

**TOWN OF EATONIA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026**

Minutes of the Town of Eatonia Regular Council Meeting held on the 9th day of April, 2026 in the Town Council Chambers at 202 Main Street, Eatonia, Saskatchewan.

PRESENT:

Mayor Darcy Scott; Deputy Mayor Dean Aldridge; Councillors Curtis Becker, Damion Smith, and Carol Peters; and Recording Secretary, Administrator, Victoria Munroe.

VACANT: 2 Seats

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.

COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION:

01/04/26 Moved by Becker and Seconded by Peters that Council acknowledge the letter of resignation from Councillor Donald, effective March 25, 2026, and that the seat be declared vacant. **CARRIED.**

02/04/26 Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Smith that Council acknowledge the letter of resignation from Councillor Cherniwchan, effective March 27, 2026, and that the seat be declared vacant. **CARRIED.**

MINUTES:

03/04/26 Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Smith that the Town of Eatonia March 10, 2026 regular meeting minutes be approved as presented. **CARRIED.**

1. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

04/04/26 Moved by Smith and Seconded by Becker that the March Statement of Financial Activities be accepted as presented and form a part of these minutes. **CARRIED.**

05/04/26 Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Peters that the March List of Accounts for Approval and Payment, with total Town expenditure being \$80,643.80 and total Recreation Board expenditure being \$46,516.56, be accepted as presented and form a part of these minutes. **CARRIED.**

March Bank Reconciliation – Not Available for this meeting.

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2. CORRESPONDENCE:

06/04/26 **Moved by Smith and Seconded by Becker** that the following correspondence;

- CCBF Notice of Transfer of 2nd Installment Payment
- Municipal Revenue Sharing, 2026 Amount
- SMB Approval of Bylaw 1/26
- Waterworks Permit Renewal
- Eatonia & District Library Statistics
- Geroge Headstone – File Closure Letter
- 90th Birthday – message/invitation
- SHA Service Disruption Petition

having been reviewed, be accepted as received, and filed. **CARRIED.**

3. STAFF REPORTS:

07/04/26 **Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Becker** that the following staff reports;

- March Waste Disposal Grounds Operator Report
- March Prairie Rising Consulting, Mentor Report

having been reviewed, be accepted as received and filed. **CARRIED.**

08/04/26 **Moved by Becker and Seconded by Peters** that the March water permit records and logs, being reviewed and found to meet the permit requirements, be accepted and filed. **CARRIED.**

4. NEW BUSINESS:

4. a. Recreation Board Budget

09/04/26 **Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Smith** that the 2026 budget for the Eatonia & District Recreation Board, including the annual town municipal requisition of \$41,929 to be paid in quarterly installments, be approved as presented. **CARRIED.**

4. b. Notice Nature – Request for Support

Council determined not to sponsor the Notice Nature Passport Program.

4. c. Municipal Property Tax Abatement

10/04/26 **Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Becker** that the 2026 municipal taxes be abated for Block M, Plan 82MJ15180. **CARRIED.**

4. d. Election Date

11/04/26 **Moved by Smith and Seconded by Peters** that Election Day be set for June 17, 2026. **CARRIED.**

4. e. Cemetery Grass Cutting

12/04/26 **Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Becker** that Ted Miller be hired for 2026 cemetery grass maintenance at a rate of \$875.00/cut, to be shared 50/50 with the R.M. of Chesterfield No. 261. **CARRIED.**

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4.g. 2026 Mill Rate

Council determined not to modify the 2026 mill rate.

4. f. 1 Zero Turn Mower Purchase

13/04/26 **Moved by Smith and Seconded by Aldridge** that a 2025 Ferris ISX800 Mower, mulching kit, and FIMCO 15 Gallon Standard Spot Sprayer 2.4 GPM be purchased from Owens & Sweitzer, utilizing a \$3,000.00 trade in value on the current John Deere Z540R, for a final purchase price of \$12,075.00. **CARRIED.**

4. f. 2 2026 Budget

14/04/26 **Moved by Becker and Seconded by Smith** that the 2026 annual operating and capital budget be adopted as presented with the following adjustments;

- 410-110-100 General Municipal Tax Levy**
 - Use the 5% increase to Base Tax scenario
- 490-130-100 Transfer from Surplus**
 - Increase the amount to cover municipal expenditure
- 490-190-100 Transfer from Other**
 - Increase the amount to cover the Zero Turn Mower purchase
- 510-490-120 Website Development**
 - New code for website development, Increase to \$10,000
- 510-500-110 Grant & Contribution**
 - Remove the contribution to River Ridge Golf Club
- 530-420-110 Oil & Gas**
 - Increase the amount given current oil and gas prices
- 530-600-130 Purchase of Capital Assets – Machinery**
 - Increase the amount to reflect the Zero Turn Mower purchase

and that the approved budget forms a part of these minutes. **CARRIED.**

4. h. Committee Appointments

15/04/26 **Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Smith** that the Committee Appointments list be updated as attached. **CARRIED.**

4. i. Eatonia Paws & Play Dog Park

16/04/26 **Moved by Becker and Seconded by Aldridge** that Administration develop or amend a bylaw regarding the Eatonia Paws & Play Dog Park for review at the next meeting. **CARRIED.**

17/04/26 **Moved by Peters and Seconded by Becker** that Eatonia Paws & Play Park be a committee of the Town and that a Town representative be appointed to the committee, with Terms of Reference being developed by Administration for review at the next meeting. **CARRIED.**

4. j. Football Field Seacan

18/04/26 **Moved by Becker and Seconded by Aldridge** that, with adherence to Policy No. 03, the Jr. Spartans Football team be authorized to place a 8' x 20' Seacan at the football field for storage and for eventual development of an announcer's booth. **CARRIED.**

19/04/26 **Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Becker** that the Development Permit Application fee of \$50.00 be waived for the Jr. Spartans Football team. **CARRIED.**

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4.k. Community Hall Generator Purchase

20/04/26 Moved by NAME and Seconded by NAME that Councillor Aldridge approaches the R.M. of Chesterfield No. 261 about a 50/50 cost share of up to \$30,000 with the Town to purchase and install a generator at the Eatonia Community Hall. **CARRIED.**

5. BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 2/26 – Base Tax

21/04/26 Moved by Smith and Seconded by Aldridge that Bylaw No. 2/26 being a bylaw to provide for a base tax be introduced and read a first time. **CARRIED.**

22/04/26 Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Scott that Bylaw No. 2/26 being a bylaw to provide for a base tax be read a second time. **CARRIED.**

23/04/26 Moved by Scott and Seconded by Becker that Council consider a third reading of Bylaw No. 2/26. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

24/04/26 Moved by Becker and Seconded by Peters that Bylaw No. 2/26 being a bylaw to provide for a base tax having been read a third time be adopted by Council. **CARRIED.**

6. OTHER

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PRAIRIE WINDS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE – a functional exercise was held at the Eatonia Community Hal this past month. It was good to start thinking about emergencies and how our region would support each other and what would be needed in large scale circumstances. The grant is now ending.

EATONIA OASIS LIVING – thermostat was repaired but needs more work. Collective Agreement is underway.

LEADER & DISTRICT TRUST ADVISORY – recently bought a second house. Loan on the first house is now paid off. The group also rents housing to EMT workers, the rent offsets the payments for this property. There is a scholarship program available.

LEADER – SHA COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE – representative reported on several items, including access to providers, now one consolidated phone number for appointments, 811 calls for needs, Hanti Virus is a growing concern, RSV vaccines available, Radon testing in homes is available (best to test in the winter).

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL – Annual General Meeting on April 14th. Fred Fox (Terry Fox's brother) gave a valuable presentation.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Aldridge Adjourned the meeting at 10:14 p.m. Seconded by **Peters.**

Mayor

Administrator