

**TOWN OF EATONIA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Eatonia, held on the 14th day of October 2025 in the Town Council Chambers at 202 Main Street, Eatonia, SK.

PRESENT:

Mayor Darcy Scott; Deputy Mayor Dean Aldridge; Councillors Barbara Cherniwchan, Curtis Becker and Damion Smith; and Acting Administrator Victoria Munroe.

DELEGATES:

Access Communications Co-Operative; Martin Smith

ABSENT:

Councillor Darren Donald

CALL TO ORDER:

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

AGENDA:

The agenda for tonight's meeting, having been reviewed by Council, will be used as a guideline for this meeting.

MINUTES:

1/10/25 Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Smith that the regular meeting minutes of September 16, 2025 be approved as presented. **CARRIED.**

DELEGATES:

Access Communications Co-Operative – Martin Smith

- Requests Council consider allowing Access Communications to sponsor WIFI at the Eatonia Memorial Arena for 5 years. Mr. Smith presented what Access Communications offers and thanked council for allowing time to present. Mr. Smith indicated their offices would follow up with staff and departed the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Dog Park Set Up

2/10/25 Moved by Smith and Seconded by Cherniwchan that the Town issue charitable receipts for dog park donations and grant any funds received to Paws and Play monthly and require Paws and Play to provide a report, indicating how funds have been used or are planned to be used, to Council at least once per year. **1 OPPOSED. CARRIED.**

3/10/25 Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Cherniwchan that Paws and Play provide a 1-time \$2,500 retainer to the Town for the end-of-life clean-up of the dog park. **CARRIED.**

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

4/10/25 Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Smith that the September Statement of Financial Activities be accepted as presented and form a part of these minutes. **CARRIED.**

5/10/25 Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Becker that the September Accounts for Approval and Payment for the Town, totaling \$65,012.07, and the Recreation Board, totaling \$26,049.35, be approved as presented and form part of these minutes. **CARRIED.**

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CORRESPONDENCE:

Canada Post Letter of Support

6/10/25 Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Cherniwchan that Administration writes a letter in support of keeping the local Canada Post Office as is. **CARRIED.**

CHIF Grant

Administration to investigate an application for the CHIF Grant and Foreman Rob Assmus to provide quotes for project costs.

Canada Community-Building Fund – Grant

7/10/25 Moved by Smith and Seconded by Aldridge that the Council hereby submits an application under the Canada-Community Building Fund for the relining of manways. In providing this submission, the Council declares the information provided is to the best of its knowledge and belief; true in substance and in fact; and complies with the terms and conditions in the Municipal Funding Agreement. **CARRIED.**

STAFF REPORTS:

Water Treatment Plant Test Results

8/10/25 Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Smith that the September Water Treatment Plant Test Results be accepted and filed. **CARRIED.**

Bylaw Enforcement Officer Report

9/10/25 Moved by Smith and Seconded by Becker that the September Bylaw Enforcement Officer Report be accepted and filed. **CARRIED.**

Waste Disposal Operator Report

10/10/25 Moved by Cherniwchan and Seconded by Smith that the September Waste Disposal Operator Report be accepted and filed. **CARRIED.**

Administrator Report

Victoria Munroe reported that;

- Website has been updated
- Lyndon Houff passed the Water Class 1 Course
- Water/Lagoon inspections by SaskWater were completed, a few items to address
- Councillor Nomination, 1 received. If they do not withdraw their application tomorrow, they will be elected by acclamation.
- Lot 15, Block 7, Plan BB4511: The tender has 30 days to pay the remainder of their bid to complete the transaction. The tender has indicated they no longer want the property and will forfeit their 10% deposit. The 30 days end on Friday, Oct. 17.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Signing Authority

11/10/25 Moved by Becker and Seconded by Aldridge that signing authority for the Town of Eatonia be updated to grant authority to:

- Victoria Munroe, Administrator (Staff member)
- Morgen Dietz, Administrative Assistant (Staff member)
- Darcy Scott, Mayor (Council member)
- Dean Aldridge, Deputy Mayor (Council member)

And that all financial approvals and signatures shall include one (1) staff member and one (1) member of council. **CARRIED.**

Board Appointments

12/10/25 Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Cherniwchan that Morgen Dietz and Kirsten Theaker be appointed as members of the Eatonia Library Board. **CARRIED.**

13/10/25 Moved by Smith and Seconded by Becker that Danise Simpelo being appointed as a member of the Heritage Board be approved. **CARRIED.**

Vehicle Violation – Ticket Collections

14/10/25 Moved by Scott and Seconded by Cherniwchan that Credit Bureau Collections be hired to collect unpaid fines, totaling \$500.00, related to Convictions for Ticket No. 034 & Ticket No. 035. **CARRIED.**

Yard Waste Collection

Council discussed options regarding the collection of yard waste. The Transfer Station will not accept bagged yard waste as the plastic bags cannot be burned. Council feels the service is valued and should continue; staff must cut open any bagged yard waste. Communication around alternatives to plastic bags, such as biodegradable bags and liftable sized plastic bins will begin in the spring. Also, administration will schedule and communicate pick up of yard waste on specific days.

Pesticide Spraying

Add to the Public Meeting topics for discussion.

Decommissioning Contract

15/10/25 Moved by Becker and Seconded by Aldridge that the Mayor and Administrator be authorized to sign the landfill decommissioning contract with Cory Contracting Ltd. being the contractor and Pinter and Associates Ltd. being the consultant. **CARRIED.**

Decommissioning Sign

Administration to have a sign indicating decommissioning costs created and installed on the Transfer Station shed.

Campground Requests

Campground attendant requests to be shared with the Campground Committee and reviewed in the spring.

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Public Meeting

To be held November 19, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Eatonia Community Hall.
Alternate date, November 26th.

Topics may include:

- Dog Park
- EV Charger Grant Application / Solar array
- Base Tax
- AED replacements and locations
- Water/Sewer Rate Increase
- Yard Waste / Transfer Station
- Staff
- Boards / Committees / Facilities
- Pesticide Spraying
- Irrigation Land – EOL support project
- Other

Invite RCMP, SHA and PWEMO to attend and give presentations.

Demolition Deposit Refund

Administration to follow up with Stimmers Farm & Co. Ltd. about final clean-up of rebar at the old seed cleaning site before issuing the refund. Once completed, full refund of \$4,000 will be returned to Stimmers Farm & Co. Ltd..

Debit Issue – Write Off

16/10/25 Moved by Becker and Seconded by Aldridge that the debit machine transaction, dated July 7, 2025, be written off as a machine failure and a \$237.94 credit be applied to utility account No. 331. **CARRIED.**

Councillor Gift

17/10/25 Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Scott that a Co-op gift card be purchased as a thank you for Neil Specht's time on council and to wish him well in his treatments and recovery. **CARRIED.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Heritage Board

It was a busy summer; the ground will be used for wedding photos in a few weeks.

Health Care Foundation

Online auction opening for bids on Nov. 1, 2025. The committee is still looking for donations and items for the auction.

Eatonia Recreation Board

Hockey season is starting up; ice is in. The kitchen is being set up under the Rec. Board.

Eatonia Oasis Living

They are at full capacity. Irrigation land profits are approximately \$31,000 before input expenses. There are heating issues, and the ice maker needs to be fixed.

Chamber of Commerce

The Christmas Party has been organized, and tickets will be on sale soon. They have a dance planned this coming weekend.

Community Co-operative

They have a new president. They have committed to donate 75% of the cost of the pool boiler to the Eatonia Recreation Board.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the council will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT:

Scott Adjourned the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor

Acting Administrator