

**TOWN OF EATONIA  
JOINT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019**

Minutes of the meeting with the councils of the Town of Eatonia and the R.M. of Chesterfield No. 261 held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019 in the meeting room of the Eatonia Community Hall at 205 Main Street, Eatonia, Saskatchewan.

**PRESENT:**

**Town of Eatonia** - Mayor Troy Becker, Deputy Mayor Darren Donald, Councillors Annette Palmer, Robert (Sam) Somerville, Darcy Scott, Matthew McKinnon and Administrator Cheryl Bailey

**R.M. of Chesterfield No. 261** - Reeve Karrie Derouin, Councillors Duane Cridland, Brent Watts, Alan Busby, Clint Hoffman and Administrator Tosha McCubbing

**ABSENT:**

**Town of Eatonia** - Councillor Fritz Eckstein

**R.M. of Chesterfield No. 261** - Deputy Reeve Leah Cooper and Councillors Bill Thompson and Dave Booker.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Since the town chaired the last joint meeting in November, 2018, the R.M. chaired the meeting this year.

Reeve Karrie Derouin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**OVERVIEW OF THE MEETING:**

The councils met to discuss the municipal services that the two municipalities share and any issues that might be a concern in both municipalities.

**Nuisance Grounds:**

Nuisance grounds custodian's, Rob May, wage was discussed. Currently he is at \$24.00 per hour. His wage was raised from \$23.00 to \$24.00 per hour effective January 1, 2019. Both the town and the R.M. paid his workers' compensation premium for 2018. The amount paid by the town was \$128.53. Paying Rob as a contractor, he was to be responsible for his own workers' compensation coverage. He has requested that both municipalities continue to pay this premium for him each year as it is cheaper for the municipality to pay then himself.

Using the 2018 premium works out to \$0.21 per hour. For 2018 and 2019 it would be approximately \$0.42 per hour. Both councils suggested offering to him that the municipalities would pay the workers' compensation premium as his wage increase for 2020. This works out to a 1.75% increase.

The permit to operate the nuisance grounds was discussed with the conditions required with time sensitive deadlines.

Tipping fees were not discussed at this meeting.

**Recycling:**

The R.M. has 1 recycle bin that Triways still has to move out to the nuisance grounds. They put it with the rest of the bins at 102 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East. Triways picks up the bins every 2 weeks. The bins seem to be getting used as they look like they are full. It really does save at the nuisance grounds as it is not being taken there. Triways is happy with the recycling done in town.

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**Cemetery:**

There was no concerns with the cemetery. Both councils felt that the committee is doing a wonderful job.

The committee has decided not to do any runners for 2020. They are going to have a fence and gate installed and plant trees on the south side. They want it looking good for Centennial. The water line that was installed by the town to the cemetery is a huge plus.

**Recreation:**

Both councils did not have any concerns with recreation.

**Library:**

There are no concerns with the library. Everything is going good. They are currently working on a fundraiser. Patronage is continuing to go up.

**EMO:**

Administrator Cheryl Bailey, Town of Eatonia; Administrator Tosha McCubbing, R.M. of Chesterfield; Administrator Monica Buddecke, R.M. of Newcombe; and Administrator Robin Busby, R.M. of Milton, R.M. of Antelope Park and Village of Marengo are working on the Emergency Response Plan. As part of the bylaw to form the committee, it is recommended that all council members and employers of member municipalities who may respond to an incident have ICS 100 training at a minimum. This can be taken online and only takes a couple of hours. It is also a recommended that any council member(s) that may be an Incident Commander have ICS 200 training at a minimum. Working on getting ICS 200 training here in town early next year.

**C.E.N. Fire Protection Association:**

The municipal representatives of the committee and Administrators Cheryl Bailey, Tosha McCubbing and Monica Buddecke met to update the agreement. Changes to the agreement include establishing the committee and changing the percentage for each municipality to contribute to operating and capital costs. The R.M. of Newcombe has applied to alter their boundaries for the fire protection area that C.E.N. would cover. Also added to the agreement was that each municipality would pay a annual levy requested by the Association to contribute towards capital costs incurred in obtaining necessary fire-fighting equipment. The bylaw and agreement will be taken to the next council meetings in December for approval.

**Eatonia Oasis Living:**

Currently there are 12 residents residing there. The board is trying to get the word out that they have vacancies. Other senior homes in the area are struggling too. Deputy Reeve Leah Cooper is doing a letter campaign requesting funding from the province. She has asked the Town of Eatonia, R.M. of Chesterfield, Eatonia Oasis Living, family members of EOL residents and EOL staff members to write a letter of support.

This past year there was no major repairs to the building or equipment. Thank you to the R.M. of Chesterfield for funding the shortfalls to help keep it open.


The board is working with the union for wage negotiations. The staff is aware of the financial difficulty EOL is having. The staff has been good in the past with their wage increase requests. They are currently below the wage schedule.

The board is also looking into a different group insurance provider.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Administrator