

TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, May 23, 2023

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

1. Call to Order

- 1.1 Mayor Ebden called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

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

Absent: None

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

Press: None Present

Gallery: None

- 1.2 Mayor Ebden administered the 'Official Oath of Office' documents for Councillor Pacholek, which are attached and form part of these minutes. She then congratulated and welcomed him to Council.

2. Delegations/Public Hearings

- 2.1 Delegation-Kayla Law with Fortis Alberta joined the meeting at 6:05, in order to present the Fortis Alberta Electric Distribution Franchise Agreement. Kayla Law left the meeting at 6:30pm

3. Agenda

- 3.1 Additional Agenda Items - None
3.2 Adoption of Agenda

Res. 131.2023

Moved by Councillor See that the agenda be adopted presented. **Carried Unanimously.**

4. Minutes

- 4.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2023

Res. 132.2023

Moved by Councillor Engen that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, May 8, 2023, be adopted as presented. **Carried Unanimously.**

5. Action Items

- 5.1 RFD- Request for Reimbursement - Roll #039100

Res.133.2023

Moved by Councillor Palm-Fraser that Administration be authorized to reimburse the owner of Roll #039100 the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to help offset their costs to demolish and remove an old mobile

home and an old garage as per the “Targeted Redevelopment Program.” **Carried Unanimously.**

5.2 RFD – Financial Reviewer Town of Eckville Municipal Library

Res. 134.2023

Moved by Councillor Meyers that Garth Yeomans be appointed as the Financial Reviewer for the Eckville Municipal Library’s 2022 Statement of Receipts and Disbursements. **Carried Unanimously.**

5.3 Request to Purchase or Lease Parcel of land next to the Boxcar- Discussion.

Res. 135.2023

Moved by Councillor Engen that the Town agree to sell a 12.5m wide parcel from the west side of Area D Plan 9523117 for a sum of \$14,000.00 plus GST to the Owner of the Boxcar Grill Ltd. with the following conditions: 1) That the Town will remove the existing trees from the parcel at the Town’s expense. 2) The Owner of the Boxcar Grill Ltd. will be responsible for the cost for planting an equal number of trees on Area D Plan 9523117 and for any and all related legal survey and subdivision costs. **Carried Unanimously**

5.4 RFD – 2023 Operational Budget Amendment.

Res.136.2023

Moved by Councillor See that in order to cover the projected deficit the 2023 Operating Budget be amended to include a further transfer from the Tax Stabilization Reserve of \$8,531. **Carried Unanimously.**

5.5 Support letter for Sylvan Lake FCSS Application for Provincial Funding – Community and Home Supports for Older Adults.

Res.137.2023

Moved by Councillor Engen that the Town of Eckville provide a letter of Support for the Sylvan Lake FCSS Application for Provincial Funding – Community and Home Supports for Older Adults. **Carried Unanimously.**

6. Bylaws /Policies

6.1 By-law # 788-23 Tax Rate Bylaw.

Res. 138.2023

Moved by Councillor See that Bylaw 788-23 be given first reading. **Carried Unanimously.**

Res. 139.2023

Moved by Councillor Palm-Fraser that Bylaw 788-23 be given second reading. **Carried Unanimously.**

Res. 140.2023

Moved by Councillor Pacholek that Bylaw 788-23 be presented for third and final reading. **Carried Unanimously.**

Res. 141.2023

Moved by Councillor Meyers that Bylaw 788-23 be given third and final reading. **Carried Unanimously.**

7. Reports

7.1 Management Report-May 23, 2023

Res.142.2023

Moved by Councillor Engen that the Wastewater Treatment Upgrade Options

Study presented by MNP, be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

Res.143.2023

Moved by Councillor Palm-Fraser that Administration arrange for Council to tour the Towns water plant and lagoon on June 12 at 5:30 pm, prior to the Council Meeting, and further to arrange tours of Sylvan Lake and Red Deer's wastewater treatment facilities. **Carried Unanimously.**

Res.144.2023

Moved by Councillor Meyers that the Management Report for May 23, 2023 be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

7.2 Financial Report-AP Report May 4th and May 18th 2023.

Res. 145.2023

Moved by Councillor Thoreson that the Financial Report – AP May 4th and May 18th, 2023 be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

7.3 Fortis AB Renewal of Electric Distribution Franchise Agreement.

Res. 146.2023

Moved by Councillor See that the Town of Eckville renew the Fortis AB Renewal of Electric Distribution Franchise Agreement for five years.
Carried Unanimously.

7.4 CPO Report 2023/23

Res. 147.2023

Moved by Councillor See that the CPO Report for 2022/23 be accepted as information. **Carried Unanimously.**

7.5 Animal Control Services Report.

Res. 148.2023

Moved by Councillor Engen that the Animal Control Services Report be accepted as information. **Carried Unanimously.**

8. Committee & Board Reports

- 8.1 Councillor Meyers reported on the Medical Services Committee
- 8.2 Councillor Palm-Fraser reported on the Recreation Board meeting.
- 8.3 Councillor Thoreson reported on Parkland Regional Library
- 8.4 Councillor Engen reported on the Medical Services Committee
- 8.5 Councillor See reported on the Bullarena.
- 8.6 Mayor Ebden reported on the Lacombe Foundation.

Res. 149.2023

Moved by Councillor Pacholek that the Committee and Board Reports be accepted. **Carried Unanimously.**

9. Correspondence, Information Items

- 9.1 Lacombe County Fire Services
- 9.2 Lacombe Regional Tourism Association
- 9.3 Alberta Municipalities Summer 2023 Municipal Leaders Caucus.

Res.150.2023

Moved by Mayor Ebden that four members of Council attend the Municipal Leaders Caucus in person and one to attend virtually. **Carried Unanimously.**

9.4 PCPS New Funding Model.

Res. 151.2023

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

10. Seminars, Meetings, Special Events 10.1 None

11. Closed Session 11.1 None

12. Committee of the Whole 12.1 None

13. Adjournment

Res. 152.2023

Mayor Ebden adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m. **Carried Unanimously.**

Mayor

CAO

