

**TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES**  
Monday December 12, 2022  
Eckville Town Office, 5023 – 51 Avenue, Eckville, Alberta

**1. Call to Order**

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

Present: Mayor Ebden  
Deputy Mayor Engen  
Councillor Palm-Fraser  
Councillor Meyers  
Councillor See  
Councillor Thoreson

Absent: Councillor Phillips

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

Press: None

Gallery: None

**2. Delegations/Public Hearings**

- 2.1 Sylvan Lake RCMP

Mayor Ebden welcomed RCMP S/Sgt. Peden to the meeting. Time: 6:01 p.m.

The delegation discussed matters of general interest and reported on local crime statistics.

Mayor Ebden thanked S/Sgt. Peden for attending and he left the meeting. Time: 6:48pm

Mayor Ebden called for a recess in order to hold an Eckville Emergency Advisory Committee meeting. Time 6:50pm.  
The meeting reconvened at 7:49pm

**3. Agenda**

- 3.1 Additional Agenda Items  
5.7 CAO 2022 Vacation Summary  
5.8 Lacombe Regional Tourism Association

- Res. 284.2022**                      3.2 Adoption of Agenda
- Moved by Councillor See that the agenda be adopted with the additions. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 4. Minutes**                      4.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – November 28, 2022
- Res. 285.2022**                      Moved by Deputy Mayor Engen that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday November 28, 2022 be adopted as presented. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 5. Action Items**                      5.1 RFD – 2023 Interim Operating Budget Amendment
- Res. 286.2022**                      Moved by Councillor Palm-Fraser that the 2023 Interim Operating budget be amended to include an operating grant of \$80,000 payable to the Eckville Arena Operating Association, less the micro-generation credit. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 5.2 RFD- 2023 Eckville Fire Department Honorarium Rate.
- Res. 287.2022**                      Moved by Councillor Meyers that Eckville Town Council approve the proposed “2023 Eckville Fire Department Honorarium Rate and Payment Schedule for Fire Calls within the Town of Eckville”. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 5.3 RFD- Ice Breaker purchase.
- Res.288.2022**                      Moved by Councillor Meyers that the Town of Eckville purchase a RAIKO T – 7 Ice Breaker from Team Eagle Ltd. Of Campbellford, Ontario for a cost not to exceed \$33,000 plus GST. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 5.4 Proposed CPI increases on Staff Wages and Council Rates.
- Res. 289.2022**                      Moved by Deputy Mayor Engen that a CPI increase of 4.3% be applied to Council rates and to the staff wage grid for the 2023 year. **Carried.**
- 5.5 Library Board Member Retirement
- Res. 290.2022**                      Moved by Councillor Thoreson that Garth Yeomans’s resignation be accepted with regrets. **Carried Unanimously.**

- 5.6 CAO Evaluation
- Res. 291.2022** Moved by Mayor Ebden that, as per section 205.1 of the MGA, Council confirm the CAO was provided with an annual written performance evaluation of the results the CAO has achieved for the year 2022 with respect to fulfilling the CAO's responsibilities under section 207 of the MGA. **Carried Unanimously.**
- Res. 292.2022** 5.7 CAO 2022 Vacation Summary
- Moved by Councillor See that the CAO be authorized to carry over 8 days of his 16 unused vacation days from 2022 to the 2023 calendar year and further that he be paid out for the remaining 8 days of unused vacation from 2022. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 5.8 Lacombe Regional Tourism Association
- Res. 293.2022** Moved by Councillor Palm-Fraser that the Town of Eckville become a member of the Lacombe Regional Tourism Association at a cost of \$5,756 for 2023. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 6. Bylaws/Policies** 6.1 None
- 7. Reports** 7.1 Management Report – December 12, 2022
- Res. 294.2022** Moved by Councillor See that the December 12, 2022 Management Report be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 7.2 Financial Report – AP Report December 1, 2022
- Res. 295.2022** Moved by Councillor Meyers that the December 1, 2022 AP report be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 7.3 Lacombe County Council Meeting Highlights, Nov. 24, 2022
- Res. 296.2022** Moved by Deputy-Mayor Engen that the November 24, 2022 Lacombe County Council Meeting highlights be accepted as information. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 8. Committee & Board Reports** 8.1 Councillor See reported on the Eckville Arena.
- Deputy Mayor Engen reported on the Eckville Municipal Library.
- Councillor Palm-Fraser reported on the Recreation Board.
- Council Meyers reported on the Medicine River Crime Watch Society.
- Mayor Ebden reported on the Eckville Charitable Society, Lacombe Foundation, the Medical Committee along with a Mental Health &

Addictions zoom session.

Res. 297.2022

Moved by Deputy Mayor Engen that the Committee and Board Reports be accepted. **Carried Unanimously**

**9. Correspondence, Information Items**

- 9.1 Emailed Christmas Cards
- 9.2 Alberta Precision Laboratories.
- 9.3 Lacombe Count Media Release.
- 9.4 Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services
- 9.5 Bill 1: The Alberta Sovereignty within Canada Act.
- 9.6 Alberta Infrastructure Red Deer Regional Hospital

Res. 298.2022

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

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

- 10.1 Brownlee LLP Emerging Trends in Municipal Law Seminar

Res. 299.2022

Moved by Councillor Meyers that the Seminars, Meetings and Special Events be accepted for information. Carried Unanimously.

**11. Closed Session**

- 11.1 None


**12. Committee of the Whole**

- 12.1 None

**13. Adjournment**

Res. 300.2022

Mayor Ebden adjourned the meeting. Time 9:30 pm. **Carried Unanimously.**

  
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Mayor

  
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CAO

