

## TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, February 14, 2022

Eckville Town Office, 5023 – 51 Avenue, Eckville, Alberta

### 1. Call to Order

1.0 Mayor Ebden called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Staff: Supervisor Finance & Administration Darcy Webb  
CAO, Jack Ramsden was absent

Press: None Present

Gallery: None Present (The meeting was available via electronic means)

### 2. Delegations/Public Hearings

2.1 None

### 3. Agenda

3.1 Additional Agenda Items  
5.4 Snow Removal – Discussion  
5.5 2021 Federal Census - Discussion

3.2 Adoption of Agenda

#### Res. 017.2022

Moved by Councillor See that the Agenda be adopted with the additions. **Carried Unanimously.**

### 4. Minutes

4.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – January 24, 2022

#### Res. 018.2022

Moved by Deputy Mayor Engen that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, January 24, 2022 be accepted as presented. **Carried Unanimously.**

### 5. Action Items

5.1 RFD – MSI Agreement Amendment

#### Res. 019.2022

Moved by Councillor Meyers that the Town of Eckville enter into an agreement with the Province of Alberta to amend the final date of the original Municipal Sustainability Initiative Memorandum of Agreement dated October 22, 2007 and amended on June 12, 2009, June 17, 2014, May 12, 2017 and May 14, 2019 and further that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign and seal said agreement.

**Carried Unanimously.**

5.2 RFD – Eckville Incident Command Post (ICP)

**Res. 020.2022**

Moved by Councillor Palm-Fraser that based upon the recommendation of the Eckville Director of Emergency Management and the CAO, Town Council stand down the Incident Command Post that was established in September of 2021 by Council in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. **Carried Unanimously.**

5.3 Mileage Rates - 2022

**Res. 021.2022**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Engen that the mileage rate paid by the Town to employees and councillors who use their personal vehicles for business purposes in the Province of Alberta be set at \$0.55 per kilometer, up from \$0.50 per kilometer, for the 2022 calendar year. **Carried Unanimously.**

**Res. 022.2022**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Engen that the CAO contract be amended to reflect the inclusion of a \$250 per month vehicle allowance. **Carried Unanimously.**

5.4 Snow Removal

Council discussed current snow removal practices with administration and asked that this item be included for discussion when Council has it's Strategic Planning Session to be held later this spring.

5.5 2021 Federal Census

Council and Administration had a brief discussion on the results of the 2021 Federal Election including the effect on grants and expenditure items such as requisitions along with options for conducting a municipal census.

**6. Bylaws /Policies**

6.1 None

**7. Reports**

- 7.1 Management Report February 14, 2022
- 7.2 Financial Reports – February 3 & 10, 2022
- 7.3 Lacombe County Council Highlights – January 31, 2022
- 7.4 Animal Control Services Report – January, 2022
- 7.5 Sylvan Lake RCMP Detachment Crime Stats Report – Q4 2021

**Res. 023.2022**

Moved by Councillor Phillips that the reports be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

**8. Committee & Board Reports**

8.1 Deputy Mayor Engen reported on the activities of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, Health Resources Committee and the Alberta Municipalities Police Transition Study session she attended.

Councillor Palm-Fraser also reported on the Alberta Municipalities Police Transition Study session she attended, along with the Municipal Planning Commission and 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.

Councillor Phillips discussed Communities in Bloom and the RMRF legal seminar

she attended.

Councillor Meyers gave an update on the Medicine River Rural Crime Watch Society.

Mayor Ebden discussed the Lacombe Foundation, Communities in Bloom, Municipal Planning Commission, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee along with the RMRF legal session she attended.

**Res. 024.2022**

Moved by Councilor Meyers that the Committee and Board Reports be accepted. **Carried Unanimously.**

**9. Correspondence, Information Items**

- 9.1 AB Minister of Culture letter
- 9.2 Farm Safety Centre
- 9.3 Fortis Alberta Street Lighting
- 9.4 Alberta Proposed Policing Model Comparison
- 9.5 Alberta Views RV & Golf Resort Public Meeting
- 9.6 Alberta Utilities Commission Notice
- 9.7 Rural Health Initiative
- 9.8 Richard Covlin Response Letter

**Res. 025.2022**

Moved by Councillor See that the Correspondence & Information Items be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

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

- 10.1 FCM 2022 Annual Conference
- 10.2 Keep Alberta RCMP Tour
- 10.3 2022 Alberta Municipalities Spring Leaders' Caucus

**Res. 026.2022**

Moved by Councillor Thoreson 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**

- 13.1

**Res. 027.2022**

Mayor Ebden adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m. **Carried Unanimously**

  
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Mayor

  
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CAO

