
TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, April 14, 2008
Council Chambers

- 1. Call to Order** 1.0 Deputy Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Present: Deputy Mayor Walker, Councillors Gord Ebden, Sandra Hallgren,
Scott Kinley, Mitch Krecsy, Rick McKinnon.
Staff: Administrator Therese Kleeberger, Susan Norberg
Absent: Mayor Helen Posti
- 2. Delegations** None
- 3. Agenda** 3.1 Additional Agenda Items:
Item 5.5: Fire Department Equipment Purchases
Item 5.6: Enforcement of Not Allowing Trailer Parking on Streets
Item 5.7: “Asphalt Zipper” Demonstration
- Res.155/08 Moved by Councillor McKinnon that the agenda be adopted as presented with
the additions. Carried.
- 4. Minutes** 4.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting March 24, 2008
- Res.156/08 Moved by Councillor Krecsy that the minutes of the regular Council meeting
held March 24, 2008 be adopted as circulated. Carried.
- 5. ACTION ITEMS** 5.1 The contract with Coldwell Banker to market, list and sell the residential lots
Real Estate Listing of in McDonald Heights Subdivision will be expiring on April 16, 2008.
Residential Lots –
Coldwell Banker
Ontrack Realty
- Res.157/08 Moved by Councillor Kinley to extend the contract with Coldwell Banker for
another year. Carried.
- Lacombe Foundation – 5.2 Lacombe Foundation is requesting letters of support from the Towns of
Lobbying for Additional Lacombe, Eckville, and Blackfalds, and the Villages of Bentley, Clive and
Funding for Senior’s Alix for additional funding from the Alberta Government for the Senior’s
Lodge Program and for Lodge Program and Affordable Housing Applications.
Support of Affordable
Housing Applications
- Res.158/08 Councillor Hallgren moved that Administration send letters of support to the
Honorable Mary Anne Jablonski for support of the Senior’s Lodge program
and to the Honorable Yvonne Fritz for support of the Affordable Housing
Applications, with copies to be sent to Premier Stelmach, MLA Ty Lund and
Lacombe Foundation. Carried.
- Lacombe County – 5.3 Received a Cemetery Agreement from Lacombe County advising they have
Cemetery Agreement obtained the railbed land adjacent to the Eckville Cemetery, and as such will
transfer these lands to the Town of Eckville in order to expand the existing
Cemetery. One of the conditions of the transfer is that the Town will charge
the same fee for the sale of the plots to County residents as it does to Town
residents, which has been the case. Discussion followed with respect to
possible environmental concerns with the railbed.
- Res.159/08 Moved by Councillor Ebden that the Cemetery Agreement be signed, subject
to written confirmation that there are no environmental concerns with the
railbed. Carried.
- Rainy Creek Powersports 5.4 Received a written request from Rainy Creek Powersports to display some
– Request for Display of lawn mowers on Town of Eckville property directly to the south of the
Equipment on Town Eckville Credit Union on May 3, 2008 for their Customer Appreciation Day.
Property
- Res.160/08 Moved by Councillor Hallgren to approve the request from Rainy Creek
Powersports to display lawn mowers on the Town property south of the
Eckville Credit Union on May 3, 2008. Carried.
- Fire Department 5.5 The Eckville Volunteer Fire Department received a \$10,000.00 donation from
Equipment Purchases the Estate of Joe Rasmussen and would like to purchase a Breathing Apparatus

for \$2675.00 and an Infrared Camera for \$8349.00. This quote is valid until May 3rd. Discussion followed and Council felt it would be beneficial to have Fred Millar, Regional Fire Chief and Gord Balon, Eckville Fire Chief, attend a Council meeting to clarify some of the equipment requirements prior to making a decision.

Res.161/08

Moved by Councillor Kinley to defer this item to the April 28th Council meeting. Carried.

Enforcement of Not
Allowing Trailers to be
Parked on the Streets

5.6

Trailers are not allowed to be parked on the street for more than 72 hours and must be hooked up to a tow vehicle at all times. Council is concerned about the safety issues of having trailers (holiday trailers, utility trailers, etc.) parked on the street and would like this to be enforced.

Res.162/08

Moved by Councillor McKinnon that residents be informed of the enforcement of not allowing trailers to be parked on the streets in the weekly newspaper ad, and that Bylaw Enforcement be contacted to enforce this Bylaw. Carried.

“Asphalt Zipper”
Demonstration

5.7

A representative for the “Asphalt Zipper” has offered to come to Eckville to do a demonstration of their machine, which digs up and crushes asphalt. The crushed asphalt can be used as a gravel substitute. Council has not budgeted any monies for paving this year, which would need to be done after the demonstration.

Res.163/08

Moved by Councillor Kinley that the offer for a demonstration be declined, but that the Public Works Foreman and interested Council members travel to another municipality in the area to observe the demonstration. Carried.

6. Bylaws, Projects

6.4

Bylaw 681/08 being a Bylaw to establish a Municipal Disaster Plan.

Res.164/08

Moved by Councillor McKinnon to give Bylaw 681/08 first reading. Carried.

Res.165/08

Moved by Councillor Ebdon to give Bylaw 681/08 second reading. Carried.

Res.166/08

Councillor Walker introduced Bylaw 681/08 for third and final reading. Carried unanimously.

Res.167/08

Moved by Councillor Krecsy to give Bylaw 681/08 third and final reading. Carried.

7. Reports Street Maintenance

7.1

Foreman’s Report

Concrete

A submission for the work required for the Town sidewalks has been submitted. A submission of an alternative repair to sidewalks was received and forwarded to the Administrator for review.

Asphalt

As identified in the street report from Stantec, certain roadways must be maintained or re-paved this year. Areas of concern will be brought forward in the next Foreman’s report.

Sweeping

Clearing off the areas where plowing has left sand on grass areas has begun.

Lift Stations

East Lift Station

The air valve on pump #2 has a leak. It will have to be replaced as quickly as possible. It currently operates good but we want to be proactive and not have a major issue later down the road. I will contact All Pro Valve for replacement. Finally, both lift stations are operating at normal operation levels.

Operations

Pumphouse

Generator Failure

During the week of March 23rd – 29th we had two generator failure callouts. Since that time, there has not been a callout. As we do not know why, we will monitor.

Other

Hwy 766

The troubled area on Highway 766 and 50 Avenue (east of GTI) is again becoming an issue. The hole is much larger than before and is becoming deeper everyday. We have the signs at the Town Shop. Past communications with AIT identified that the Town would supply No Parking signs but the installations of such be done by AIT. To date nothing has been done.

Dry Rubble/Brush Runs

Council advised Administration to notify Alberta Transportation of this matter. There were three (3) truckloads of dry rubble taken to the transfer site along with one (1) load of brush.

High School Tennis
Court

We found out that the Town is responsible for maintaining the high school tennis/basketball courts. After a meeting with Gym and Maintenance personnel, it was determined there is some work required by the Town. The Town will do some minor repairs on the gate and surrounding fence along with

	painting new lines. The high school will take down the basketball backboards and sand and repaint them along with the rims. The north end basketball pole has sunk into the ground. We cannot lift the pole, as it would break up the asphalt on the court so will look into having an extension welded in to lift the net up.
Sidewalk Repairs	We will need confirmation on amount of monies available to complete projects. If the amounts are confirmed as \$20,000. as per budget, a decision on what areas to do will have to be done as not all areas will be completed.
Sewer Line Camering	I have contacted Cam-trac to have the Town's sewer lines flushed and camered. The approximate cost to complete all 20.8 kms of sewer lines is \$85,000. We should perhaps maybe look at doing half the Town now and the other half next year. This way we could have the entire Town completed in 2 years as opposed to 5 or 6.
Christmas Tree	The lights on the Christmas tree have been taken down and the star structure is in the Town Shop.
Issue from previous Foreman's Report	<u>Status Work that has been completed</u>
Street Sweeping	* O Street sweeping has begun and will continue every day (weather permitting) until the winter sand has been removed. After that has been completed, regular sweeping will commence.
Garbage Can Lids	O None
Study on Lift Stations	N Have not heard back from Stantec – will followup.
Bulk Water Fill-up	O We haven't had any more issues with the bulk station fill-up. Will monitor and report if anything is required.
Park Bench	O Quote for installation of park bench has been forwarded. Awaiting approval for Canadian Rock Signs to begin work.
	* C – complete, O = ongoing, Date = date of expected completion, N = not started

It was noted that the Skateboard Park and the Outdoor Arena both require some repairs. Administrator Kleeberger will contact the Public Works Foreman to do the repairs as time permits.

7.2 Administrator's Report – not available

7.3 Financial Report – not available

Res.168/08 Moved by Councillor McKinnon that the Foreman's report be received for information. Carried.

Deputy Mayor Walker closed the regular Council meeting at 7:03 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Deputy Mayor Walker opened the Public Hearing. Time 7:04 p.m.
Present: Deputy Mayor Walker, Councillors Ebden, Hallgren, McKinnon, Krecsy and Kinley, Staff: Administrator Kleeberger, Recording Secretary Susan Norberg, and two members of the community, Stuart Woollard and Robert Cordon.

Public Hearing Procedure

Deputy Mayor Walker inquired whether Mr. Woollard or Mr. Cordon had any objections with any members of Town Council being present. Hearing non the Public Hearing proceeded.

Bylaw 678/08

Administrator Kleeberger advised the purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear presentation, opinions and comments to Bylaw 678/08, being a Bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw 610/98. Council of the Town of Eckville proposes to amend the Land Use Bylaw 610/98 as follows:

- That SE 21-39-3-5 be rezoned from Urban Reserve (UR) to Central Commercial (C1).
- That Lot 6, Block 20, Plan 7720079 be rezoned from Urban Reserve (UR) to Heavy Industrial (I2).
- That Lot 11, Block 20, Plan 8920768 be rezoned from Urban Reserve (UR) to Heavy Industrial (I2).

At the Council meeting on March 10, 2008, Council gave first reading to Bylaw 678/08. Notice of the Public meeting was published in the Eckville Echo.

Public Opinions, Comments, Discussion

Deputy Mayor Walker inquired whether either of the attendees wished to speak to the Bylaw. Mr. Woollard identified himself and advised he was attending the Public Hearing on behalf of Kilian Estates, of which he is a part owner. They do object to the zoning to Heavy Industrial to both Lot 6, Block

20, Plan 7720079 and Lot 11, Block 20, Plan 8920768 due to the potential noise and odors beyond the property boundaries, which could affect home owners in Kilian Estates. When the development is completed there could potentially be up to 150 families living in Kilian Estates. They would have no objections if both properties were rezoned from Urban Reserve to Light Industrial.

Written Submissions

Written Submissions were received from both ATCO Gas and Lacombe County, neither of which had any objections to this rezoning.

Adjourn Public Hearing

Mr. Woollard left the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m. and Deputy Mayor Walker closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Deputy Mayor Walker called the Public Hearing to order at 7:16 p.m. Present: Deputy Mayor Walker, Councillors Ebden, Hallgren, McKinnon, Krecsy and Kinley, Staff: Administrator Kleeberger, Recording Secretary Susan Norberg, and one member of the community, Robert Cordon.

Public Hearing Procedure

Deputy Mayor Walker inquired whether Mr. Cordon had any objections with any members of Town Council being present. Hearing non the Public Hearing proceeded.

Bylaw 679/08

Administrator Kleeberger advised the purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear presentation, opinions and comments to Bylaw 679/08, being a Bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw 610/98. Council of the Town of Eckville proposes to amend the Land Use Bylaw 610/98 as follows:

That the addition of Residential-Light Industrial District (RL) be added under Schedule C.

At the Council meeting on March 10, 2008, Council gave first reading to Bylaw 679/08. Notice of the Public meeting was published in the Eckville Echo.

Public Opinions, Comments, Discussion

Deputy Mayor Walker inquired whether Mr. Cordon wished to speak to the Bylaw. Mr. Cordon advised he had no objections.

Written Submissions

No written submissions were received.

Adjourn Public Hearing

Deputy Mayor Walker closed the Public Hearing at 7:22 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Deputy Mayor Walker called the Public Hearing to order at 7:23 p.m. Present: Deputy Mayor Walker, Councillors Ebden, Hallgren, McKinnon, Krecsy and Kinley, Staff: Administrator Kleeberger, Recording Secretary Susan Norberg, and one member of the community, Robert Cordon.

Councillors Hallgren and McKinnon declared a conflict and left the Public Hearing at 7:24 p.m.

Public Hearing Procedure

Deputy Mayor Walker inquired whether Mr. Cordon had any objections with any members of Town Council being present. Hearing non the Public Hearing proceeded.

Bylaw 680/08

Administrator Kleeberger advised the purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear presentation, opinions and comments to Bylaw 680/08, being a Bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw 610/98. Council of the Town of Eckville proposes to amend the Land Use Bylaw 610/98 as follows:

That the lots on the east side of 48 St. be rezoned from General Residential (R2) to Residential-Light Industrial (RL).

At the Council meeting on March 10, 2008, Council gave first reading to Bylaw 680/08. Notice of the Public meeting was published in the Eckville Echo.

Public Opinions, Comments, Discussion

Deputy Mayor Walker inquired whether Mr. Cordon wished to speak to the Bylaw. Mr. Cordon advised he had no objections.

Written Submissions

A Written Submission was received from Lacombe County advising they did not have any objections to this rezoning.

Adjourn Public Hearing

Deputy Mayor Walker closed the Public Hearing at 7:27 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Walker reopened the regular Council meeting at 7:28 p.m.

6. Bylaws, Projects
Bylaw 678/08

6.1 Bylaw 678/08 being a Bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw 610/98.

Res.169/08

Moved by Councillor Kinley to defer this Bylaw to the next Council meeting and in the meantime for Administration to contact Parkland Community Planning Services for advice on the rezoning. Carried.

Bylaw 679/08

6.2 Bylaw 679/08 being a Bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw 610/98.

Res.170/08

Moved by Councillor Kinley to give Bylaw 679/08 second reading. Carried.

Res.171/08

Moved by Councillor Krecsy to give Bylaw 679/08 third and final reading. Carried.

Bylaw 680/08

6.3 Bylaw 680/08 being a Bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw 610/98.

Councillors McKinnon and Hallgren declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Res.172/08

Moved by Deputy Mayor Walker to give Bylaw 680/08 second reading. Carried.

Res.173/08

Moved by Councillor Kinley to give Bylaw 680/08 third and final reading. Carried.

8. Committee, Board Reports
Councillor Ebden

8.1 **Committee, Board Reports**

Attended a Minor Ball meeting. There will not be a Midget team this year as there are not enough players. The Midget age players will join the Rocky Midget Ball team. There will be 2 Bantam teams, consisting of Eckville and Rocky Mountain House players, 2 PeeWee teams, one Mosquito team, one Rookie team and one T-ball team. There are presently 70 players registered, compared with 93 last year.

There is a dirt pile at the ball diamonds that Minor Ball would like permission from the Town of Eckville to sell.

Snow was dumped on the ball diamonds from clearing the streets and, as it had gravel in it, Minor Ball would like to request the Town of Eckville clean it up.

Attended an Alberta First Responders meeting. They are looking at revamping the communications system within Alberta, which will be the best in Canada. They suggest that if municipalities are considering buying new radio systems to check with them to see if it will be compatible with their system. They will cover the cost of infrastructure (towers, etc.) and the municipalities would be responsible for the cost of radios, repairs, independent licensing, etc.

Attended a Community Planning Association Workshop – lots of good information was available.

Councillor McKinnon

Attended an Assessment Review Board Workshop.

Attended the Municipal Breakfast.

Attended an Arena meeting. They will be making the meeting room larger and amalgamating the Figure Skating room into the kitchen. Cement will be poured for the new Zamboni room. The dirt is in for the Bullarena.

Attended a Central Waste Management Commission meeting. The Provincial Government has made a motion to have the Municipalities' Letter of Credit held outside of their borrowing limits. Membership agreements between the municipalities and the commission must be in by the end of May, and the agreement with Plasco by the end of June. There is a trip planned to the Plasco Plant in Ottawa on May 4/5th.

Councillor Krecsy

Attended a Library Board Meeting. Continued to work on the policies. There will be a new computer purchased for Administration. Planning has begun for the Summer Reading Program.

Councillor Kinley

Attended the Municipal Breakfast and the Community Needs Assessment Open House. Thanks to the Town for coordinating the breakfast with this event. A report should be available by the end of April. It was noted that over half the people in attendance were from the surrounding counties.

Councillor Walker		<p>A written report from Councillor Walker was reviewed. Councillor Walker attended a Lacombe Foundation meeting on March 31st. The phone system at the Eckville Manor is outdated and will be replaced using donation funds. Letters of support from Council were requested for the Seniors' Lodge Program and Affordable Housing. Communities are being asked to absorb the cost of mileage and per diems for Lacombe Foundation Board Members. Flowers for the "Petunia Tree" at the Eckville Manor have been paid for by community donations.</p> <p>Attended an IDP planning meeting with Lacombe County on April 1st. A Public Meeting has been set for June 25th.</p> <p>Attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting on April 3rd. Advised of various upcoming community events.</p> <p>Attended the Municipal Breakfast on April 5th and a MPC meeting on April 7th.</p> <p>Attended a Community Planning Association Conference on April 7-9th.</p> <p>Attended the DTHR Health Symposium on April 9th.</p>
Mayor Posti		<p>A written report from Mayor Posti was reviewed. Mayor Posti attended the Community Planning Association Conference on April 7th and 8th.</p> <p>Attended an IDP planning meeting with Lacombe County on April 1st.</p> <p>Attended the 100th birthday celebration for Otto Patjas at the Manor House on April 12th.</p> <p>Also attended the Handicraft Show on April 12th.</p> <p>Attended the Municipal Breakfast on April 5th.</p>
Res.174/08		Moved by Councillor Ebden that the Committee and Board reports be received for information as presented. Carried.
Sale of Dirt – Minor Ball		Moved by Councillor Ebden that Eckville Minor Ball be granted permission to sell the dirt that is piled at the ball diamonds. Carried.
Res.175/08		
Plasco Plant – Ottawa Trip		Moved by Councillor Ebden that Council grant permission for Councillor McKinnon to travel to the Plasco Plant in Ottawa on May 4/5, with all travel expenses, meals and per diem paid by the Town of Eckville. Five in favour, one opposed. Carried.
Res.176/08		
Per Diem/Mileage Payments – Lacombe Foundation		Moved by Councillor Ebden that the Town absorb the entire costs for mileage and Per Diem for the Town of Eckville's representative on the Lacombe Foundation. Carried.
Res.177/08		
9. Correspondence, Information Items		
CAEP – Welcoming Communities Initiative	9.1	Information was reviewed regarding CAEP's Welcoming Communities Initiative.
Lacombe Foundation – Eckville Manor House Petunia Tree	9.2	A letter was received from Lacombe Foundation thanking the Town of Eckville for providing the watering and fertilizing of the Petunia Tree at the Eckville Manor House again in 2008.
Alberta Emergency Management Agency – Emergency Public Warning System Project	9.3	Alberta Emergency Management Agency is exploring other options for a more resilient and inclusive public alerting system.
Eckville Ambulance – Statement of Operations February 2008	9.4	Council reviewed the statement from Eckville Ambulance. Clarification is needed on the average number of calls.
CAEP – Central Alberta Regional Branding Kit	9.5	The Town of Eckville received a Branding Kit from CAEP. <i>Central Alberta The Natural Choice</i> is the new brand for the region.
Res.178/08		Moved by Councillor McKinnon that the correspondence and information items be received for information. Carried.
10. Seminars, Meetings, Special Events		
	10.1	Safety Codes Council – Summit 2008 – June 11-13
	10.2	Eckville Co-op Annual Meeting – April 17, 2008
	10.3	DTHR – Bill 45 Smoke-Free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act – Educational Workshop May 6, 2008

10.4 Vitalize 2008 – Provincial Voluntary Sector Conference – June 12-14, 2008

Councillor Krecsy will attend the Eckville Co-op Annual Meeting to bring greetings from the Town. Councillor McKinnon will attend the Vitalize 2008 Conference.

Res.179/08

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

11. In Camera

11.1 Moved by Councillor McKinnon that the meeting move in camera excluding all persons except Council members, and Staff members Administrator Kleeberger and Susan Norberg, to discuss Land, Fire Department, Ambulance, Emergency Services Facility and Memorial Park Storm Drainage issues. Time: 8:33 p.m. Carried.

Res.180/08

Res.181/08

Moved by Councillor Krecsy that the meeting come out of camera and reverts back to the regular meeting. Time: 9:08 p.m. Carried.

Councillor Hallgren declared a conflict and left the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Res.182/08

Moved by Councillor McKinnon that the meeting move in camera excluding all persons except Council members, and Staff members Administrator Kleeberger and Susan Norberg, to discuss the NE Industrial Park Development. Time: 9:09 p.m. Carried.

Res.183/08

Moved by Councillor Ebden that the meeting come out of camera and reverts back to the regular meeting. Time: 9:17 p.m. Carried.

12. Committee of the Whole

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13. Adjournment

Res.184/08

13.1 Moved by Councillor McKinnon that the meeting be adjourned. Time: 9:18 p.m. Carried.

Mayor

Administrator