

Eckville as ANI (additional named insured) and the park being cleaned up after the event. Carried.

- Seniors Week 2011 5.7 Alberta is preparing to honour its seniors during Seniors' Week 2011 in June. The Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta is requesting that the Town of Eckville proclaim June 6-12, 2011 as Seniors' Week.
- Res.097/11 Moved by Councillor Chretien that Mayor Posti declare June 6-12, 2011 as Seniors' Week. One opposed. Carried.
- 6. Bylaws, Projects** 6.1 None
- Ron Sheppard, Parkland Regional Library entered the meeting at 6:40 p.m.
- 7. Reports** 7.1 **Foreman's Report**
- Street Maintenance With all the snow we are now trying to catch up and get the streets looking good again. The warm weather last week makes plowing hard on the grader and loader because of all the ice under the snow. Sounds like the weather next week will be warmer, this is enough winter.
Still waiting on parts for the sweeper - hopefully they will be in this week or next week.
- Lift Stations By putting the new flapper valve in Pump 2 at the West Lift Station the pump has been working great, so now all pumps are working very well.
We have started removing the electrical from the old generator buildings at the Lift Stations. All the components we are removing are getting put into the Cold Storage Building for now until we have the Silent Auction.
Therese and I are going to meet with Stantec on Monday morning to go over the grinders and issues with the Lift Stations.
- Garbage All is fine.
- Pumphouse All is fine.
- Vehicles All is fine.
- Other The seminar at Banff was quite good, there is lots of new stuff coming out from Alberta Environment to do with drinking water. Their main concern is viruses in the drinking water, which does not really pertain to us because we have wells.
Lots more typing for me and more proof reading for the girls in the office as we have to put together a Risk Management Manual for the Distribution of Drinking Water.
- Rick also informed Council that only 2 aerators at the Sewage Lagoon are working as the rest are frozen in.
- Rick left the meeting at 6:52 p.m.
- 2. Delegation** 2.1 Ron Sheppard, Parkland Regional Library
- Parkland Regional Library Ron provided an overview of services, the cost of services and funding.
- Marsha Smalley and Leanne Edeen from Collins Barrow LLP entered the meeting at 7:24 p.m.
- Mayor Posti thanked Ron for attending the meeting and he left at 7:40 p.m.
- 2010 Financial Statements Marsha and Leanne provided an in-depth overview of the 2010 Financial Statements for the Town of Eckville.
- Press left the meeting at 8:19 p.m.
- In Camera Moved by Councillor Walker that the meeting move in camera excluding all persons except Council members, CAO Therese Kleeberger, Administrative Assistant Susan Norberg and Auditors Marsha Smalley and Leanne Edeen to discuss the 2010 Report to Council. Time: 8:20 p.m. Carried.
- Res.098/11
- Out of Camera Moved by Councillor Ebden that the meeting reverts back to the regular meeting. Time: 9:00 p.m. Carried.
- Res.099/11
- Press re-entered the meeting at 9:01 p.m.
- Mayor Posti thanked Marsha and Leanne for attending the meeting and they left at 9:02 p.m.
- Mayor Posti called a recess at 9:02 p.m. The meeting re-convened at 9:10 p.m.

7.2 Administrator's Report

Activities in Progress:

- Charitable Donations Policy: prepare draft policy – in progress.
- Salvage of old lift station equipment and generators: approval received for disposal by Silent Auction. To also include the 1998 Chev S10. Silent Auction will be held in the spring.
- Lift Stn/Forced Main Project: drawings being reviewed. Still trying to solve the problem with a pump at Lift Station #1. Meeting with Stantec Mar. 28/11.
- North Outlet Storm: design on the rehabilitation of storm outlet east of HWY 766 to Medicine River will start when Tagish as soon as they can do an onsite visit (when the snow is gone).
- Budget: final draft being worked on.
- Land Use Bylaw Amendment: final draft being prepared, take before Council for 1st reading.
- Dog Control bylaw: response received. Take before Council at Mar. 28/11 meeting.
- Lacombe Foundation meeting with Council: Council would like to arrange a joint meeting with Bentley sometime in May (excluding Wednesdays) and invite Lacombe Foundation to that meeting to make a presentation. In progress.
- Joint Meeting with Bentley: contact them to set up a date to get together. In progress.

Other:

- As per the Facilities Cost-sharing agreement with Lacombe County, Eckville Municipal Library will receive \$9,477.54 towards their 2011 operational costs.
- Attended the Local Government Administrators Conference Mar. 16-18/11: topics and presentations included remaining neutral when experiencing difficult situations and people, the political/administrative role, key policy and advocacy initiatives (MGA review, municipal sustainability strategy, Election Act), social media, update from Municipal Affairs, dialogue with various provincial government departments.

7.3 Financial Report

Council reviewed the February 2011 Financial Report and the March 28, 2011 A/P report.

7.4 Recreation, Cultural Grant Program Report

Council reviewed the Recreation, Cultural Grant Program Report. This program provides grants to community groups and organizations for recreational purposes and projects focused on building a healthy community.

Eleven applications were received and approved for funding under the Recreation, Cultural Grant Program as follows:

Eckville Junior Curling (equipment, activities)	\$500
Eckville Junior Rodeo (special events)	\$500
Eckville Children's Playgroup (equip,activities,operating,special events)	\$1500
Eckville Community Youth Society (operating,wages)	\$1500
Eckville Recreation Board (operating,programs,equipment)	\$1500
Eckville Municipal Library (equipment, programs)	\$1165
Eckville Neighbourhood Place (operating,summer day program wages)	\$900
Eckville Chamber of Commerce (special events)	\$500
Eckville Figure Skating Club (operating, wages)	\$1200
Eckville Playschool (equipment,activities,capital)	\$1500
Eckville Curling Club (capital, roof repairs)	<u>\$1250</u>
Total Grant Funds approved	\$12,015

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Moved by Councillor Van Dirstein to give the Eckville Curling Club the full amount of the grant they applied for, the amount being \$3400.00, under the Town of Eckville Recreation, Cultural Grant Program, in order that they can complete the roof repairs at the Curling Rink. Carried.

Res. 101/11

Moved by Councillor Chretien that the reports be received for information as presented. Carried.

8. Committee, Board Reports

8.1 Mayor Posti:

March 27 – Wolf Creek Public Schools Presentation
March 28 – FCSS/Neighborhood Place meeting.

Councillor Van Dirstein:

March 15 – Hall Board meeting
March 24 – EEMA meeting

Res.102/11

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

9. **Correspondence,
Information Items**

- Canadian Volunteer Fire Services Association – Press Release - \$3000 Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters 9.1 A Press Release was received from the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs advising of the inclusion in the Federal Budget of a \$3000 tax credit for volunteer firefighting personnel.
- Alberta Animal Services – Animal Protection Act Information 9.2 A letter was received from Alberta Animal Services advising they will no longer be investigating, housing or impounding Abused, Neglected and Abandoned Animals. These matters are dealt with under the Animal Protection Act and are handled by Alberta SPCA.
- AUMA Member Notice – Update on Province – wide Radio Communications 9.3 An AUMA Member Notice was received regarding the update on Province-wide Radio Communications which will enable emergency responders to communicate directly and easily with one another. Implementation is expected to be phased in between 2011 and 2014.
- Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Partnership – March 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes 9.4 Council reviewed the minutes from the Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Partnership March 9, 2011 meeting.
- Alberta Transportation – 2011 Transportation Grant Programs 9.5 A letter was received from Alberta Transportation advising that the funding provided to the Town of Eckville under the 2011 Transportation grant programs will be:
-Basic Municipal Transportation Grant (BMTG) - \$60,120 (Streets Improvement component)
-Federal Gas Tax Fund (FGTF) - \$55,841
- Government of Alberta – News Release – Amended Land-Use Act 9.6 A News Release was received from the Government of Alberta advising that amendments have been made to the *Alberta Land Stewardship Act* to clarify the original intent of the legislation – to plan for the future needs of Albertans and manage growth, while respecting existing property rights.
- AUMA Member Notice – Alberta Land Stewardship Amendment Act, 2011 9.7 A Member Notice was received from AUMA regarding *Bill 10: The Alberta Land Stewardship Amendment Act, 2011*. They are seeking feedback from members prior to April 7, 2011 as some of the amendments require further review in order to assess their potential implications. AUMA will then provide a collective response to the Minister for the Department of Sustainable Resource Development.
- Alberta Municipal Affairs (March 1, 2011) – 2011 Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Funding 9.8 A letter was received from the Minister of Municipal Affairs advising that the MSI funding for the Town of Eckville in 2011 will be \$292,660 which includes capital project funding of \$262,057 and conditional operating funding of \$30,603.
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – 2011/12 Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Program 9.9 Correspondence was received from the Minister of Municipal Affairs advising that the minimum capital project threshold, under the MSI program, will be lowered from 10% to 5% of annual funding. The minimum threshold for operating projects will remain at 10% of annual operating funding.
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – 2011/12 Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Funding 9.10 A letter was received from the Minister of Municipal Affairs providing additional information on the reduction in the operating funding the Town of Eckville will receive under the MSI program. The Town of Eckville will receive a net decrease of \$26,895 in 2011 compared to the funding that was received in 2010.
- WCB – Day of Mourning April 28th 9.11 A Corporate Communication was received from WCB requesting that municipalities display a poster to commemorate the April 28th Day of Mourning for all workers who have been killed, injured or disabled at their place of work. Municipalities are also invited to lower their flags to half-mast on April 28th.
- Parkland Regional Library (PRL) Board – February 24, 2011 Meeting Minutes 9.12 Council reviewed the February 24, 2011 PRL Board meeting minutes.
- Alberta Utilities Commission – Notice of Application and Process 9.13 A Notice of Application and Process Meeting for the AltaLink Western Alberta Transmission Line will be held on April 20, 2011 at 9 a.m. at Westerner Park in Red Deer.

Meeting

AUMA – 2011 Nomination Deadline/2011-12 AUMA Board of Directors 9.14 A notice for the 2011 Nomination Deadline, being September 16, 2011, for the 2011/12 AUMA Board of Directors was reviewed by Council.

Res. 103/11 Moved by Councillor Walker that the correspondence and information items be received for information. Carried.

10. Seminars, Meetings, Special Events

- 10.1 Eckville Co-op – Annual Meeting April 20, 2011. Councillor Walker to attend.
- 10.2 Red Deer Watershed Alliance Workshop – April 27, 2011. Councillor Walker to attend.
- 10.3 Town of Blackfalds – Grand Opening of Protective Services Facility – June 17, 2011. Mayor Posti to attend.
- 10.4 Travel Alberta – 11th Annual Growing Rural Tourism Conference – April 4-6, 2011
- 10.5 Town of Blackfalds – Blackfalds Days Parade – June 4, 2011

Res. 104/11 Moved by Councillor van Dirstein that the Seminars, Meetings, and Special Events be received for information and that attendance be approved as indicated. Carried.

Meeting to Extend Past 10:00 p.m. Res.105/11 Moved by Councillor Amesbury that the meeting be extended past 10:00 p.m. Carried.

12. Committee of the Whole Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Partnership Agreement

5.3 The Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Partnership provided a draft partnership agreement to all the municipalities that are within that partnership for Council’s review. Council requested clarification on the following in the event of a disaster or emergency situation and another municipality is called to assist:

The agreement indemnifies and holds harmless the responding municipalities, but Council is concerned if a responding municipality performs an action without direction from the requesting municipality’s Emergency Management Agency, and that action results in damage, injury or death, will the requesting municipality be held responsible for those actions?

A letter will be sent to the consultant that drafted the agreement requesting clarification.

Alberta Animal Services (AAS) – Agreement for the Live Trapping of Cats and Skunks 5.5 AAS is requiring municipalities to enter into an agreement for the trapping of live animals if they wish AAS to provide this service. Council reviewed the draft agreement and suggested Section 2 be deleted. Section 2 states “The Municipality may take traps from the Contractor and give them out to citizens as they see fit or the Municipality may release their own traps. If the Municipality loans out traps the Municipality is responsible for educating the citizen about the rules and regulations for using the Live Animal Trap and the Municipality is further responsible for any and all contraventions if the citizen uses the trap in an inappropriate manner.”

Res.106/11 Moved by Mayor Posti that the meeting reverts back to the regular Council meeting. Press left the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

Res.107/11 Moved by Councillor Van Dirstein that the Town of Eckville enter into the amended agreement with Alberta Animal Services for the Live Trapping of Cats and Skunks. Carried.

11. In Camera Res.108/11

11.1 Moved by Councillor Van Dirstein that the meeting move in camera excluding all persons except Council members, CAO Therese Kleeberger and Administrative Assistant Susan Norberg to discuss legal matters. Time: 10:22 p.m. Carried.

Res.109/11 Moved by Councillor Amesbury that the meeting revert back to the regular meeting. Time: 10:45 p.m. Carried.

Licensing of Three Dogs Res.110/11 Moved by Councillor Amesbury that the request to license three dogs that was originally brought before Council at their February 28, 2011 meeting be approved. Four in favour, three opposed. Carried.

Res.111/11 Moved by Councillor Amesbury that an amending Dog Bylaw be brought before Council for consideration. One opposed. Carried.

13. Adjournment
Res. 112/11

13.1 Moved by Mayor Posti that the meeting be adjourned. Time: 10:55 p.m. Carried.

Mayor

Administrator