

# TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday November 26, 2007

## Council Chambers

1. **Call to Order**
  - 1.0 Mayor Helen Posti called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.  
Present: Mayor Helen Posti, Councillors Gord Ebden, Sandra Hallgren, John Walker, Scott Kinley, Mitch Kresy and Rick McKinnon.  
Staff: Administrator Therese Kleeberger, Susan Norberg  
Press: Carson from the Eckville Echo
2. **Delegation:**

In Camera – 6:35 and 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Posti introduced Carson from the Sylvan Lake News/Eckville Echo to Council.
3. **Agenda**
  - 3.1 Additional Agenda Item:  
11.6 Invitation to Seminar – Rural Alberta’s Development Fund (December 13<sup>th</sup>)
  - 3.2 Moved by Councillor Walker the agenda be adopted as presented with the addition.  
Carried.

Res.416/07
4. **Minutes**
  - 4.1 Moved by Councillor Kinley that the minutes of the regular Council meeting held November 13, 2007 be adopted as circulated. Carried.

Res. 417/07
5. **ACTION ITEMS**
  - 5.1 Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing; 2008 Equalized Assessment in accordance to section 318 of the Municipal Government Act, included are 2008 Equalized Assessment Report, Summary Report and general information. Council has 30 days to file an appeal of the equalized assessment. No errors or omissions were noted during the review.  
  
Moved by Councillor Walker that the 2008 Equalized Assessment report be received for information. Carried.
  - 5.2 Letter received from Eckville Co-op requesting permission to use the Millennium Park for the March 22, 2008 Annual Easter Egg Hunt.  
  
Moved by Councillor Hallgren that the Town send a letter to the Eckville Co-op granting permission for them to use the Millennium Park for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt being held on March 22, 2008. Carried.

Res.418/07

Eckville Co-op  
2008 Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Res.419/07
6. **BYLAWS, PROJECTS**

None
7. **REPORTS**
  - 7.1 **Foreman’s Report**

The sweeper required repairs to the guides. They were taken off and reset thanks to Eckville Welding. Sweeping continued the following day for the last time this season. We were finally able to get the sewer dig completed at 4835-54 avenue on October 26. The west lift station pumps are both working properly. John Brooks was able to prime the #1 pump and keep it from going down. He thinks it might have been a blockage in the line. We monitored for 1 hour with no problems.

John Brooks Company inspected the pump but we could not find the issue. We exchanged pumps with one at the shop and it was discovered that they are not in working condition. Three (3) pumps were taken back for repairs. He returned during the week of November 13-16 to install a new reconditioned pump back into Pump #1. There has been no change to the operation of the Pump. With the newer pump not operational, we believe there is a suction line blockage. This is the same as Pump #1 at the West Lift Station earlier in the year. We have scheduled Pidherney’s and John Brooks Company to do a clean out of the line on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

We are still seeing a large amount of dry rubble items being put in the blue bin at the High School from the construction crews. The Manager of this project has been contacted and he will ensure the contractors take their waste to the transfer site. The hours of the transfer site were provided.

The toro is ready for winter use with the cab and broom now installed.

There is a need for new tires on the 1998 pickup.

New battery cables were installed.

On November 14, another hydraulic line inside the garbage truck sprung a leak. A new hose was purchased from Kasha and re-installed. The garbage truck broke down again on November 14. It was taken to Akitt Mechanical for repairs. It was picked up on November 20. Since then, we have had no problems with the garbage pickup. During this time, garbage was picked up by hand, put on the gravel truck and taken out to the transfer site.

We ordered our winter sand from Clearwater County and it has been delivered by Bill Bardenhagen Trucking. Sand has been pushed into the shed behind the shop.

More gravel was ordered and delivered by Bill Bardenhagen Trucking.

In the process of getting a cost analysis on having sewer camering for the entire town.

Snowfence has been installed in the field north of 52 street and 56 avenue, west to 53

Sweeping

Sewer dig

West Lift Station

East Lift Station

Blue Bins

Toro

Pickup

Tractor

Garbage Truck

Winter Sand

Gravel

Sewer Camering

Snowfence

street. Although it is the old wooden fence, it will assist in holding back any drifts that may occur. We have also used snowfence that was donated to the town north of the residences on 59 avenue.

Garbage Bin Lids	We are now continuing with the repairs of residential bins. They will be repaired as time permits.
Dry Rubble Pick Up	We have taken five (5) loads of dry rubble to the transfer site since the last Foreman's report.
Brush Pick Up	We have taken two (2) loads of brush to the transfer site for burning since the last Foreman's report. We are still in process of picking up brush.
Siren	The siren has been repaired and re-installed back at the office. A special thank you to Summit Picker for their help with the siren.
Compost	A final compost run was completed on November 22.
Xmas lights at office.	X-mas lights were installed on the office on November 21.
Star	The burnt out bulbs were replaced on the star for the top of the tree in time for the tree lighting on November 22, 2007. A big thank you to Summit Picker for their assistance in this regard. A letter of appreciation for their assistance was put in the paper.
Fires	We received a complaint about a resident having a large bon fire in his backyard. When asked to investigate, I went to the residence and confirmed there was a fire but it was contained in his firepit.

Councillor Kinley requested a thank-you be sent to Mark Akitt of Akitt Mechanical for his work on the garbage truck.

## 7.2 **Administrator's Report**

Assessment Extension	The Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing has extended the annual assessment declaration from January 31, 2008 to February 28, 2008. The additional days are being provided to help municipalities continue to provide complete and accurate assessment information.
2007/2008 Mun. Financial Asst Handbook	Municipal Affairs & Housing, with support from various provincial government departments, has developed an updated version of the Municipal Financial Assistance Handbook. This handbook contains basic information on the municipal grants and cost-sharing programs of the provincial government.
Cable TV – McDonald Heights	Persona is in the process of getting a crossing agreement from ConocoPhillips. This is required before they are able to tie in the existing cable TV with the new lines in McDonald Heights. Once approval is received from ConocoPhillips they will proceed with the tie-in.
2008 Provincial Ambulance Grant	Alberta Health & Wellness will again provide the same provincial funding towards ambulance services for the 2008/2009 fiscal year as they did in 2007/2008. The Town received \$16,927.00 in 2007/2008. No decision has been made about the future of ambulance governance. As well, the province will continue to fund the pilot projects in the Peace Country and Palliser Health regions as they have been in previous year.
Separate School District Formation – Eckville Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 667	On June 20, 2007, the Minister of Education, by Ministerial Order #039/2007, approved the establishment of Eckville Roman Catholic Separate School District No. 667. The Town, in accordance with the School Act, must mail a notice to each individual in the district who has been identified as a Catholic resident. All individuals will be recorded as a resident of the separate school district or as a non-resident property owner whose property is assessable for the purposes of the separate school district unless written notice is provided to the town stating that they are not Roman Catholic.
SDAB Training CD	Alta Municipal Affairs & Housing has provided the Town with a training CD to assist new and returning subdivision and development appeal members in understanding the development appeal process.

## 7.3 **Financial Report**

The financial report for October 2007 was reviewed.

Res.420/07	Moved by Councillor Ebdon that the Foreman's, Administrator's and Financial Reports be received for information. Carried.
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8. **In Camera** 8.1 Council agreed to move "In Camera" to 6:35 and 7:00 p.m.

## 9. **Committee, Board Reports** 9.1 **Committee, Board Reports**

Councillor Hallgren	Attended the FCSS meeting on November 22, 2007. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Discussed Homemaking Services for Seniors. Have approached West Country Family Service Association in Rocky Mountain House for information on what services they provide and at what cost. Will know by the December 11<sup>th</sup> FCSS meeting if this is feasible for the Eckville FCSS to consider.</li><li>- Dare to Care – this was well received and Rocky Mtn. House have asked for information on the program/presentation. A Powerpoint presentation will be provided.</li><li>- Halloween Party – due to having no volunteers come forward a Community Halloween Party did not take place this year, however a volunteer has already expressed interest for next year.</li><li>- Reviewed Farm Safety Program</li><li>- Santa's Anonymous – the application deadline is December 14<sup>th</sup> and the hampers will be put together on December 15<sup>th</sup>.</li><li>- There are a variety of programs the FCSS could offer the community, such as Senior's</li></ul>
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care or an after-school care program, but it was felt that a Town Hall Meeting should be held first to find out what the community feels the *needs* are.

- Attended the Tree Lighting on behalf of the Town. This was a very well attended event. Thank you to Councillors Ebden and Kinley and Chris Ebden for setting off the Fireworks.

Councillor Ebden	Met with Therese Kleeberger and Bruce Mackenzie from the Alberta Emergency Management Agency on November 21, 2007. Voiced our concerns regarding training. Bruce indicated the regional plan will resolve these concerns and that a report would be coming. Set off the Fireworks at the Tree Lighting with Councillor Kinley and Chris Ebden.
Councillor McKinnon	Attended the Lacombe Regional Solid Waste Authority meeting on November 22, 2007. There are concerns from many of the municipalities with respect to what will happen with the authority. Decisions are split. Attended the Central Waste Management Commission meeting on November 23, 2007. The membership agreement will not need to be signed until around the end of January. There is also a possibility of Federal and Provincial Grants of \$10 million. Some public Open Houses will be held with Plasco in attendance to discuss items such as costs and effects.
Councillor Krecsy	Attended the Library Board meetings on November 6 <sup>th</sup> and November 20 <sup>th</sup> . The Librarian position, which is presently vacant due to illness, will be filled by another staff member. The rates of pay were discussed and the budget was approved by the Board. The Library Budget will be brought to the next Council meeting for approval. The requisition to the Town will likely decrease. Janitorial costs will need to be factored in as this was previously done by volunteers.
Councillor Kinley	Attended the Chamber of Commerce Tree Lighting on November 22 <sup>nd</sup> . This was a well-attended event and there were lots of families with young children this year as Santa was also in attendance. Set off the Fireworks with Councillor Ebden and Chris Ebden. Attended the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party on November 24 <sup>th</sup> . This was a very good event. Community Builders Awards were presented to very worthy recipients.
Councillor Walker	Attended the David Thompson Tourist Council Annual General Meeting on October 26 <sup>th</sup> . This included a review of 2006-07. Attended the Alberta Tourism Conference October 28-30 in Banff. Attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting on November 1 <sup>st</sup> as the representative from the Town. Attended the CASHA (Central Alberta Senior's Housing Association) annual meeting. There was a lot of information presented and the election of officers also took place, with Terry Engen elected as Vice-President. Attended the MPC (Municipal Planning Commission) meeting on November 5 <sup>th</sup> . One item was deferred. Attended the Lacombe Regional Solid Waste Authority meeting on November 22, 2007. Also attended the Parkland Community Planning Services Annual General Meeting on November 22 <sup>nd</sup> . Information was presented on housing trends. Election of Officers also took place, with Helen Posti re-elected as Chairperson. Attended the Lacombe Foundation meeting on November 26 <sup>th</sup> . Terry Engen is the Chairman of the Foundation and there are three new Board Members. Nothing has been received to date regarding Affordable Housing although it was indicated that an application will be coming. Budgets were reviewed and approved. The Lacombe Foundation does not requisition for annual operations, only for Capital Projects. There is a preliminary planning project for the Lacombe Lodge kitchen upgrades. A concept plan will be completed with the costs to be taken out of reserves.
Mayor Helen Posti	Nothing to report.
Res. 421/07	Moved by Councillor Walker that the Committee and Board reports be received for information as presented. Carried.  Press left the meeting 6:51 p.m.  Council the proceeded to move "in camera: to discuss land issues. Councillor Hallgren declared a Conflict of Interest and left the meeting at 6:52 p.m.
<b>8. In Camera</b> Res.422/07	Moved by Councillor McKinnon that the meeting move in camera excluding all persons except Council members, Administrator Kleeberger and Admin Assistant Norberg to discuss land issues. Time: 6:53 p.m. Carried.
<b>Out of Camera</b> Res.423/07	Moved by Councillor Krecsy that the meeting come out of camera and reverts back to the regular meeting. Time: 7:02 p.m. Carried.  Delegation entered the meeting at 7:03 p.m.
<b>In Camera</b> Res.424/07	Moved by Councillor Kinley that the meeting move in camera excluding all persons except Council members, Administrator Kleeberger, Admin Assistant Norberg and Delegation. Time: 7:04 p.m. Carried.

**Out of Camera**  
Res.425/07

Moved by Councillor Krecsy that the meeting come out of camera and reverts back to the regular meeting. Time: 7:43 p.m. Carried.  
Delegation withdrew from the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

**10. Correspondence, Information Items**

- 10.1 Lacombe Regional Fire Service Association; Board Meeting Minutes
- 10.2 Assessment Bulletin, 2007 Alberta Assessment Quality Minister's Guidelines and the Recording and Reporting Information for the Assessment Audit and Equalized Assessment Manual
- 10.3 Operation Clean Sweep; Pitch In Week, April 21-27, 2007
- 10.4 Mountain View County; AAMDC Resolution – Equity Grants for Rural Development
- 10.5 Lacombe Regional Fire Service Association; Meeting Agenda and Activity Report (duplication of 10.1)

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

**11. Seminars, Meetings, Special Events**

- 11.1 Town of Sylvan Lake Christmas Social; RSVP by December 10/07.
- 11.2 Stantec Consulting Ltd. Christmas Client Reception; December 7 from 4:00p.m. -8:00p.m.
- 11.3 CAEP Rural Manufacturing Networking and Learning Event; November 27, 2007; Red Deer Lodge
- 11.4 CAEP 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting; December 6, 2007
- 11.5 Canadian Emergency Management College; EOC Grandville- January 2008

Councillors Ebden and McKinnon will attend the Stantec Consulting Christmas Client Reception on December 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Councillors Ebden and Hallgren will attend the CAEP 10<sup>th</sup> AGM on December 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Councillor Walker will attend the CAEP Rural Manufacturing Networking and Learning Event on November 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Councillors Walker and McKinnon will attend the Rural Alberta's Development Fund Seminar on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Res. 426/07

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

**8. In Camera**  
Res.427/07

- 8.1 Moved by Councillor McKinnon that the meeting move in camera excluding all persons except Council members and staff members, Therese Kleeberger and Susan Norberg, to discuss land issues. Time: 7:57 p.m. Carried.

**Out of Camera**  
Res. 428/07

Moved by Councillor Walker that the meeting come out of camera and reverts back to the regular meeting. Time: 8:54 p.m. Carried.

**12. Committee of the Whole**

- 12.1 No items of discussion. Next Committee of the Whole meeting will be on January 21, 2008 at 7 p.m.

**13. Adjournment**  
Res. 429/07

- 13.1 Moved by Councillor McKinnon that the meeting be adjourned. Time: 8:55 p.m. Carried.

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Mayor

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Administrator