

**TOWN OF EATONIA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Eatonia held the 9th day of July 2020 in the Town Council Chambers at 202 Main Street, Eatonia, Saskatchewan.

PRESENT:

Mayor Troy Becker, Deputy Mayor Darren Donald, Councillors Annette Palmer, Fritz Eckstein, Darcy Scott, Robert (Sam) Somerville, Matthew McKinnon and Administrator Cheryl Bailey

ABSENT:

None

CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being present, Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA:

1/7/20 **Scott/Palmer** That the agenda for this meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried.

MINUTES:

June 9, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes:

2/7/20 **Donald/Scott** That the minutes of the regular meeting of council held June 9, 2020 be approved as presented.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Tax Abatement/School Taxes - Storage Property for the Town:

3/7/20 **Scott/Donald** That motion No. 4/6/20 concerning refunding the 2020 municipal and school taxes for COT 3 NW 14-26-25 back to the property owners be rescinded.

Carried.

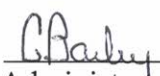
FINANCIAL REPORTS:

4/7/20 **Eckstein/McKinnon** That the statement of financial activities and bank reconciliation for the month of June 2020 be accepted as presented and form a part of these minutes.

Carried.



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ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL AND PAYMENT:

5/7/20 **Somerville/Scott**

That the accounts for approval and payment covered by cheque # 10499 to 10548 inclusive along with internet payments totaling \$184,393.31 for both and direct deposit payroll # 615201 to 6302011 inclusive totaling \$16,288.33 and Rec Board payments covered by cheque # 2478 to 2490 inclusive along with internet payments totaling \$37,626.12 and direct deposit payroll # 6151 to 6302 inclusive totaling \$2,805.52 as listed and forming part of these minutes be approved for payment..
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

6/7/20 **Somerville/Donald**

That the following correspondence, having been read, be filed:

Eatonia Heritage Board - Minutes from the June 18, 2020 Meeting

RBC Direct Investing - May 26 and June 30, 2020 Financial Statements

Sask Power - Helping Plant Smart Around Power Lines

Wheatland Regional Library - Library Update

Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure - Project Information Sheet on Application of Rubber Asphalt Sealant

Ministry of Environment - Annual Report Response and Remote Inspection Report

Municipal Infrastructure and Finance - Accelerated Gas Tax Fund Payment in August 2020

City of Cold Lake - Criminal Code Amendment

Criminal Code Amendment:

7/7/20 **Scott/McKinnon**

That Council lobby the federal government to revoke amendments to the criminal code on May 1, 2020 under an "Order in Council" titled and referred to as "Regulations Amending the Regulations Prescribing Certain Firearms and Other Weapons, Components and Parts of Weapons, Accessories, Cartridge Magazines, Ammunition and Projectiles as Prohibited, Restricted or Non-Restricted: SOR/2020-96".

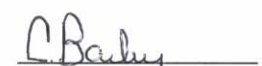
The Town of Eatonia supports initiatives to end violence; however, feels very strongly that the Government of Canada is wasting valuable resources and taking the wrong approach to gun control that will have zero effect on gun crime.

WHEREAS on May 1, 2020, the federal government amended the Criminal Code by ordering regulations prescribing certain firearms, components and parts of firearms, accessories, cartridge magazines, ammunition and projectiles as prohibited or restricted.

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada is planning a buyback program to get the guns out of



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circulation, which is expected to cost between \$400 million and \$600 million, and if the history of federal estimating repeats itself, will likely be in excess of \$1 billion;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Eatonia supports the Government of Canada's commitment to end violence, whether firearms are involved or not, by taking the opportunity to be more engaged and to collaborate with the public and local stakeholders to develop more effective solutions on the issue;

NOW THERE BE RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Eatonia urges the Government of Canada to revoke the amendment, and instead institute the following:

Target crime, and focus on enforcement through enhanced enforcement capacity for law enforcement and border services, as well as harsher punishments for firearms trafficking and crimes involving firearms. The current ban targets law-abiding owners, rather than the holders of illicit firearms, and would not greatly impact crime reduction;

Collect and share relevant data on crime involving firearms through improved collection and sharing of data on crimes involving firearms, particularly in terms of sources of illicit firearms, and the types of crime being committed. This data is critical for supporting law enforcement and border agencies efforts, as well as informing policy and legislation;

Collaborate with the firearms community and industry to support communication, training and public education regarding firearms to create a multi-faceted approach rather than implementing a ban in isolation.

Carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

Foreman Rob Assmus:

Water Treatment Plant Test Results:

8/7/20 **Palmer/Donald**

That the water treatment plant test results recorded for the period of June 1 - 30, 2020 be accepted as presented and filed for future reference.

Carried.

Written Report:

9/7/20 **Donald/McKinnon**

That the following written report from Foreman Rob Assmus be received as information:

- ▶ Everything is good at the water treatment plant. Switched wells to the Infield well to fill the pool and take pressure of the CN Crib well.
- ▶ Working on the pool and it is up and running.



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Passed inspection with no issues. Having issues with the thermostat on the boiler. Called John Butt to look at it.

- ▶ The pivot is up and running. Still having pressure issues with the pump. Can run the pivot manually.
- ▶ Fire started in the garbage pile at the nuisance grounds on Saturday afternoon, June 20, 2020. The wood pile was started that morning and was out by noon.
- ▶ Replaced water lines at the campground as they had been cut through when the new washroom was built.
- ▶ Cutting grass with new tractor and mower; everything seems to be working good.

Carried.

Bylaw Enforcement Officer Phillip Brown:

10/7/20 McKinnon/Scott

That Bylaw Enforcement Officer Phillip Brown's report for May and June 2020 be received as information and filed for future reference.

Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Big Sky Rail Lease Renewal:

11/7/20 Donald/Palmer

That in response to Big Sky Rail's lease renewal agreement amendments dated July 7, 2020, the town proposes the following for the lease agreements:

- Auto/Machinery Storage annual rent payment increase 10% each year for the next three years from 2020 - 2023;
- Register an easement on the titles where the underground storm outlet and underground sewer crossing are located on Big Sky Rail property to supersede the lease agreements.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Solid Waste Management Plan Engineering Quote:

12/7/20 McKinnon/Eckstein

That Pinter & Associated be contracted to provide engineering services to complete a Solid Waste Management Plan for the nuisance grounds at a cost of \$25,700 plus applicable taxes as per proposal received.

Carried.

Campground Washroom Insurance Value:

13/7/20 Scott/McKinnon

That the new campground washroom be added to the town's commercial insurance policy for a value of \$200,000.

Carried.

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Tax Enforcement Procedure Policy:

14/7/20 **Scott/Somerville** That the Tax Enforcement Procedure Policy # 09 be adopted to establish a fair and equal method of applying costs of tax enforcement to the properties that are in arrears.

Carried.

Restitution Order:

15/7/20 **Somerville/McKinnon** That Sheppard & Millar be contracted to register the Restitution Order against Nicole Hartman.

Carried.

Assistant Town Foreman Position:

16/7/20 **Donald/Scott** That Jerry Fuerstenberg be hired for the position of Assistant Town Foreman as of July 7, 2020 at a wage of \$22.00 per hour (\$3813.26 per month).

Carried.

Quote for Sidewalk for Old Lions Booth:

17/7/20 **Donald/Palmer** That Ben Webb be contracted to build and pour a concrete walkway from the Main Street sidewalk to the old Lions Booth building located on Lot 4, Block 3, Plan BB4511 for an approximate cost of \$3,000.

Carried.

Councillor Robert (Sam) Somerville and Matthew McKinnon declared a conflict of interest in the next item of business as they are the owners of the property in which they are requesting permission to build a fence. They abstained from the discussion and voting and temporarily left the council meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Fence Approval:

18/7/20 **Donald/Palmer** That the development permit submitted by the property owners to install a 6 ft. chain link fence with a 2 ft. barb wire on the top around the perimeter of the property located at NW 14-26-26 Ext 9 be approved subject to the property being rezoned industrial.

Carried.

Councillor Robert (Sam) Somerville and Matthew McKinnon returned to the council meeting at 8:30 p.m. after the discussion and voting had concluded.

SGI Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant:

19/7/20 **Donald/Somerville** That an application for a grant be applied for under the SGI Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Program for two speed display signs and two flashing beacons to be mounted on the school zone signs.

Carried.

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Councillor Robert (Sam) Somerville and Matthew McKinnon declared a conflict of interest in the next item of business as they are the owners of the property in which they are requesting to be rezoned. They abstained from the discussion and voting and temporarily left the council meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Amend Zoning Bylaw and Official Community Plan:

20/7/20 **Donald/Scott**

That Administrator Cheryl Bailey be authorized to proceed with preparing draft bylaws and public notices to amend the Zoning Bylaw and Official Community Plan to rezone NW 14-26-26 Ext 9 to industrial.
Carried.

Councillor Robert (Sam) Somerville and Matthew McKinnon returned to the council meeting at 8:56 p.m. after the discussion and voting had concluded.

Tax Enforcement - Reduce 6-Month Waiting Period:

21/7/20 **Palmer/McKinnon**

That application be made to the Provincial Mediation Board to reduce the 6-month waiting period following the registration of the tax lien on the following described properties:

| LOT | BLOCK | PLAN | EXTENSION | TITLE NO. |
|-----|-------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| 3 | 6 | BB4511 | 0 | 134413264 |
| 4 | 6 | BB4511 | 0 | 134413084 |
| 6 | 12 | CX212 | 0 | 101990369 |
| 7 | 10 | CX86 | 0 | 137202588 |
| 14 | 13 | CX1079 | 0 | 101990819 |

Carried.

22/7/20 **Eckstein/Somerville**

That if consent is received from the Provincial Mediation Board, the Administrator is authorized to then commence proceedings under *The Tax Enforcement Act* to acquire title for the above described properties.
Carried.

Reinspection Program 2020:

23/7/20 **McKinnon/Scott**

That Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) be authorized to do a physical inspection of all properties in town.
Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Recreation Board:

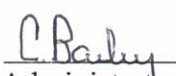
Darren Donald reported that the swimming pool is open. They are looking at extending the hours open and planning night swims. The Board received a student grant for 2 lifeguards.

Heritage Board:

Annette Palmer reported that the museum is open following COVID-19 guidelines.



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Library Board:

Annette Palmer reported that the library is open following COVID-19 guidelines.

Eatonia Oasis Living:

Troy Becker reported that they currently have 20 residents residing there. They are not allowing visitation to the residents again effective July 14, 2020 due to high number of COVID-19 cases in the West Central and South West part of the province.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:


The next regular meeting of council will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT:

24/7/20 **Palmer/Eckstein**

That this meeting adjourns. (9:27 p.m.)

Carried.




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