

**TOWN OF EATONIA  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Eatonia held the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023 in the Town Council Chambers at 202 Main Street, Eatonia, Saskatchewan.

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Darcy Scott, Deputy Mayor Dean Aldridge, Councillors Codie Cumiskey, Matthew McKinnon, Brennan Somerville, Justin McKinnon (attended via cell phone) and Administrator Cheryl Bailey.

**ABSENT:**

Councillor Kevin Stevens

**CALL TO ORDER:**

A quorum being present, Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. after the public hearing was closed to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2017* to amend Bylaw No. 5/16 known as the Zoning Bylaw.

**AGENDA:**

That the agenda for tonight's meeting has been reviewed by the Council and will be used as a guideline for this meeting.

**MINUTES:**

**March 14, 2023 Regular Meeting:**

1/4/23	<b>Aldridge/Cumiskey</b>	That the minutes of the regular meeting held March 14, 2023 be approved as presented. Carried.
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**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Councillor Matthew McKinnon declared a conflict of interest in the next item of business as he had submitted an offer to purchase municipal land. He abstained from the discussion and voting and temporarily left the council meeting at 7:10 p.m.

**Offer to Purchase Municipal Land:**

2/4/23	<b>Cumiskey/Somerville</b>	That an extension be granted until July 1, 2023 to Matthew McKinnon to counter offer or accept the purchase of Block 9, Plan BU4993, Ext 1, Parcel Number 203355446 along with 35 ft. on the east side of Block 8, Plan BU4993, Ext 0, Parcel Number 104492897 for \$30,000. Carried.
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Councillor Matthew McKinnon returned to the council meeting at 7:14 p.m. after the discussion and voting had concluded.

**Custom Street Sweeping Estimate:**

3/4/23	<b>Somerville/Aldridge</b>	That the quote from Virtue Construction Ltd. of \$5908.50 (includes taxes) to street sweep the entire town with two commercial grade sweepers be accepted as presented and a date be booked to do it this spring. Carried.
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**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

4/4/23     **M McKinnon/Somerville**     That the statement of financial activities and bank reconciliation for the month of March 2023 be accepted as presented and form a part of these minutes.

Carried.

**ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL AND PAYMENT:**

5/4/23     **J McKinnon/Aldridge**     That the accounts for approval and payment covered by cheque # 11811 to 11835 inclusive along with internet payments totaling \$60,106.46 for both and direct deposit payroll # 315231 to 331238 inclusive totalling \$12,596.84 and Rec Board payments covered by cheque # 2786 to 2803 inclusive along with internet payments totalling \$12,574.46 for both and direct deposit payroll # 31520231 to 33120231 inclusive totaling \$1,170.51 as listed and forming a part of these minutes be approved for payment.

Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

6/4/23     **Cumiskey/M McKinnon**     That the following correspondence, having been read, be filed:

- **Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency** – 2023 Primary Audit Report
- **Sask Tel** – Announcement of infiNET Service Coming to Eatonia
- **Eatonia Community Service Cooperative** – Letter to Acknowledge Financial Support of Pool Liner Replacement
- **Eatonia Library Board** – January 16, 2023 Regular and Annual Meeting Minutes
- **Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers** – Volunteer Levy 2023
- **Kindersley RCMP** – Follow up to the Town Hall Meeting on March 22, 2023 and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Policing Report
- **Ministry of Government Relations** – 2023-24 Municipal Revenue Sharing Estimates, 2022-23 Supplemental Canada Community-Building Fund Payment and 2023 Education Property Tax Mill Rates

Carried.


**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Foreman Rob Assmus:**

**Water Treatment Plant Test Results:**

7/4/23     **M McKinnon/Aldridge**     That the water treatment plant test results recorded for the period of March 2023 be accepted as presented and filed for future reference.

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**Written Report:**

No written report prepared for this meeting.

**Bylaw Enforcement Officer Phillip Brown:**

8/4/23     **M McKinnon/Somerville**     That the Bylaw Enforcement Officer Phillip Brown's report for March 2023 be received as information and filed for future reference.  
Carried.

**Waste Disposal Grounds Operator Rob May:**

9/4/23     **Aldridge/Cumiskey**     That Waste Disposal Grounds Operator Rob May's report for March 2023 be received as information and filed for future reference.  
Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Campground Attendant Position:**

10/4/23     **J McKinnon/M McKinnon**     That the hourly wage for Dee Cogger to clean the campground washrooms and camp kitchen be increased from \$14.00 per hour to \$15.00 per hour to start approximately May 2023 long weekend and end around October 2023 Thanksgiving weekend.  
Carried.

**Pool Liner Replacement Deposit:**

11/4/23     **Aldridge/M McKinnon**     That the funds in the Rec Facilities Fast Track be used as a partial payment towards the deposit for the replacement of the pool liner at the Eatonia pool.  
Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2022 Audited Financial Statement:**

12/4/23     **Aldridge/M McKinnon**     That the 2022 audited financial statement prepared by Close Hauta Bertoia Blanchette be accepted as presented and filed for future reference.  
Carried.

**Saskatchewan Water and Wastewater Conference:**

13/4/23     **M McKinnon/Somerville**     That Foreman Rob Assmus be authorized to attend the 2023 SSWA Conference to be held on November 1 – 4, 2023 in Saskatoon and that he be reimbursed for meals, mileage and accommodations according to the town's policy on travel expense reimbursement.  
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**Waste Disposal Grounds Annual Report:**

14/4/23     **Somerville/Cumiskey**

That the 2022 Annual Report for the Waste Disposal Grounds as required to be submitted to the Ministry of Environment by April 1 be accepted as presented and filed for future reference.

Carried.

**Retroactive RCMP Costs:**

15/4/23     **M McKinnon/Aldridge**

**WHEREAS**, the Government of Canada has made the decision in Budget 2023 to make municipalities responsible for all retroactive costs stemming from the latest RCMP collective bargaining agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, these extraordinary one-time costs, which in some jurisdictions amount to millions of dollars, will cause significant hardship for communities and residents across the country, and were negotiated without meaningful consultation or a seat at the table for the municipalities responsible for paying the bill; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal governments are already paying a growing share of policing costs, but unlike other orders of government, cannot run deficits to spread out the impact of these extraordinary one-time sums, and have limited revenue tools; and


**WHEREAS**, local governments will now be forced to make difficult decisions that will impact residents, such as cutting essential services, reducing policing levels, raising property taxes significantly, and/or cancelling work on local infrastructure, at a time when Canadians' concerns about community safety and the cost of living are already rising; and

**WHEREAS**, going forward, it is critical that municipalities be proactively engaged in any forthcoming processes related to contract policing to prevent this occurring again; therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Town of Eatonia joins the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in calling on the federal government to commit to ensuring that local governments are meaningfully consulted, fully informed, and at the table on issues related to policing costs given the municipal role in keeping our communities safe; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town of Eatonia conveys this support in writing to local Members of Parliament.

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**Targeted Sector Support Initiative Program:**

16/4/23     **Aldridge/Cumiskey**     That the Town of Eatonia supports the application by the Rural Municipality of Antelope Park No. 322 to the Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Initiative to create a customized emergency response plan for the Prairie Winds Emergency Planning District comprised of the following municipalities:

- RM of Antelope Park No. 322
- RM of Milton No. 292
- Village of Marengo
- Town of Eatonia
- RM of Chesterfield No. 261
- RM of Newcombe No. 260

Carried.

**Development Permit Application:**

17/4/23     **Cumiskey/J McKinnon**     ~~That the request from Eaton School to place a 12x12 ft. canvas Cree tipi on the Eatonia Heritage Park grounds located at Block F, Plan 101093576 from May to September, 2023 be approved subject to the Eatonia Heritage Board approval.~~     *Rescinded May 9, 2023 Council Meeting Resolution # 4/5/23 C. Bailey*

Carried.

**2023 Budget:**

18/4/23     **M McKinnon/Cumiskey**     That the 2023 annual operating and capital budget as listed and forming a part of these minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried.

**2023 Tax Abatements:**

19/4/23     **M McKinnon/Aldridge**     That the municipal taxes be abated for 2023 for the following property:


ROLL NUMBER	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT ABATED	REASON
358	Lot 3, Block 8, Plan 94MJ01045	\$7,262.28	Economic Development

Carried.

**2023 Mill Rate:**

20/4/23     **Aldridge/Somerville**     That the municipal mill rate remain the same as the previous year at 10.6 mills for the 2023 tax year.

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**Committee and Board Budgets:**

21/4/23    **Somerville/Cumiskey**

That the 2023 budgets for the following committees and boards be approved as presented and filed for future reference and the annual municipal requisitions be paid:

- Recreation Board – annual municipal requisition of \$40,708.00 be paid in quarterly installments
- Heritage Board – annual municipal requisition of \$2,000.00
- Community Hall Board – annual municipal requisition of \$1,000.00
- C.E.N. Fire Protection Association – annual municipal requisition of \$3,633.00 for operating expenses and \$6,800.00 for capital purchases
- Library – annual municipal requisition of \$5,725.00
- Campground Committee including Chase the Ace
- Park Committee
- Volleyball
- Centennial Committee

Carried.

**Fire Hall Door:**

22/4/23    **Somerville/Aldridge**

That funds from the Future Capital Savings Fast Track with C.E.N. Fire Protection Association be used to add a 3<sup>rd</sup> door to the new fire hall for an approximate cost of \$17,000 plus taxes installed subject to the R.M. of Chesterfield No. 261 and R.M. of Newcombe No. 260 approval.

Carried.

**Infrastructure Fee:**

23/4/23    **M McKinnon/Somerville**

That Administrator Cheryl Bailey be authorized to draft a bylaw to add an infrastructure fee of \$20 per month starting July 1 to the utility bills for all water and sewer users that are currently using the water and sewer and for vacant lots and houses that could be hooked up to the utility system.

Carried.

**Credit Utility Notices:**

24/4/23    **Cumiskey/Somerville**

That a \$10.00 credit be given to anyone who has a water overage on the next billing for March – April, 2023 for running their water during the Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory to try to use up the water in the distribution system.

Carried.

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### Work with R.M. of Chesterfield:

25/4/23 Aldridge/M McKinnon

That the Council of the Town of Eatonia accepts and appreciates the help offered by the Council of the R.M. of Chesterfield No. 261 in the Public Works Department when the town is short staffed or needs the extra help with an agreement to be drafted between both parties for the Town of Eatonia to cover the costs incurred by the R.M. of Chesterfield in providing this assistance.

Carried.

## BYLAWS:

**Bylaw No. 1/23 – Amend Zoning Bylaw:**

26/4/23 Aldridge/Cumiskey

That bylaw No. 1/23 be read a second time.

Carried.

27/4/23 **Somerville/M McKinnon**

That bylaw No. 1/23 being a bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw No. 5/16 be read a third time and adopted.

Carried.

Councillor Justin McKinnon arrived at the meeting in person at 8:54 p.m.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### Eatonia Oasis Living:

Dean Aldridge reported that they currently have 14 residents with 1 resident in respite. Two new residents will be moving in shortly.

**Chamber of Commerce:**

Justin McKinnon reported that they are working on garage sales. They are having a meeting next week.

## Library:

Codie Cumiskey reported that the board is working on a murder mystery fundraiser to be held in October.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular meeting of council will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

28/4/23 M McKinnon/Cumiskey

That this meeting adjourns. (9:01 p.m.)

Carried.

  
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Mayor

Cheryl Bailey  
Administrator


  
 Mayor Administrator