

TOWN OF ECKVILLE – COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, August 12, 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 Engen
Councillor Meyers
Councillor Pacholek
Councillor Palm-Fraser
Councillor See (joined by electronic means)
- Absent: Councillor Thoreson, Darcy Webb, Deputy CAO
- Staff: CAO, Jack Ramsden
- Press: None Present
- Gallery: None
- 2. Delegations/Public Hearings**
- 2.1 None.
- 3. Agenda**
- 3.1 Additional Agenda Items – none
- 3.2 Adoption of Agenda
- Res. 199.2024** Moved by Councillor See that the agenda be adopted as presented. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 4. Minutes**
- 4.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2024
- Res. 200.2024** Moved by Councillor Pacholek that the minutes of the June 24, 2024, Council Meeting be approved as amended. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 5. Action Items**
- 5.1 RFD- Reaffirmation of Membership in Alberta Mid-Size Towns Mayor Caucus.
- Res. 201.2024** Moved by Councillor Pacholek to approve the Alberta Mid-Size Towns Mayors Caucus Terms of Reference as amended and attached. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 5.2 Eckville FCSS 2023 Financial Statements for Acceptance
- Res. 202.2024** Moved by Councillor Engen that the Eckville FCSS Financial Statements be accepted as information. **Carried Unanimously.**

- 5.3 RFD- Letter of Support for Medicine Lodge Ski Club.
- Res. 203.2024** Moved by Councillor See that the Town of Eckville provide a letter of support for the Medicine Lodge Ski Club for their grant application for funds under the Active Communities Grant Program to provide funds to assist in the upgrade of their T Bar Ski Lift. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 5.4 RFD- ATCO Franchise Agreement.
- Res. 204.2024** Moved by Councillor Meyers that Administration be instructed to contact ATCO Energy to request their assistance in preparing the appropriate advertisement of our current ATCO Franchise agreement with the goal of submitting the required information to the Alberta Utilities Commission for review to ensure that our Franchise Agreement meets the requirements of the Alberta’s Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 5.5 RFD- Town Agreement with BTG Energy.
- Res. 205.2024** Moved by Councillor Pacholek that the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign an “Acknowledgement and Release Form” with BTG Energy to allow them to drill bore holes and collect soil samples to confirm that the soil on Lot 31, Block 2, Plan 072069 meets the Alberta Tier 1 Guidelines for Clean or Contaminated soil. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 6. Bylaws, Policies** 6.1 None.
- 7. Reports** 7.1 Management Report for August 12, 2024
- Res. 206.2024** Moved by Councillor See that the Management Report for August 12, 2024, be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 7.2 Financial Report – AP June 24 and June 27, 2024
- Res. 207. 2024** Moved by Councillor Engen that the Financial Report for June 24 and June 27,2024 be accepted for information. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 7.3 Animal Control Services June & July 2024.
- Res. 208.2024** Moved by Councillor Meyers that the Animal Control Services Reports for June and July 2024 be accepted as information. **Carried Unanimously.**
- 8. Committee & Board Reports** 8.1 Councillor Engen noted that recent improvements to the roadway, and public entrance area at Wood Lake which is northeast of Eckville. It was not known if the improvements were made by the Province or Lacombe County. Apparently, people are catching fish there again.
- Councillor Pacholek attended two Municipal Planning Commission (MPC) meetings since the July council meeting and further noted that the MPC had

approved three development permits for the installation of roof top solar panels.

Mayor Ebden noted that she had also attended the Municipal Planning Meetings. Mayor Ebden also attended a 100th Birthday Party at the Eckville Manor House and she and the CAO also attended a lunch reception and parade at the Town of Eckville on August 8th.

Res. 209.2024 Moved by Councillor See that the Committee and Board Reports be accepted. **Carried Unanimously.**

9. Correspondence, Information Items

- 9.1 Consent Agenda:
- A. Lacombe County Highlights of Reg Council Meeting July 11, 2024
 - B. Alberta Municipal Affairs letter
 - C. Town of Penhold Fall Festival

Res. 210.2024 Moved by Councillor See that the Correspondence and Information items be accepted as information. **Carried Unanimously.**

10. Seminars, Meetings, Special Events 10.1 None.

11. Closed Session 12.1

Res. 211.2024 Moved by Councillor Engen that the meeting move into closed session, excluding all persons except Council Members and CAO in order discuss an item with Section 24 of the FOIPP Act: Advice from Officials. Time 7:01 p.m. **Carried Unanimously**

Res. 212.024 Moved by Councillor Meyers that the meeting revert back to open session. Time 7:12 p.m. **Carried Unanimously.**

12. Committee of the Whole 13.1 None

13. Adjournment

Res. 213.2024 13.1 Mayor Ebden adjourned the meeting. Time 7:14 p.m. **Carried Unanimously.**

Mayor

CAO

