

**TOWN OF EATONIA
JOINT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2021**

Minutes of the meeting with the councils of the Town of Eaton and the R.M. of Chesterfield No. 261 held on the 24th day of November 2021 in the meeting room of the Eaton Community Hall at 205 Main Street, Eaton, Saskatchewan.

PRESENT:

Town of Eaton - Mayor Darcy Scott, Deputy Mayor Dean Aldridge, Councillors Codie Cumiskey, Justin McKinnon, Matthew McKinnon and Administrator Cheryl Bailey

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

ABSENT:

Town of Eaton - Councillor Brennan Somerville

R.M. of Chesterfield No. 261 - Deputy Reeve Leah Cooper and Councillors Bill Thompson, Dave Booker, Brent Watts and Duane Cridland. .

CALL TO ORDER:

Since the R.M. chaired the last joint meeting in November, 2019, the Town chaired the meeting this year.

Mayor Darcy Scott 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 wage, Rob May, was discussed. Currently he is paid at \$24.50 per hour. His wage was raised from \$24.00 to \$24.50 per hour effective January 1, 2021. Both the town and the R.M. have paid his workers' compensation premium for 2021. The amount paid by the town was \$175.44. 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 2021 premium works out to \$0.30 per hour. Dean and Alan suggested increasing his wage by \$0.50 per hour (2% increase) effective January 1, 2022 plus continuing to pay the worker's compensation premium.

The landfill is filling up quickly partly because, as per the permit to operate, the garbage has to be covered twice a month from April to October. At this rate, the landfill will not last the 4 years until the permit expires. Wood and furniture are big items being put in the general garbage. The amount of garbage going out to the nuisance grounds also increases when fire bans are imposed. It was suggested to try to educate the public to recycle more by putting something in the newsletter or on social media.

The project for the incinerator at Fox Valley will be on a 2 year trial once they start. They hope to get it started in December.

Tipping fees were also discussed at this meeting. The Town council would like to implement tipping fees but the R.M. council is afraid that if tipping fees were charged, garbage would show up in the ditches. They would rather see it added into the property taxes. The Administrators will check to see if an infrastructure (cost recovery) fee can be put on the taxes.

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Recycling:

The councils would like something put in the newsletter and on social media to educate the public on trying to recycle more and reduce the amount of garbage going to the nuisance grounds.

Matt will also check on pricing for signs going into the nuisance grounds reminding people to put their recycling in the blue bins rather than in the garbage pile.

Cemetery:

There was no concerns with the cemetery. Both councils felt that Jim and Belva are doing a wonderful job. Ted Miller also does a great job of cutting and trimming grass at the cemetery. The cemetery is looking really good.

It was also discussed that once there is enough funds from the sale of niches in the columbarium, another columbarium should be purchased. Currently there are 9 out of 16 niches sold.

Recreation:

The Recreation Board just started a fundraiser for first aid kits. Other fundraisers like a 3 on 3 tournament and curling has been discussed but just trying to figure out things with COVID-19.

Library:

The library board is just finishing up a fundraiser for the Nutter's trays. The cameras should be installed at the library/heritage park shortly.

EMO:

Administrator Cheryl Bailey, Town of Eatonia; Administrator Tosha McCubbing, R.M. of Chesterfield, Administrator Yvette Schuh and Administrator Robin Busby, R.M. of Milton, R.M. of Antelope Park and Village of Marengo are still working on the Emergency Response Plan. It is a work in progress.

As part of the bylaw to form the committee, it is recommended that all council members and employees 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.

C.E.N. Fire Protection Association:

The C.E.N. committee does not have anything going on right now. They are having a meeting here shortly. Will see at the meeting if the Fire Department has any requests for purchases.

Eatonia Oasis Living:

Currently there are 18 residents residing there with a waiting list. They only have twin rooms available. The people on the waiting list do not want to share a room.

They are currently in union negotiations right now. The employees were given a wage increase retroactive.

There has been some breakdowns with equipment such as the dishwasher.

They have a COVID policy in place for the board members and staff.

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ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.



Mayor



Administrator