

TOWN OF ECKVILLE-COUNCIL AGENDA

Monday, April 22, 2024

Town Office Council Chambers Eckville, AB 6:00 pm
(Councillors may attend via electronic means)

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | 1.1 | |
| 2. DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC HEARING | 2.1 | Delegation – Melisa Milne, MNP re: 2023 Financial Statements
Time: 6:00 pm |
| 3. AGENDA | 3.1 | Additional Agenda Items |
| | 3.2 | Adoption of Agenda |
| 4. MINUTES | 4.1 | Regular Council Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2024 pg.1-3
Public Hearing Minutes – April 8, 2024 re: Bylaw 793-24 pg. 4 |
| 5. ACTION ITEMS | 5.1 | RFD - Approval of 2023 financial Statements & 2023 Financial pg.5
Information Return (Separate Attachment) |
| | 5.2 | RFD – Award of 2024 Waste Collection Services Tender pg.6-7 |
| | 5.3 | RFD – Award of 2024 Eckville Cemetery Maintenance Tender pg.8 |
| | 5.4 | MEMO -Options for the Structure of Eckville Council – Discussion pg.9-10 |
| | 5.5 | Seniors’ Week Declaration – Discussion pg.11-12 |
| 6. BYLAWS, POLICIES | 6.1 | Bylaw 794-24 Municipal Development Plan Amendment (1 st reading)
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| | 6.2 | Bylaw 795-24 Land Use Bylaw Amendment (1 st reading) pg.15-16 |
| 7. REPORTS | 7.1 | Management Report – April 22, 2024 pg.17-18 |
| 8. COMMITTEE, BOARD REPORTS | 8.1 | |
| 9. CORRESPONDENCE, INFORMATION | 9.1 | Consent Agenda:
A. Town of Eckville – CPO Services pg.19-21 |
| 10.SEMINARS, MEETINGS, SPECIAL EVENTS | 10.1 | Blackfalds - Days Breakfast and Parade Invitation pg.22
Sylvan Lake – 1913 Days Celebration pg.23 |
| 11.CLOSED SESSION | 11.1 | Section 17: Disclosure harmful to personal privacy |
| 12.COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE | 12.1 | |
| 13.ADJOURNMENT | 13.1 | |

TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES

April 8, 2024

Eckville Town Office, 5023 – 51 Avenue, Eckville, Alberta
(The meeting was available via electronic means)

1. Call to Order

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

Present: Mayor Ebden
Councillor Meyers
Councillor Engen
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

2. Delegations/Public Hearings

2.1 Public Hearing: Advertising Bylaw 793-24 7:00pm
2.2 Minor Ball Delegation 7:30pm

3. Agenda

3.1 Additional Agenda Items - None
Adoption of Agenda

Res.064.024

3.2 Moved by Councillor Engen that the agenda be adopted as presented. **Carried Unanimously.**

4. Minutes

4.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2024

Res.065.2024

Moved by Councillor See that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, March 25, 2024, be adopted as presented. **Carried Unanimously.**

5. Action Items

5.1 RFD- Council Rep on Parkland Community Planning Association.

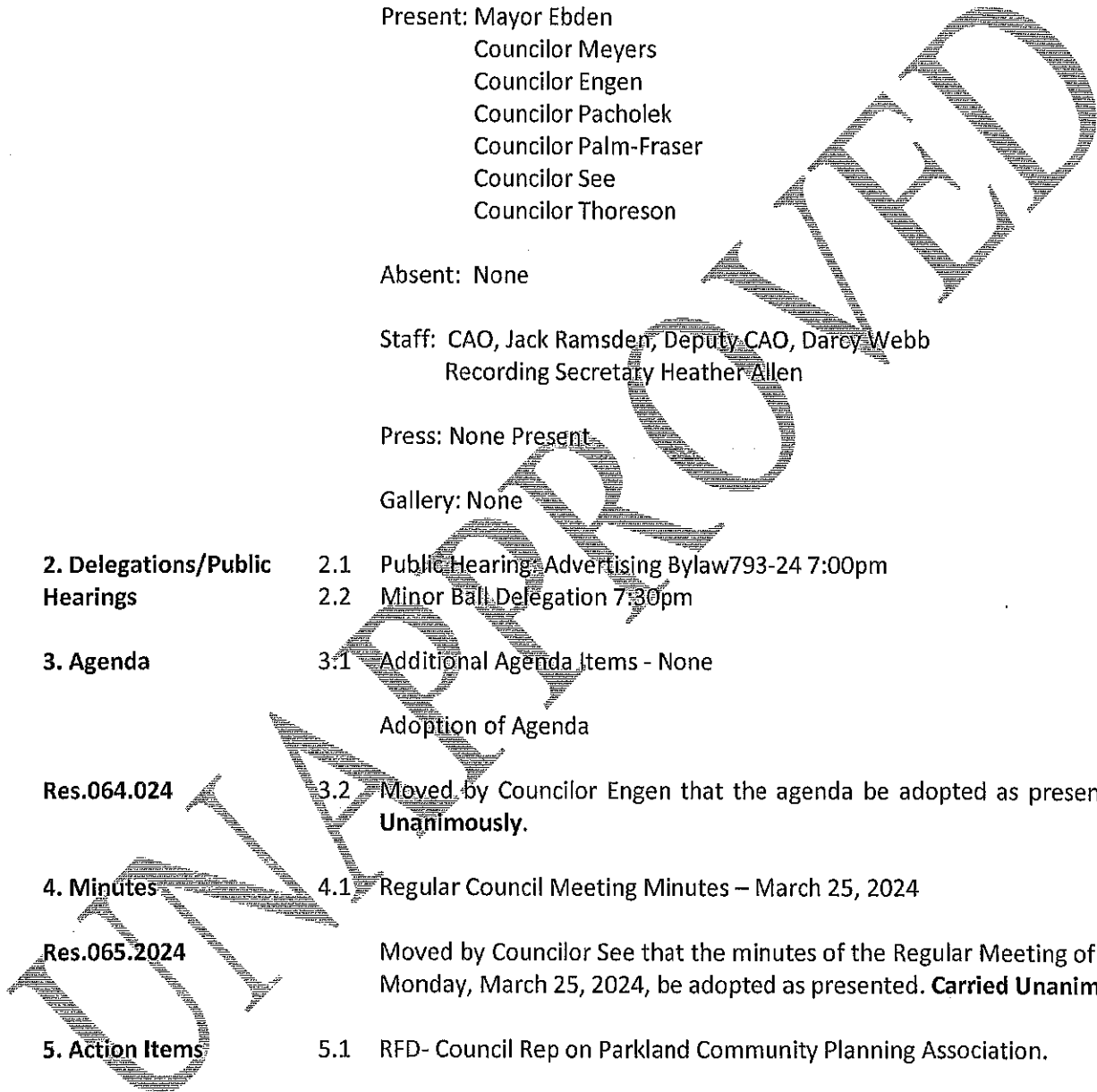
Res.066.2024

Moved by Councillor Engen that Councillor Pacholek be appointed as the Town of Eckville Representative on the Parkland Community Planning Services Board. **Carried Unanimously.**

5.2 RFD- Financial Reviewer for the Town of Eckville Municipal Library.

Res.067.2024

Moved by Councillor Pacholek that Garth Yeomans be appointed as the Financial Reviewer for the Eckville Municipal Library's 2023 Statement of Receipts and



Disbursements. **Carried Unanimously.**

6. Bylaws /Policies 6.1 Bylaw 793-24 Advertising Bylaw See 6.1 continued

7. Reports 7.1 Management Report for April 8, 2024

Res. 068.2024 Moved by Councilor Engen that administration write to Cenovus with regards to cleaning up their abandoned well site on Lot 31, Block 2, Plan 0720639. **Carried Unanimously.**

Res. 069.2024 Moved by Councilor Meyers that the Management Report for April 8, 2024, be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**

8. Committee & Board Reports 8.1 Councillor Palm-Fraser reported on the library.
8.2 Councillor See reported on Medicine River Crime Watch
8.3 Councillor Engen reported on the Lacombe Foundation
8.4 Mayor Ebden reported on the library.

Res. 070.2024 Moved by Councillor See that the Committee and Board Reports be accepted. **Carried Unanimously.**

Mayor Ebden called for a recess in to hold the Public Hearing on Bylaw 793-24 Advertising Bylaw. Time 7:00pm. The meeting reconvened at 7:10pm

6.1 Continued 6.1 Bylaw 793-24 Advertising Bylaw.

Res. 071.2024 Moved by Councilor See that Bylaw 793-24 Advertising Bylaw be given second reading. **Carried Unanimously.**

Res. 072.2024 Moved by Councilor Pacholek that Bylaw 793-24 Advertising Bylaw be given third and final reading. **Carried Unanimously.**

9. Correspondence, Information Items 9.1 Lacombe County Highlights of Reg Council Meeting March 14, 2024
9.2 Consent Agenda:
A. Parkland Regional Library System Financial Statement
B. Fortis Franchise Presentation for Town of Eckville

Res.073.2024 Moved by Councilor Meyers that the Correspondence and Information items be accepted as information. **Carried Unanimously.**

10. Seminars, Meetings, Special Events 10.1 None

2.2 Continued 2.2 Layne Husch, Bryanne Dyrland, and Craig Dyrland from Eckville Minor Ball joined the meeting at 7:20pm to discuss their achievements and challenges. They left the meeting at 8:20pm

Mayor Ebden called for a 5-minute recess. Time 8:21pm. The meeting reconvened at 8:26pm

11. Closed Session

11.1 Section 23 Local Public body confidences.

Res.074.2024

Moved by Councilor Thoreson that the meeting moves into closed session, excluding all persons except Council Members to discuss an item with Section 23 of the FOIPP Act: Local public body confidences. Time 8:27 p.m. **Carried Unanimously**

Res.075.2024

Moved by Mayor Ebden that the meeting revert back to open session. Time 9:40pm

12. Committee of the Whole

12.1 None

13. Adjournment

Res. 076.2024

Mayor Ebden adjourned the meeting. Time 9:45 pm. **Carried Unanimously.**

Mayor

CAO

UNAPPROVED

TOWN OF ECKVILLE – PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
Monday April 8, 2024 7pm
Eckville Town Office, 5023 – 51 Avenue, Eckville AB.

1. Call to Order

1.0 Mayor Ebden called the public hearing to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Ebden
Councillor Engen
Councillor Meyers
Councillor Pacholek
Councillor Palm-Fraser
Councillor See

CAO Jack Ramsden
Supervisor, Finance & Administration Darcy Webb
Recording Secretary Heather Allen

Absent:

Press: None

Gallery: None

2. Public Hearing

2.1 Town of Eckville Bylaw 793-24 Advertising Bylaw Amendment

Background

Jack Ramsden, CAO, advised Council that the purpose of the hearing was to hear presentations, opinions and comments with respect to Bylaw 793-24. The proposed bylaw amendments concern the advertising of public notices. Public Notices to be posted using any of the following methods but endeavoring to use all three. Electronically posted to the Towns website, facebook page or manually posted to bulletin board located in front of the Town Office.

Written Submissions

2.2 Jack Ramsden, CAO, advised Council that no written submissions had been received.

Public Comments & Submissions

2.3 There were no questions or comments.

Res.PH001.2024

Moved by Councillor Palm-Fraser that Bylaw 793-24 be referred to the Regular Meeting of Council to be held April 8, 2024 for 2nd & 3rd readings. **Carried Unanimously.**

3. Adjournment

3.1 Mayor Ebden adjourned the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Mayor

CAO

TOWN OF ECKVILLE
Request to Council for Decision

Meeting:	Town Council
Meeting Date:	April 22, 2024
Originated By:	Jack Ramsden, CAO & Darcy Webb, Deputy CAO
Title:	2023 Town of Eckville Financial Statements & 2023 Town of Eckville Financial Information Return

BACKGROUND:

Sections 276 through 278 of the Municipal Government Act make reference to the requirement of a municipality to have annual audited financial statements and that the auditor must report to the Council on the annual financial statements and financial information return.

DISCUSSION/ALTERNATIVES:

IMPACT ON BUDGET: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the following motion be presented for consideration:

“That Town of Eckville Council approves the Town of Eckville Audited Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2023 and the Audited Town of Eckville Financial Information Return for the year ending December 31, 2023 as presented.”

Prepared By: _____ Approved By: _____

TOWN OF ECKVILLE

Request to Council for Decision

Meeting:	Town Council
Meeting Date:	April 22, 2024
Originated By:	Jack Ramsden, CAO/ Darcy Webb, Deputy CAO
Title:	Award of Waste Collection Services Tender

BACKGROUND: At the regular meeting of Council held March 11, 2024, Town Council passed a motion to re-tender the Waste Collection Services.

The request for tender was advertised locally and Tagish Engineering advertised the tender request on the Alberta Purchasing Connection site on our behalf.

A pre-tender meeting was held on April 9, 2024. Attendance at this meeting was mandatory for those interested in bidding. Four (4) interested parties were present and all four took bid tender bid packages.

All four handed in tender bid packages and they were opened, in public, on April 17, 2024 at 2 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ALTERNATIVES: The prior contract was for three (3) years plus an option of two (2) one-year extensions. This time around we are looking at a three (3) year contract with the option of a two year extension.

The requested service remains unchanged from what is being performed currently. We will continue to have weekly garbage pickup, bi-weekly recycle pickup and offer 4, 6 and 8 cubic yard bins to our commercial customers.

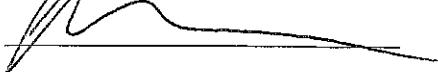
Empringham Disposal Inc., our current provider, submitted the lowest tender bid for the work. (a summary of the proposals is attached for reference.)

	Current	E360	EMPRINGHAM	GO SERVICES	WASTER
Total Cost /Month	\$6,905.00	\$7,579.97	\$7,205.00	\$10,010.00	\$14,649.25
Total Cost/Year	\$82,860.00	\$90,959.60	\$86,460.00	\$120,120.00	\$175,791.00

IMPACT ON BUDGET: The total cost is within \$3,600 of what we are paying now and will be budgeted accordingly in successive years of the contract.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the following motion be presented for consideration:

"That the Town award the Waste Collection Services Tender to Empringham Disposal Inc., from Red Deer, for Eighty Six Thousand and Four Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$86,460) plus GST per annum for Three (3) years beginning July 1, 2024 through to June 30, 2027.

Prepared By: _____ Approved By: 

TOWN OF ECKVILLE
Waste Collection Services Tender
Cost Comparison

	Current	E360	EMPRINGHAM	GO SERVICES	WASTER
Residential & Office					
Garbage					
Rate - Month		\$2,080.50	\$2,137.50	\$2,881.67	\$7,204.17
Rate - Unit/Month		\$4.38	\$4.50	\$6.07	\$15.17
Rate - Unit/Per Pickup		\$1.01	\$1.04	\$1.40	\$3.50
Collection Frequency		Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly
Recycle					
Rate - Month		\$2,831.00	\$1,757.50	\$2,470.00	\$3,602.08
Rate - Unit/Month		\$5.96	\$3.70	\$5.20	\$7.58
Rate - Unit/Pickup		\$2.75	\$1.71	\$2.40	\$3.50
Collection Frequency		Bi-weekly	Bi-weekly	Bi-weekly	Bi-weekly
Residential & Office Cost/Month	\$3,595.00	\$4,911.50	\$3,895.00	\$5,351.67	\$10,806.25
Residential & Office Cost/Year	\$43,140.00	\$58,938.00	\$46,740.00	\$64,220.00	\$129,675.00

	Current	E360	EMPRINGHAM	GO SERVICES	WASTER
Commercial					
Rate - Month	\$3,310.00	\$2,668.47	\$3,310.00	\$4,658.33	\$3,843.00
Rate - Month Bin - 4	\$90.00	\$54.60	\$90.00	\$108.33	\$105.00
Rate - Month Bin - 6	\$100.00	\$81.90	\$100.00	\$162.50	\$115.50
Rate - Month Bin - 8	\$110.00	\$173.33	\$110.00	\$216.67	\$126.00
Rate - Pickup Bin - 4	\$20.77	\$12.60	\$20.77	\$25.00	\$24.23
Rate - Pickup Bin - 6	\$23.08	\$18.90	\$23.08	\$37.50	\$26.65
Rate - Pickup Bin - 8	\$25.38	\$40.00	\$25.38	\$50.00	\$29.08
Commercial Cost /Month	\$3,310.00	\$2,668.47	\$3,310.00	\$4,658.33	\$3,843.00
Commercial Cost/Year	\$39,720.00	\$32,021.60	\$39,720.00	\$55,900.00	\$46,116.00

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TOWN OF ECKVILLE Request to Council for Decision

Meeting:	Town Council
Meeting Date:	April 22, 2024
Originated By:	Jack Ramsden, CAO/Darcy Webb, Deputy CAO
Title:	Award of 2024 Eckville Municipal Cemetery Maintenance Contract

BACKGROUND: We handed out four contact packages and received three back prior to the 3 p.m. deadline on April 17th.

DISCUSSION/ALTERNATIVES: The tenders are as follows:

- Eagle Light Transport (Eckville) - \$ 700.00 per cut.
- Outback Lawn Maintenance (Lacombe County) - \$ 575.00 per cut.
- Scott Raymond - \$ 550.00 per cut.
- Darryl Casey Did Not Submit a Bid.

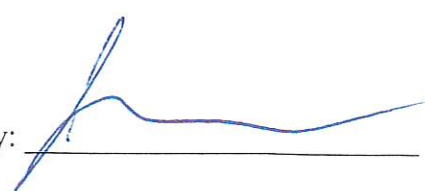
Scott Raymond is an Eckville resident who has approximately 3 years of direct lawn / landscape maintenance experience and works part time with Everest Monuments.

IMPACT ON BUDGET: Should meet our budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the following motion be presented for consideration:

“That the 2024 Eckville Municipal Cemetery Maintenance Contract be awarded to Scott Raymond of Eckville as per the tender rate of \$550.00 per cut, at intervals, during the 2024 summer months.”

Prepared By: _____ Approved By: _____



MEMO

TO: Eckville Town Council

From: Jack Ramsden, CAO

Date: April 18, 2024

Re: Available Options for Changing the Makeup of Eckville Council

The Municipal Government Act (MGA) provides Municipality with options in which the Municipality can choose to personalize or change their municipal government.

As the Town of Eckville's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) I believe that it is my responsibility to bring these options to your attention, to be sure that you are aware of these options, well in advance of the next General Election. For any of these options to be put into action, an appropriate bylaw must be passed at least 180 days before the next general election. Time must be provided for advertising the bylaw(s) and providing for a plebiscite if a valid petition opposing the proposed bylaw is received.

The First Option is that a council can change the number of councillors on it's council.

- Section 143 (2) states that "The council of a town consists of 7 councillors unless the council passes a bylaw specifying a higher or lower odd number."
- And Section 144 (1) states "A bylaw passed under section 143 must be passed at least 180 days before the next general election at which it is to take effect."

It is interesting that the requirement for a municipality to have 7 councillors is the same whether the town has a population of 500 or 12,000. Note that our current council is made up of a mayor and 6 councillors. In a town of 500 people, each councillor member would represent approximately 71 people and in a town of 12,000 each councillor would represent approximately 2,285 people.

Some central Alberta examples are:

- Town of Three Hills – 3,223 population with a council of 5 members representing 645 people each.
- Town of Trochu – 997 population with a council of 7 members representing 142 people each.
- Town of Rimbey – 2,625 population with a council of 5 members representing 525 people each.
- Town of Bentley – 1,037 population with a council of 5 members representing 207 people each.
- Town of Stettler – 5,752 population with a council of 7 members representing 821 people each; and finally
- Town of Eckville – 1058 population with a council of 7 members representing 165 people each.

Reducing your council to 5 members would of course reduce your population representation to 231 people each. Of course, this decision would be up you, as Council, and could be challenged by petition.

The Second Option is to divide the Town into wards.

- **Section 148 (2)** states that "A council may by bylaw (a) divide the municipality into ward and establish their boundaries
- **Section 149 (1)** states that "a bylaw under section 148 must be passed at least 180 days before the general election at which it is to take effect."

I am not aware of any towns which have taken this option as it would tend to make very small wards in most towns. Interestingly, many cities, such as Red Deer have also stayed away for the ward system.

Interestingly, all rural municipalities are broken down into wards or divisions.

The Third Option is to appoint the Mayor from the elected Councillors.

Section 150 (1) states that "The chief elected official of a city or town is to be elected by a vote of the electors of the municipality the council passes a bylaw.

- (a) Requiring council to appoint the chief elected official from among the councillors,
- (b) Specifying when the appointment is to start, and
- (c) Specifying the term of the appointment.

Section 151 (1) states that "a bylaw under section 150 must be passed at least 180 days before the general election at which it is to take effect">

The Town of Trochu is one of the few examples that I am aware of where a town appoints their mayor from the elected councillors. The mayor is appointed by motion of the elected Council at their first organizational meeting after the general election. This appointment is for a four-year term.

Red Deer County elects their mayor form at large, as do most towns and cities. They also reduced the number of divisions from 7 to 6 which means that each elector votes for their own county councillor and the mayor.

One reason often cited for moving towards appointing the mayor from those elected councillors is that you don't loose an experienced councillor if two or more people choose to run for mayor. The flip side is that the general public do not have a say in who is going to be their mayor.

Comment: I would be pleased to discuss the options that are noted in the memorandum with you at the April 22nd meeting, if time permits, or at another meeting in May. Let me know if there is any other information that you would like me to research in this area.

Respectfully submitted.

Jack Ramsden, CAO

Jack Ramsden

From: Seniors Information <Seniorsinformation@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 2:20 PM
To: Seniors Information
Subject: Recognizing Seniors' Week 2024 - Community Declaration
Attachments: Seniors' Week 2024 Community Declaration.pdf

For 38 years, the Government of Alberta has dedicated the first week of June to honour and recognize seniors for their invaluable contributions to our province. This year, Seniors' Week is from June 3 to 9, and will be kicked off with a provincial launch event on June 3 in the Town of Banff.

All municipalities, First Nations communities, and Metis Settlements are encouraged to officially declare Seniors' Week to demonstrate your community's support and to generate greater awareness of the importance of seniors in Alberta.

To officially declare Seniors' Week in Alberta, the declaration must be made by a senior official (i.e., Mayor/Reeve, Chief) of an Alberta community. This is done at the community level, such as at a town council meeting. If your community does not have a declaration template, attached is a Community Declaration. Once your community has made the declaration, kindly notify us at seniorinformation@gov.ab.ca by May 31, 2024, so that we can recognize your community on [our website](#).

The Government of Alberta encourages communities, organizations and all Albertans to take the opportunity to recognize and celebrate seniors throughout Seniors' Week. To learn more, please visit www.alberta.ca/seniors-week.aspx or email us at seniorsinformation@gov.ab.ca if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Ministry of Seniors, Community and Social Services
Government of Alberta



DECLARATION

In honour of the past, present and future contributions of the seniors of this community and throughout Alberta, I hereby declare June 3 – 9, 2024 to be Seniors' Week in

Community

Official Title

Official Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Nixon', written over a horizontal line.

The Honourable Jason Nixon; Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services

TOWN OF ECKVILLE

BYLAW No. 794-24

MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN BYLAW AMENDMENT

A Bylaw of the Town of Eckville in the Province of Alberta to amend Bylaw No. 650/03 of the Town of Eckville known as Town of Eckville Municipal Development Plan Bylaw.

WHEREAS it is deemed necessary and expedient to amend the present Land Use Bylaw No. 729-15 and,

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000, and amendments thereto,

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Eckville duly assembled enacts and approves as follows amendments to the Municipal Development Plan Bylaw as follows:

THAT LOT 13A – BLOCK 19 – PLAN 4122TR be redesignated from Industrial Development to Commercial Development and attached hereto as **SCHEDULE "A"**.

AND THAT Remainder of Area D – Plan 9523117 be rezoned from Commercial Development to Park/Open Space Development and attached hereto as **SCHEDULE "A"**.

AND THAT The Easterly Portion of LOT 20 – BLOCK 19 – PLAN 8920768 be redesignated from Residential Development to Industrial Development and attached hereto as **SCHEDULE "A"**.

THAT this Bylaw shall take effect upon final passing thereof.

READ A FIRST TIME this ____ day of _____, 2024

Mayor

CAO

READ A SECOND TIME this ____ day of _____, 2022

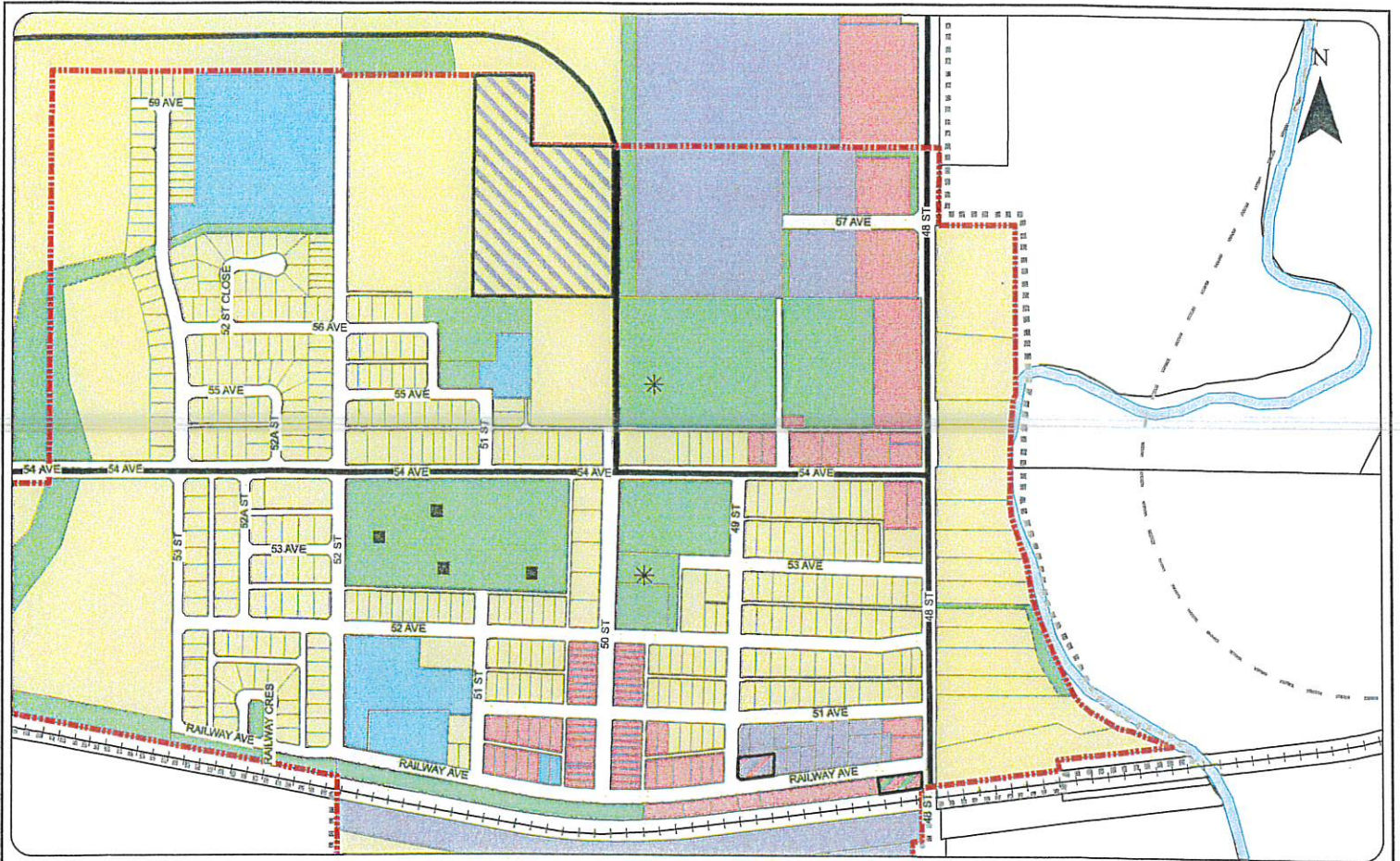
READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME this ____ day of _____, 2024

Mayor

CAO

MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN BYLAW AMENDMENT

(Schedule 'A')



Town of Eckville

Bylaw No. 794-24 Schedule "A" Map

Municipal Development Plan Bylaw No. 650/03 Amendment

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Legend

Date: April 2024

TOWN OF ECKVILLE

BYLAW No. 795-24

LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT

A Bylaw of the Town of Eckville in the Province of Alberta to amend Bylaw No. 729-15 of the Town of Eckville known as Town of Eckville Land Use Bylaw.

WHEREAS it is deemed necessary and expedient to amend the present Land Use Bylaw No. 729-15 and,

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, being Chapter M-26 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000, and amendments thereto,

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Eckville duly assembled enacts and approves as follows amendments to the Land Use Bylaw as follows:

THAT The Easterly Portion of LOT 20 – BLOCK 19 – PLAN 8920768 be rezoned from Manufactured Home Park (R4) District to Light Industrial (I1) District and Heavy Industrial (I2) District and as shown on the attached hereto as **SCHEDULE "A"**.

THAT this Bylaw shall take effect upon final passing thereof.

READ A FIRST TIME this __ day of _____, 2024

Mayor

CAO

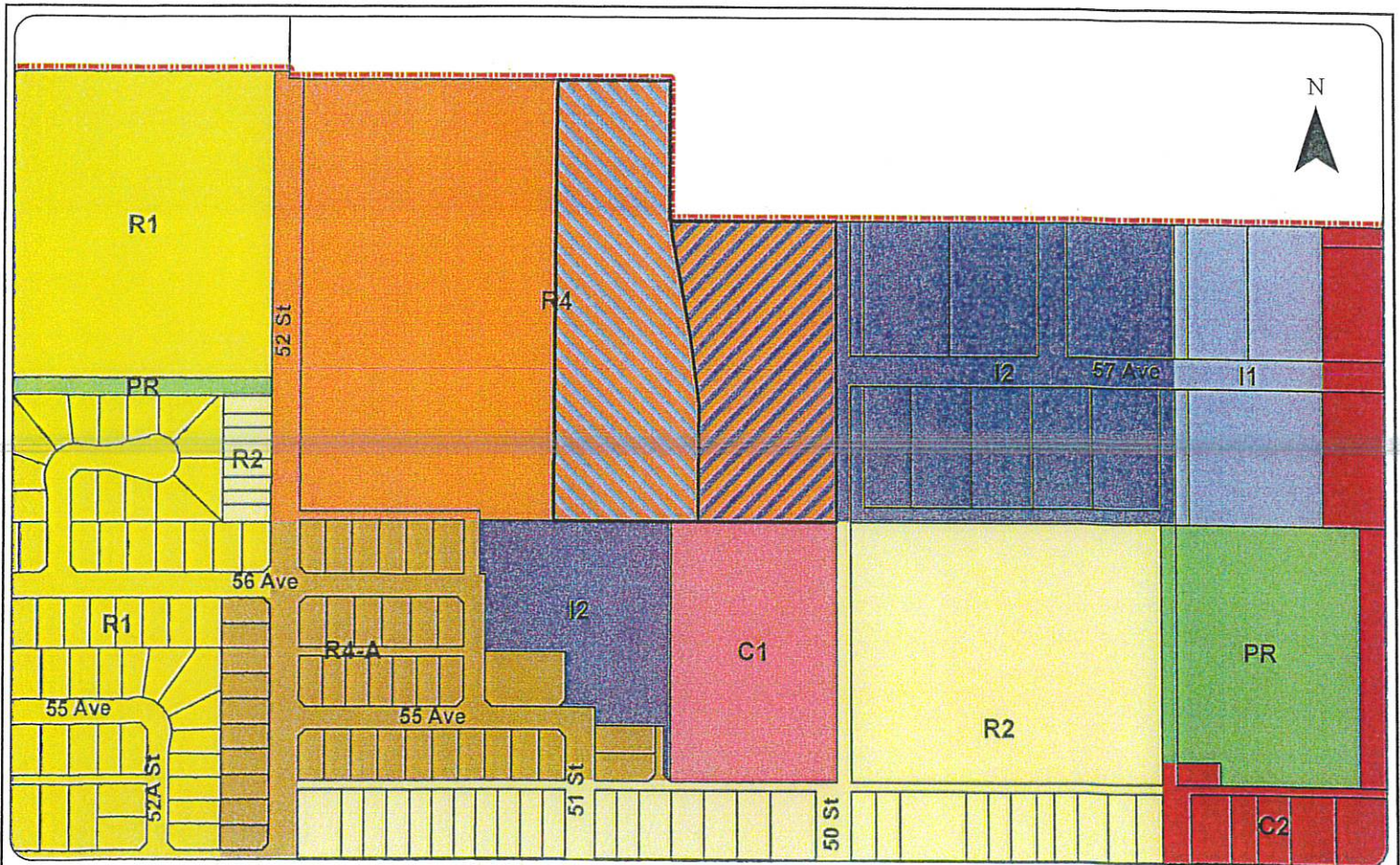
READ A SECOND TIME this _____ day of _____, 2024

READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME this _____ day of _____, 2024

Mayor

CAO

(Schedule 'A')



Town of Eckville

Bylaw No. 795-24 Schedule "A" Map
 Land Use Bylaw No. 729-15 Amendment

Date: April 2024 1:3,500



Legend

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Proposed Heavy Industrial (I2) | Highway Commercial (C2) | Public Recreation (PR) | Manufactured Home Park (R4) |
| Proposed Light Industrial (I1) | Light Industrial (I1) | Residential One - Low Density (R1) | Manufactured Home Subdivision District (R4-A) |
| Central Commercial (C1) | Heavy Industrial (I2) | Mixed Residential (R2) | Town Boundary |

**MANAGEMENT REPORT
TO ECKVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**

April 22, 2024

Mtg. Date April 22/24

Agenda Item 7.1

Current Activities:

- **Meeting With the Sylvan Lake Regional Water/Wastewater Commission:**
Still nothing to report. We will follow up with them at the end of the month.

- **Arena Operating Society:** Nothing new to report.

- **Eckville Minor Ball Association:** We have not been in contact with the Eckville Minor Ball Association since they attended the April 8th council meeting. We will be contacting the pest control company that we used last year to have them continue the gofer control project.

- **Public Works Highlights:**
 - **Lagoon Outfall Meter:** Nothing new to report.

 - **Lagoon Storage Pond Release:** We are hoping for an earlier release this year since our new aeration system worked continuously all winter. We are confident that we will achieve a successful "trout test" earlier the year with our improved aeration.
However, we may be able to avoid a full release this year. We were contacted late last week by a representative from a local Oil Company who may be interested in purchasing some or all of our effluent. We may be a bit premature, in reporting this, but we are very hopeful that we can reach some sort of arrangement!! We will keep you informed.

 - **East Sewer Lift Station:** The station is operating normally!

 - **West Sewer Lift Station:** We are still having issues at this lift station. One pump has failed completely and has been removed. As soon as the new replacement parts arrive the pump will be overhauled. We are still waiting for our proposal from Tagish Engineering on how we should proceed with the maintenance of both of our wastewater lift stations in the future.

 - **Water Pump Station:** Nothing new to report.

 - **Water Quality Samples:** WSP Engineering completed their water sampling, and we received a report on April 18th. It appears that we will still need to continue to use our green sand water filters in the future. We are planning to have a brief virtual meeting with the people at WSP Engineering to discuss options for a future upgrade to the filters or perhaps some other method of treatment.


 - **The Street Sweeper:** Our public works staff picked up the Street Sweeper from Industrial Machines in Acheson on April 2nd. They had it out a few times and we experienced difficulties in dumping the hopper. A technician from Industrial Machines came out and figured out the problem. Hopefully we are good to go.

Management Report – April 22, 2024

Future / Planned Activities:

- **CASA DE VIDA DEVELOPMENTS INC.** Purchase of Lot 31, Block 2, Plan 0720639. Still no communication.
- **Highway 11 Twinning Project:** Nothing new to report at this time.
- **New Website and Municipal APP:** Nothing new to report. Still waiting on the APP.
- **Year End Audit:** Our Auditors will be presenting the 2023 Financial Statements to Council at the April 22nd council meeting.
- **Budget:** Work continues on the budget and we will be meeting with Council in the next couple of weeks.
- **Town Sign:** In keeping with budget discussions, we should consider what we would like done with the Town sign. Do we want to replace it? Should it be in the same location or would we put a single sided sign somewhere else? What do we want to do along the highway? These are just a few points to consider.
- **Town Shredding Event:** Just a reminder that this year's shredding event is set for Saturday, May 25, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Loader Problems:** Strongco has removed the transmission from our Model L60F Volvo Loader and will put everything back together as soon as the transmission arrives at their shop.

Jack Ramsden, CAO



Darcy Webb, Deputy CAO

Town of Eckville – CPO Services Community Update

*To build a safe and vibrant
community through leadership,
innovation, and healthy
relationships.*



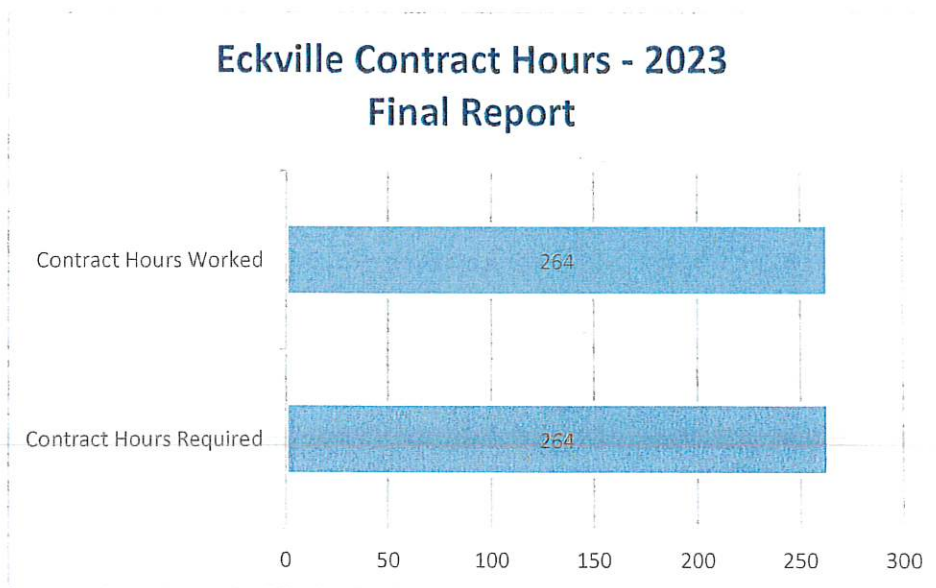
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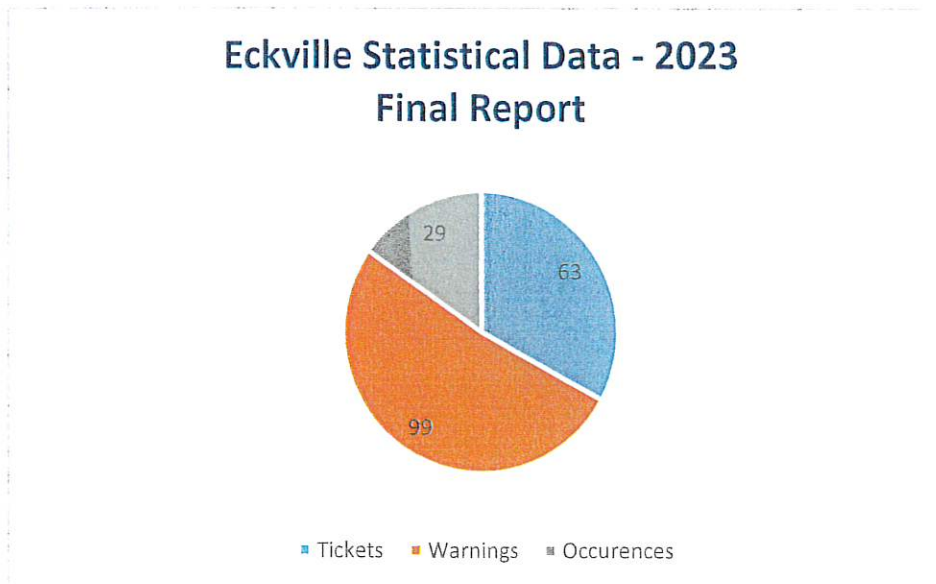
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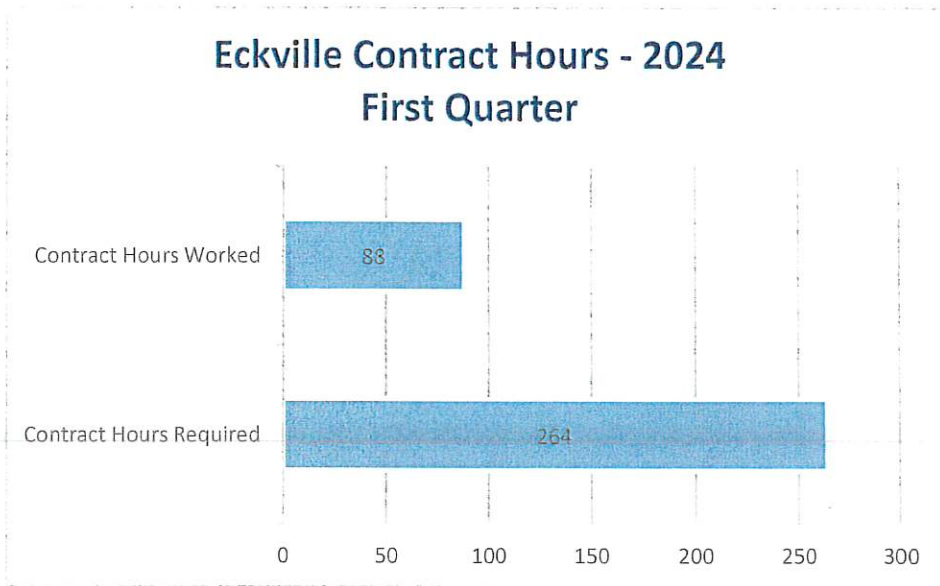
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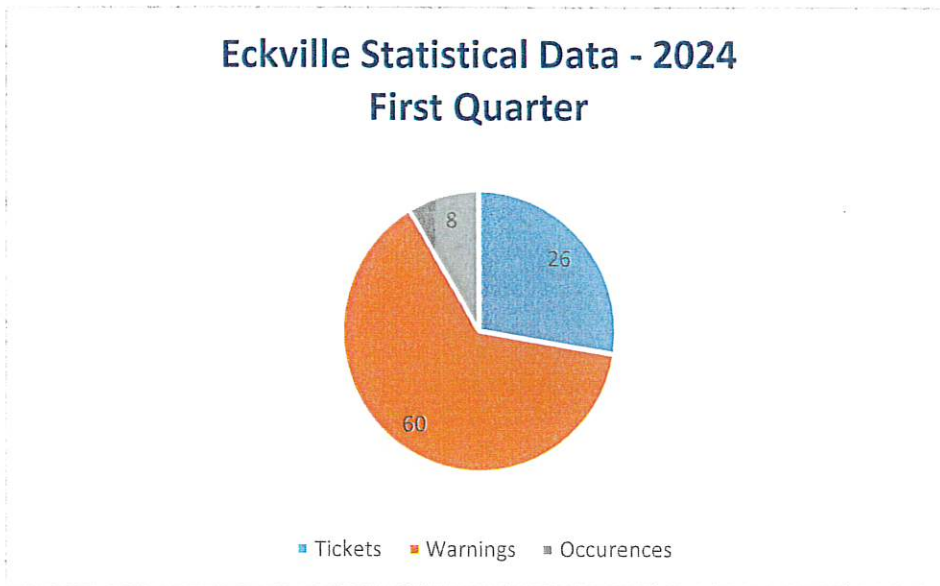


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STATISTICAL OVERVIEW



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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April 17, 2024

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Mayor Colleen Ebden
Town of Eckville

Re: Blackfalds Days 2024 Pancake Breakfast and Parade Invitation

**Mayor
Jamie Hoover**
p. 403.872.2555
jhoover@blackfalds.ca

We would like to invite you to our 2024 Blackfalds Days Councillor's Pancake Breakfast and Parade, which will be held on **Saturday, June 15, 2024**. This is a great opportunity to showcase your community spirit and participate in the parade celebration.

**Deputy Mayor
Jim Sands**
p. 403.396.6535
jsands@blackfalds.ca

The Councillor's Pancake Breakfast will commence at **7:00 a.m.** at the Blackfalds Community Centre before the Parade marshalling starts at 10:00 a.m. The Blackfalds Days Parade will commence at **11:00 a.m.**

**Councillor
Edna Coulter**
p.403.350.0511
ecoulter@blackfalds.ca

To have your float or exhibit entered for the judging process, please arrive at the marshalling area at 9:00 a.m. **Judging will commence at 9:30 a.m.** If you do not wish to be judged, please arrive at the marshalling area by 10:00 a.m.

**Councillor
Marina Appel**
p. 587.377.0307
mappel@blackfalds.ca

Important: Due to the size of our Parade and to help alleviate the congestion at the site on parade day, all individuals or groups who wish to participate in our Blackfalds Days Parade will be required to **pre-register; you do not need to pre-register for the Councillor's Pancake Breakfast.**

**Councillor
Laura Svab**
p. 403.391.9485
lsvab@blackfalds.ca

To pre-register for the Parade, please click this link: [Blackfalds Days Parade 2024!](#)

**Councillor
Brenda Dennis**
p. 403.340.9189
bdennis@blackfalds.ca

We thank you in advance, and we look forward to your participation in our 2024 Blackfalds Days!

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at 403.885.4677 or at jhoover@blackfalds.ca.

Sincerely,

Jamie Hoover
Mayor, Town of Blackfalds



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April 17, 2024

Mayor Colleen Ebdon
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Salutation,

The Town of Sylvan Lake cordially invites you to participate in its "1913 Days Celebration". This year's theme is "Historic Sylvan Lake", and all events will be tailored around this theme.

This fun-filled event kicks off Friday, June 14th with yard games and an outdoor movie in Lakefront Park at 9:30 PM. On Saturday, June 15th there will be a pancake breakfast at the Sylvan Lake Firehall at 7:00 AM followed by the parade at 1:00 PM. Other activities on Saturday include a penny carnival, a classic car show, a kids inflata-fun zone and a soapbox derby. On Sunday, June 11th the celebration continues with horse-drawn carriage rides at Lakefront Park.

If you are interested in participating in the parade, please fill out the form located at <https://visitsylvanlake.ca/paraderegistration/> before Wednesday, June 12th, 2024. We do ask that you arrive to line up by no later than 12:00 PM as the parade begins promptly at 1:00 PM.

Best wishes,

Channelle Brooker

Channelle Brooker
Culture and Tourism Supervisor
Town of Sylvan Lake

