aeration System for Wastewater Lagoons:** As of January 2nd, our main mixing cell was more or less ice free and the majority of the large aeration cell was frozen over. We are not too concerned with the fact that the large cell is covered in ice, as all 17 of the aerators are working and the Biologist from Pond Pro tells us that there is usually a higher oxygen level in cold water and the main goal of any aeration system is to increase the oxygen level in the effluent.
- **Arena Operating Society:** Our Deputy CAO and our Payroll Clerk have met with the Arena Operating Society's Treasurer and their new Payroll Clerk to go over our town financial contributions, their new Benefit Package, and the process of completing their payroll. As noted previously the Arena Operating Society will be taking over the payroll function for the Arena Operators in January 2024.
- **Main Street Solar Street Lights & Christmas Decorations:** We received the required "driver" from Clearblue Technologies and are waiting for our Electricians at Highline to install the part and see if this gives us the fix we are looking for on the solar street light beside Super Service.
- **Sledding Hill Petition:** We met with Aiden and Cameron Van Dirstein (accompanied by their Father Andrew Van Dirstein) on January 2nd to receive a petition that they had drawn up requesting a "sledding hill for all the kids of Eckville so Kids are not sledding on to the road". The Boys took their petition door to door and received 72 signatures, the majority from Adults supporting their request for a sledding hill. A copy of this petition is attached to the January 8th agenda for your information.

The petition does not meet the actual requirements of a valid petition as laid out in the Municipal Government Act, not does it have the required number of signatures. It is however, exciting to see you people getting involved in our municipal governance process. We informed the Young Men that we would be presenting this to Town Council an hopefully their request will be considered at Council's upcoming "Visioning Meeting".

This is the second request that we have received from young Eckville Residents in the past couple of months!

Future / Planned Activities:

- **CASA DE VIDA DEVELOPMENTS INC.:** We met with Don Heringer on December 19th to review his updated layout plan. There will likely be at least one more revision of these plans before they start marketing. Mr. Heringer requested an extension to the closing date on his offer to purchase on Lot 31, Block 2, Plan 0720639 and a RFD is recommending this extension is in the January 8th agenda for your consideration.
- **Highway 11 Twinning Project:** Nothing new to report at this time.

Management Report – January 8, 2024

- **Repairs to the Lane behind the Town Office:**

We received verbal agreement to accept our offer to purchase five-meter corner cutoffs from both Landowners and have instructed our Legal Surveyors to proceed with the required survey and plans. Work should start sometime in January or February.

- **New Website and Municipal APP:** We are still waiting on the App and have been told it can take a few months. We are arranging an in-person training session with the 'Loop' trainer as there are a few procedures with the Web site that the staff still need some help with.

Jack Ramsden, CAO



Darcy Webb, Deputy CAO

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 Batch Comment: Nov 14, 2023 -2

Audit Trail Code: PMCHQ00000849
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 Mtg. Date: Jan 8, 2024
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Chequebook ID: ATB - GEN

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027574	2023-12-14	0000000000023410	EVE003	Everything H2O	\$15.00
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027576	2023-12-14	0000000000023412	FIR007	Fireworks Spectaculars Canada	\$5,250.00
027577	2023-12-14	0000000000023413	FLO01	Flowpoint Environmental System	\$106.03
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027583	2023-12-14	0000000000023419	LIT002	Little Jon's Portable Toilet S	\$357.00
027584	2023-12-14	0000000000023420	MAD01	Mad Catering	\$252.00
027585	2023-12-14	0000000000023421	MES001	Messer Canada INC.	\$42.67
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027589	2023-12-14	0000000000023425	PAP001	Best Shredding	\$36.18
027590	2023-12-14	0000000000023426	PC01	PCPS	\$5,333.69
027591	2023-12-14	0000000000023427	RCL001	Royal Canadian Legion #156	\$75.00
027592	2023-12-14	0000000000023428	RED007	Red Deer Fasteners	\$322.18
027593	2023-12-14	0000000000023429	RED010	Red Deer Catholic Separate Sch	\$2,826.87
027594	2023-12-14	0000000000023430	RMR001	Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farm	\$275.63
027595	2023-12-14	0000000000023431	STAPLES	Staples	\$208.67
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027597	2023-12-14	0000000000023433	THE018	The Trenchless Guy's	\$3,001.49
027598	2023-12-14	0000000000023434	WIL001	Wild Rose Assessment Services	\$1,424.15

Total Cheques: 39

Cheques Total: \$68,863.94

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Audit Trail Code: PMCHQ00000850
* Voided transactions

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Empringham Disposal Corp.				
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HHID Consulting Ltd.				
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Penny Seiling				
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027603	2023-12-29	00000000000023442	BAY001	Bay 4 Promtional Printing	\$1,524.60
027604	2023-12-29	00000000000023443	CEN0015	Central Alberta Window Cleanin	\$963.87
027605	2023-12-29	00000000000023444	CEN04	Central Labs	\$526.50
027606	2023-12-29	00000000000023446	DRA002	Drain Doctor	\$366.98
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027608	2023-12-29	00000000000023448	GTI001	GTI Petroleum Ltd	\$2,859.65
027609	2023-12-29	00000000000023449	HEL002	Hellbound Services Corp	\$1,522.50
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027611	2023-12-29	00000000000023451	LAC010	Lacombe Regional Waste Service	\$18,801.25
027612	2023-12-29	00000000000023452	NEX002	NextGen Automation	\$476.22
027613	2023-12-29	00000000000023453	REC	Receiver General	\$16,188.00
027614	2023-12-29	00000000000023454	RED004	Red Deer Overdoor	\$850.94
027615	2023-12-29	00000000000023455	SPA001	Sparrows Auto Service Ltd	\$2,775.26
027616	2023-12-29	00000000000023456	TEL001	Telus	\$1,185.51
027617	2023-12-29	00000000000023457	TEL002	TELUS MOBILITY	\$134.99
027618	2023-12-29	00000000000023458	THE002	The Western Star	\$210.00
027619	2023-12-29	00000000000023459	TWO001	Two H Group	\$420.00
027620	2023-12-29	00000000000023460	WOL003	Wolf Creek Building Supplies S	\$474.92
Total Cheques:	22			Cheques Total:	\$57,199.30

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**ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES o/a 327241 Alberta Ltd
BILLING SUMMARY**

Mtg. Date Jan 8, 2024

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MONTH OF SERVICE December 2023

MUNICIPALITY ECKVILLE

DATE	HOURS	TOTAL	COST	COMPLAINT	RTO	ADOPT	COST
1	9-11	2	178.00	1 Cat		X	100.00
2			0.00				
3			0.00				
4			0.00				
5			0.00				
6			0.00				
7	8-10	2	178.00	1 Cat		X	100.00
8			0.00				
9			0.00				
10			0.00				
11			0.00				
12	11-1	2	178.00	1 Cat	X		
13			0.00				
14			0.00				
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19	12-2	2	178.00				
20	1-3	2	178.00				
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30			0.00				
31			0.00				

PATROL COSTS	12	\$1,068.00
IMPOUND FEES		\$200.00
SUBTOTAL		\$1,268.00
GST		\$63.40
TOTAL		<u>\$1,331.40</u>

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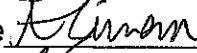

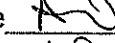





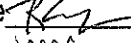

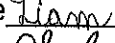
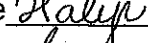

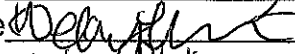




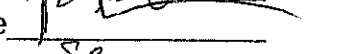

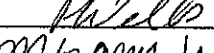




Sledding hill Petition

This is a petition for a sledding hill for all the kids of Eckville so Kids are not sledding on to the road.

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Name <u>Aiden Van Dirstein</u> | Address <u>4828 53 Ave</u> | Signature <u>Aiden</u> |
| Name <u>Cameron Van Dirstein</u> | Address <u>4828 53 Ave</u> | Signature <u>Cameron</u> |
| Name <u>Dannah Van Dirstein</u> | Address <u>9828 53 Ave</u> | Signature <u>Dannah</u> |
| Name <u>Dana Pagnoux</u> | Address <u>4912 SI AVE</u> | Signature <u>[Signature]</u> |
| Name <u>Carson Pagnoux</u> | Address <u>5011 50 ST</u> | Signature <u>[Signature]</u> |
| Name <u>Natalie Pagnoux</u> | Address <u>4912 51 Ave</u> | Signature <u>Natalie Pagnoux</u> |
| Name <u>Darlene Rein</u> | Address <u>5215-56 Ave</u> | Signature <u>Darlene</u> |
| Name <u>Birci DeGomme</u> | Address _____ | Signature <u>[Signature]</u> |
| Name <u>Heather Pumbolt</u> | Address <u>Eckville</u> | Signature <u>[Signature]</u> |
| Name <u>Laynie Forran</u> | Address <u>Eckville</u> | Signature <u>Laynie</u> |
| Name <u>VAIGHAV PATEL</u> | Address <u>ECKVILLE</u> | Signature <u>[Signature]</u> |
| Name <u>Mckenna Marki</u> | Address <u>Eckville</u> | Signature <u>mmarki</u> |
| Name <u>Natasha Resta</u> | Address <u>5504 53 st</u> | Signature <u>Natasha</u> |
| Name <u>Ben Jusson</u> | Address <u>5223-52A</u> | Signature <u>Ben Jusson</u> |
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| Name <u>Lyn Beckwith</u> | Address <u>Eckville</u> | Signature <u>[Signature]</u> |
| Name <u>GRADY MCKINNON</u> | Address <u>Eckville</u> | Signature <u>grady</u> |
| Name <u>Nicki McKinnon</u> | Address <u>Eckville</u> | Signature <u>McKinnon</u> |
| Name <u>Patti Skowronek</u> | Address <u>Eckville</u> | Signature <u>Patti</u> |
| Name <u>Scott Resta</u> | Address <u>Eckville</u> | Signature <u>[Signature]</u> |
| Name <u>Danielle Blair</u> | Address <u>Eckville</u> | Signature <u>Danielle Blair</u> |
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Sledding hill Petition

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Name	Adrienne Hayward	Address TOMOXO	Signature 
Name	Zoe Hayward	Address TOMOXO	Signature 
Name	Rosalie Hayward	Address TOMOXO	Signature 
Name	Tristan Hayward	Address TOMOXO	Signature 
Name	Myles Hayward	Address TOMOXO	Signature 
Name	Maverick Hayward	Address TOMOXO	Signature 
Name	Renee Zinger	Address TOMOXO	Signature 
Name	Jessie Zinger	Address TOMOXO	Signature 
Name	Liam Zinger	Address TOMOXO	Signature 
Name	Halyn Campeau	Address Tomoxo	Signature 
Name	Lexus Bray	Address Tomoxo	Signature 
Name		Address TOMOXO	Signature 
Name	Glenn Philly	Address TOMOXO	Signature 
Name	Ron Shields	Address Hotel	Signature 
Name	Nora Hannes	Address T46 0M7	Signature 
Name	Stacey Pacholek	Address TOMOXO	Signature 
Name	Gael Bradshaw	Address Tom OP's	Signature 
Name	Stacie Lee	Address TOMOXO	Signature See
Name	Pathi Wells	Address Tomoxo	Signature 
Name	Morann Wells	Address: Tomoxo	Signature 
Name	Jaya Fleck	Address: Tomoxo	Signature 
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	Laura Pacholek	Address: T45 1B1	

PETITION FOR
SLEDDING HILL
in Eckville, Alberta

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>
Juliet Korth	RR1, Condor	Juliet Korth
Michelle Korth	R.R1 Condor	Michelle Korth
Liz Lozo	RR4 Eckville	Liz Lozo
Arden	RR1 Clearwater Cnty.	Arden
Andreu Schneider	RR1, Clearwater County	Andreu Schneider
Jacky Bart		Jacky Bart
Lori Tough	Box 9, Site 7 RR1, Rocky Mtn	Lori Tough
JORDAN STRAUS	Box 55 Nonse Box 55 ECKVILLE, AB	Jordan Straus
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Name	<u>Lori Engel</u>	Address	<u>Eckville</u>	Signature	<u>Lori Engel</u>
Name	<u>Shauna VanDirstein</u>	Address	<u>Box 84 Eckville</u>	Signature	<u>Shauna VanDirstein</u>
Name	<u>Kultona Gunn</u>	Address	<u>Rr 3 Site</u>	Signature	<u>Kultona Gunn</u>
Name	<u>Troci Urbinsky</u>	Address	<u>Leslieville</u>	Signature	<u>Troci Urbinsky</u>
Name	<u>Wenda Brown</u>	Address	<u>Lacombe County</u>	Signature	<u>Wenda Brown</u>
Name	<u>Lynn Hamblly</u>	Address	<u>Eckville</u>	Signature	<u>Lynn Hamblly</u>
Name	<u>KAREN DRAPER</u>	Address	<u>BENALTO TOMOHO</u>	Signature	<u>Karen Draper</u>
Name	<u>IRIS REIMCE</u>	Address	<u>Leslieville</u>	Signature	<u>Iris Reimce</u>
Name	<u>Dat Tremblay</u>	Address	<u>Eckville</u>	Signature	<u>Dat Tremblay</u>
Name	<u>Faith Blair</u>	Address	<u>Eckville</u>	Signature	<u>Faith Blair</u>
Name	<u>Aeris Grunille</u>	Address	<u>Eckville</u>	Signature	<u>Aeris Grunille</u>
Name	<u>Brooklyn suberin</u>	Address	<u>Eckville</u>	Signature	<u>Brooklyn suberin</u>
Name	<u>Sara Ebl</u>	Address	<u>Condor</u>	Signature	<u>Sara Ebl</u>
Name	<u>Van cat</u>	Address	<u>Condor</u>	Signature	<u>Van cat</u>
Name	<u>Beth Levas</u>	Address	<u>Condor</u>	Signature	<u>Beth Levas</u>
Name	<u>Brian Wallden</u>	Address	<u>Sylvan Lake</u>	Signature	<u>Brian Wallden</u>
Name	<u>Sperti Webber</u>	Address	<u>Sylvan Lake</u>	Signature	<u>Sperti Webber</u>
Name	<u>Kaitlyn Eliuk</u>	Address	<u>Eckville</u>	Signature	<u>Kaitlyn Eliuk</u>
Name	<u>Sandra Dhutz</u>	Address	<u>Eckville</u>	Signature	<u>Sandra Dhutz</u>
Name	<u>Kaylene Kangas</u>	Address	<u>Eckville</u>	Signature	<u>Kaylene Kangas</u>
Name	<u>Brooke Kangas</u>	Address	<u>Eckville</u>	Signature	<u>Brooke Kangas</u>



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 14, 2023

FIVE YEAR BRIDGE PROGRAM AMENDMENT

By resolution of Council, the Five-Year Bridge Program was approved as presented.

POLICY AD(4) INVESTMENTS – REVIEW

Council approved Policy AD(4) Investments. Approved revisions to the policy provide clarification on investment safety, standard of care, eligible investments, asset mix, diversification, safekeeping, and reports.

POLICY RC(6) LIBRARY SUPPORT – REVIEW

Council approved Policy AD(6) Library Support. Approved revisions to the policy provide predictable and stable funding for all libraries receiving Lacombe County Rural Services Grant funding.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND UTILITY ACCOUNT WRITE-OFFS

Council approved the write-off of accounts receivables totaling \$111,096.51 and utility accounts totaling \$ 6,579.85. All efforts to collect on the outstanding accounts have been exhausted.

POLICY RC(1) FUNDING APPLICATION – TOWN OF BLACKFALDS

Lacombe County will provide financial support in the amount of \$9,356.00 to the Town of Blackfalds for repairs to pool decking and water pumps at the Abbey Centre. The contribution will be funded from the Recreation and Capital Assistance Reserve.

POLICY RC(1) FUNDING APPLICATION – MIRROR JOLLY SENIORS HALL

Council approved funding up to \$6,381.01 to the Mirror Jolly Seniors Club for electrical and soffit and fascia repairs at the Mirror Jolly Seniors Hall. The contribution will be funded from the Recreation and Capital Assistance Reserve.

BULK WATER FILL STATION

The County Manager was authorized to engage a qualified professional to prepare a preliminary design and cost estimate for the potential construction of a bulk water fill station at the County's remote shop property adjacent to the Hamlet of Tees.

TOWN OF BLACKFALDS/LACOMBE COUNTY ICF MASTER AGREEMENT

Council approved the revised Town of Blackfalds and Lacombe County ICF Master Agreement as presented.

LETTER FROM TOWN OF SYLVAN LAKE REGARDING FIRE PITS ON SYLVAN LAKE

The Town of Sylvan Lake has expressed concern, via a letter to Lacombe County, regarding the environmental effects of fire pits on the ice on Sylvan Lake. By resolution of Council, Councillor Wilson was appointed as the representative of Lacombe County to participate in a meeting with the Town of Sylvan Lake and other affected stakeholders regarding this concern.



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GULL LAKE TRAIL

The County Manager was directed to engage with affected and interested parties to develop a trail plan for the Gull Lake Trail in 2025. If such plan is approved by Council, the County shall proceed with trail construction in 2026, pending trail routing being secured.

BYLAW NO. 1398/23 PARKS AND RESERVES MANAGEMENT BYLAW

At the October 26, 2023 Council Meeting, the first two readings of Bylaw No. 1398/23 Parks and Reserve Management were passed. At the request of Council, an article outlining key changes to Policy RC(8) and Council's intent to give third reading to proposed Bylaw No. 1398/23 was advertised in the November County News, on the County website, and on social media; no feedback has since been received.

By resolution of Council, the proposed amendments to Bylaw No. 1398/23 Parks and Reserves Management were approved. Bylaw No. 1396/23, having been read a first time and a second time, was read a third time and finally passed.

DOW CHEMICAL RAIL YARD EXPANSION LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT REQUEST

DOW Chemic is seeking permission to rezone approximately 9.03 acres (3.65 hectares) of their 122.2 acres (49.45 hectare) parcel (Ot. SW 31-39-25-W4M) on Prentiss Road north west of the Hamlet of Joffre, form Agricultural 'A' District to Heavy Industrial "I-HI" District. This rezoning is being requested to facilitate an expansion of their existing rail yard.

Bylaw No. 1399/23, a bylaw of Lacombe County to amend the Lacombe County Land Use Bylaw No. 1237/17 as it relates to land use designation, received first reading. A public hearing for Bylaw No. 1399/23 will be held on January 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

UTILITY RATE BYLAWS

Council moved first, second, and third readings of the following bylaws:

1. Bylaw No. 1400/23, a bylaw respecting water and wastewater services in the Aspelund Industrial Parks.
2. Bylaw No. 1401/23, a bylaw respecting water, wastewater, and garbage collection services in the Hamlet of Mirror.
3. Bylaw No. 1402/23, a bylaw respecting water services in Lakeview Estates.
4. Bylaw No. 1403/23, a bylaw to regulate the connections and operations of communal sanitary sewage collection systems in the Blissful Beach, Kuusamo Krest, Palm Bay, Yuill, The Slopes, and Westside Country Estates subdivisions.
5. Bylaw No. 1404, a bylaw respecting water and wastewater services in the QE II West Lacombe Business Parks.

PRESENTATION BY BATTLE RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

Catherine Peirce, Executive Director, Battle River Watershed Alliance, provided a presentation regarding key projects, upcoming events, and opportunities for stewardship of the Battle River Watershed Alliance.



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PRESENTATION BY GULL LAKE WATERSHED SOCIETY

Lon Kasha, a representative of the Gull Lake Watershed Society, provided a presentation regarding key projects and current initiatives of the Gull Lake Watershed Society.

Next Regular Council Meeting is
January 11, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Next Committee of the Whole Meeting is
February 6, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Lacombe County Administration Building

****For more details from Lacombe County Council meetings, please refer to the meeting minutes. All meeting minutes are posted on the website (www.lacombecounty.com) after approval.**

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ALBERTA
MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

*Office of the Minister
MLA, Calgary-Hays*

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AR113106

Dear Chief Elected Officials:

Since 2022, Municipal Affairs has been working with the Assessment Model Review Stakeholder Steering Committee consisting of industry representatives and municipal partners, such as Alberta Municipalities and Rural Municipalities of Alberta. The committee was tasked with designing an engagement process that will assist in updating the regulated property assessment models in a fair and transparent manner. I am now carefully considering the committee's proposed engagement plan.

As you are aware, in 2020, a number of tax incentives were put in place when Alberta's previous review of regulated property assessment was paused. A three-year property tax holiday on new wells and pipelines was introduced to promote new investment and economic activity in the energy sector. This tax holiday will end, as planned, after the 2024 municipal tax year. The Well Drilling Equipment Tax was also eliminated, and there are no plans to reinstate it.

Two assessment-based measures to support the viability of mature oil and gas assets were also implemented at that time: the continuation of the 35 per cent assessment reduction for shallow gas wells and pipelines (first introduced in 2019), and additional depreciation adjustments for lower-producing wells. These two measures were intended as a bridge to the implementation of new assessment models and will therefore be extended until the Assessment Model Review is completed and the regulated assessment models for wells are updated.

Thank you for continuing to work in partnership with the province. I look forward to sharing more information in early 2024 regarding further engagement on the Assessment Model Review.

Sincerely,

Ric McIver
Minister

cc: Chief Administrative Officers
Tyler Gandam, President, Alberta Municipalities
Paul McLauchlin, President, Rural Municipalities of Alberta



ALBERTA
ENVIRONMENT AND PROTECTED AREAS
Office of the Minister

Dear Elected Municipal Leaders,

Alberta is currently in a significant drought. During summer 2023, several water basins reached critical drought conditions due to low rainfall and high temperatures. The world is also experiencing El Niño, a global phenomenon occurring for the first time in seven years. It's causing less snow and rain, along with higher temperatures, heightening the potential for significant drought into spring and summer 2024, particularly in southern Alberta.

Alberta has five stages in its water management plan. Ranging from Stage 1, which is a minor drought, to Stage 5, which is a province-wide emergency. We are currently in Stage 4. The Government of Alberta is closely monitoring the situation and working to be prepared in case the province faces a similar – or worse – drought next year. Staff from Environment and Protected Areas, along with Agriculture and Irrigation, are working with water licence holders, major water users, and other partners to develop water conservation plans and water-sharing agreements.

Alberta has stood up a Drought Command Team in the event of an emergency and an early first draft of a 2024 Drought Emergency Plan has been completed and is now being refined. We have also initiated drought modelling work that will allow the province to determine how to maximize the province's water supply. Alberta is considering a wide range of tools and approaches to respond to an emergency situation, including both regulatory and non-regulatory tools.

The province will also be striking an advisory panel of leaders to help provide advice in the months ahead. And we are preparing for the future, looking at what long-term infrastructure is needed to help manage water supplies for future generations.

However, municipal action is also needed. In order to be fully prepared for a severe drought, municipal leaders throughout Alberta will need to take action. From my time as the Minister of Municipal Affairs, I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with many of you, and I am confident that Albertans will find their municipal leaders are ready and willing to deal with this challenge head-on.

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That's why I am writing to all municipalities to ask that the following be undertaken in the coming months:

- 1.) Initiate efforts to monitor water supply infrastructure proactively, paying particular attention to water intake relative to water levels.
- 2.) Begin a review of the terms of your municipality's water licence so you are aware of any conditions that may limit your ability to withdraw water during a drought.
- 3.) Alert municipal water managers to prepare to be engaged with officials from the Drought Command Team, should conditions within your municipal water licence need to be triggered.
- 4.) Develop a water shortage plan so your municipality is prepared to respond if water availability decreases.

We are asking all water users to start planning now to use less water in 2024. We are committed to providing information and supporting any additional conservation efforts that your municipality may adopt in the future.

Stay up-to-date on precipitation and water levels through the Alberta Rivers app or the Alberta Rivers Basins web page at rivers.alberta.ca. To learn more about the impacts of drought on communities and the principles for sound water management, please visit alberta.ca/drought.

Environment and Protected Area would like to hear from your water management staff on perceived risks of drought in 2024, what impacts it could have on your operations, and how your municipality plans to mitigate risks. To connect with our team, please email epa.drought@gov.ab.ca.

Alberta has navigated many droughts before and has a long, proud history of coming together during tough times. I know we can count on our municipal partners to work together in the face of adversity.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Schulz
Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

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cc: Honourable Ric McIver
Minister of Municipal Affairs

Honourable RJ Sigurdson
Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation

Stacey Smythe
Assistant Deputy Minister, Regulatory Assurance
Environment and Protected Areas



ALBERTA
TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS

*Office of the Minister
MLA, Innisfail-Sylvan Lake*

Mtg. Date Apr 8, 2024
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December 19, 2023

AR 95005

Her Worship Megan Hanson
Mayor
Town of Sylvan Lake
5012 - 48 Avenue
Sylvan Lake, AB T4S 1G6
mhanson@sylvanlake.ca

Dear Mayor Hanson:

Thank you for your letter of support for a roundabout at the intersection of Highway 11 and Highway 766 near the Town of Eckville.

The Government of Alberta is supportive of growth and development across the province. I believe that having infrastructure in place is a key component to building and maintaining a robust transportation system. As such, I have requested staff complete another in-depth review of the intersection during the detailed design stage of the Highway 11 twinning project, which is expected to commence in mid-to-late 2024.

I am hopeful that with consideration for future traffic demand resulting from growth and development, the roundabout at the intersection of Highway 11 and Highway 766 may be included as part of the Highway 11 twinning project.

As a valuable stakeholder, I appreciate receiving your letter and am grateful for your interest.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Honourable Devin Dreeshen, ECA
Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors
MLA for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake

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December 20, 2023

Dana Kreil, Chair
Eckville Municipal Library
4855 51 Avenue
Box 492
Eckville AB T0M 0X0

Dear Ms. Kreil:

Re: Lacombe County Policy RC(6) Library Support

Please be advised that Lacombe County Council has recently completed a review of County Policy RC(6) Library Support and how the Lacombe County's Library (Rural) Services Grant is allocated. As a result of this review, an updated funding model has been developed that will provide predictable and stable funding for all libraries currently being funded directly. The new revised funding model will be effective for the 2024 funding year.

For the 2024 funding year, the Eckville Library will receive \$21,051.71 in Operational Grant Funding and \$8,185.54 in Library (Rural) Services Grant allocations, pending final allotment to the County. Payments of the operational grant will be sent in January 2024.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Minchin".

MICHAEL MINCHIN, CPA, CMA, CLGM
Director of Corporate Services
Lacombe County

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Cc: Jack Ramsden, CAO Town of Eckville jackramsden@eckville.com

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