

TOWN OF EATONIA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 14, 2026

Minutes of the Town of Eatonia Regular Council Meeting held on the 14th day of May, 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.

MINUTES:

01/05/26 **Moved by Becker and Seconded by Smith** that the Town of Eatonia March 10, 2026 regular meeting minutes be approved as amended. **CARRIED.**

1. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

April Statement of Financial Activities to be corrected and brought to the next meeting.

02/05/26 **Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Peters** that the April List of Accounts for Approval and Payment, with total Town expenditure being \$153,378.56 and total Recreation Board expenditure being \$30,796.53, be accepted as presented and form a part of these minutes. **CARRIED.**

April Bank Reconciliation – Not Available for this meeting.

03/05/26 **Moved by Smith and Seconded by Becker** that the March Bank Reconciliation be accepted as presented and form a part of these minutes. **CARRIED.**

04/05/26 **Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Becker** that funds be transferred from the Infrastructure Fast Track Account to the Gas Tax Fast Track Account to cover the CCBF Manway Project. **CARRIED.**

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

05/05/26 **Moved by Smith and Seconded by Peters** that the following correspondence;

- CCBF – Manway Rehabilitation Project Approval
- 2026 Education Property Tax Mill Rates
- Rural Municipality of Chesterfield No. 261 - \$30,000 Generator Contribution
- Office of the King's Printer – Publications Center

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

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3. DELEGATE:

Mr. Mike Zammit spoke to Council regarding several topics, including:

- Unsightly garbage in neighbor's yard, what is the plan to get something done?
- Constructing Kennels on Town property to contain stray/at large animals
- Starting a dart league with adult and family nights through the winter
- Garbage minimums, could Triways use cameras to only charge those who have bins to pick up so it is more affordable for those who aren't using the services?

Council indicated:

- Arrangements for yard clean-up are being made.
- Council may consider constructing kennels if animals at large continue to be an issue
- A tour of the archery range will be arranged, this might be a perfect location
- Triways is not equipped for camera use currently. The Town has a contract with Triways for the total number of users in Town. If a household does not use the service, the Town is charged regardless. If a household does not use the service, they are charged regardless as the service is available to them. This is similar to minimum water billing.

4. STAFF REPORTS:

06/05/26 **Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Becker** that the March Waste Disposal Grounds Operator Report having been reviewed, be accepted as received and filed. **CARRIED.**

07/05/26 **Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Peters** that the March Prairie Rising Consulting Mentor Report having been reviewed, be accepted as received and filed. **CARRIED.**

Councillor Becker declared conflict of interest regarding one of the letters included in the Administrator Report.

08/05/26 **Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Becker** that the Administrator's Report having been reviewed, be accepted as received and filed. **CARRIED.**

09/05/26 **Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Smith** that the March water permit records and logs, being reviewed and found to meet the permit requirements, be accepted and filed. **CARRIED.**

10/05/26 **Moved by Becker and Seconded by Smith** that Morgen Dietz be moved to full-time Administrative Assistant when a Recreation Director is hired. **CARRIED.**

5. NEW BUSINESS:

5.a. Yard Waste Pick-Up

Council determined:

- To inquire if local stores could bring in paper yard waste bags.
- Staff will continue to open plastic bags and bring yard material to the burn pile.
- The above is a trial period, options will be reassessed if changes are needed.

5.b. Staff/Council Social Event

Council determined to wait for the Councillor By-Election to conclude before deciding regarding a social event with staff, councillors and guests.

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5.c. Licensed Building Official(s)

11/05/26 **Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Becker** that Clayton Meier – BOL332, Ryan Thiessen – BOL555, Shenah Cartier – BO622, Clint Vargo – BOL798, Kelsey Rebryna – BOL818, and Matthew Stepp – BOL807 be appointed as licensed building officials and that the Committee Appointment list be updated and attached to these minutes and that previous appointments be cancelled. **CARRIED.**

5.d. Request for Support – Legion

12/05/26 **Moved by Peters and Seconded by Smith** that the Town of Eatonia place a business card ad in the Military Service Recognition Book in support of the Legion for a total cost of \$250.00. **CARRIED.**

5.e. Request for Support – Golden West Broadcasting – Grad Salute

Councillor Becker and Councillor Aldridge declared conflict of interest as their children are in the 2026 graduating class.

Council determined not to proceed with a Grad Salute sponsorship on the Country 104 radio station.

5.f. Prairie Winds Emergency Measures Organization – Positions

13/05/26 **Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Smith** that the Town of Eatonia appoint Darren Donald as the Deputy Regional Emergency Measures Coordinator and Curtis Becker as the Planning Committee Member, and that the Committee Appointments list be updated and attached to these minutes. **CARRIED.**

5.f. Pitching Mound – Eatonia Minor Baseball, Town, & Co-operative Agreement

14/05/26 **Moved by Smith and Seconded by Peters** that The Town of Eatonia approve the pitching mound purchase, being undertaken by the Eatonia Minor Baseball, and agrees to the purchasing agreement between the Eatonia Co-operative, the Town of Eatonia, and Eatonia Minor Baseball whereby the Town of Eatonia will be reimbursed for the cost of the pitching mound, less the GST. **CARRIED.**

5.h. Animal Control – Notice of Violation – Bylaw Court Penalties

Council determined that Bylaw Court action regarding the Animal Control Notice of Violation be deferred until further information and advice is presented by legal counsel.

5.i. Donation & Volunteer Appreciation

15/05/26 **Moved by Scott and Seconded by Aldridge** that the Town of Eatonia purchase a \$250.00 Co-op gift card for the Foster Family in recognition of the care and food provided to the dog during its fostering stay. **CARRIED.**

5.j. Legal Counsel – IN-CAMERA

16/05/26 **Moved by Becker and Seconded by Aldridge** that the meeting moves In-Camera to discuss legal counsel matters, as exempt under Part III, Section 14(1) of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, with Mayor Scott, Deputy Mayor Aldridge, Councillor Peters, Councillor Becker, Councillor Smith, and Recording Secretary Administrator Munroe in attendance. **CARRIED.**

Session closed to the public at 8:11 p.m.

Session reopened to the public at 8:53 p.m.

17/05/26 **Moved by Becker and Seconded by Aldridge** that the Town of Eatonia obtain legal counsel with Jessie C. Buydens, K. C. regarding the civil suit and that a \$5,000.00 retainer be supplied to Scott, Mason & Phelps. **CARRIED.**

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5.k. RCMP – Request for Community Feedback/Priorities

Council determined that Administration will respond to Cpl. Fillion indicating community policing concerns and priorities.

5.l. Animal Control – Notice of Violation – Threatening/Aggressive Dog

Council determined that Administration is to seek advice from the Bylaw Enforcement Officer regarding definition of “attacking” and proceed with issuing Notice to the owner, including fines as determined by the Bylaw Enforcement Officer and Administration.

6. BYLAW:

Animal Control Bylaw No. 6/23 and The Boards and Committees Bylaw No. 5/18 to be updated and brought to Council for review by May 28, 2026.

A Terms of Reference for the Paws and Play Park Committee to be developed and brought to Council for review by May 28, 2026.

18/05/26 **Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Becker** that the 11:00 p.m. meeting curfew be extended to continue this meeting until the business of this meeting is completed. **CARRIED.**

Councillor Becker requested a recorded vote.

19/05/26 **Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Smith** that Council allows the Off-Leash Park fence to be built as long as the Park is not opened for use, with the Town possessing the key, until a Bylaw is adopted by Council and rules for the Park are posted.

COUNCILLOR	IN FAVOR	OPPOSED	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
Aldridge	X			
Becker		X		
Peters		X		
Scott	X			
Smith	X			

CARRIED.

Council determined to hold a Special Meeting on June 4, 2026 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Office Council Chambers for the purpose of reviewing:

- The proposed changes to Animal Control Bylaw No. 6/23;
- The proposed changes to The Boards and Committees Bylaw No. 5/18; and
- The proposed Terms of Reference for the Paws & Play Park Committee.

Public Notice of the above shall be provided at least 24 hours prior to the Special Meeting, as per The Council Procedures Bylaw No. 11/21.

7. OTHER: None.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL – Sun West School Division held a vote regarding a modified school calendar – it was defeated. There will be a Grad slow-pitch on June 5th and an elementary bike rodeo on June 16th. The Band was very successful on their BC trip, they won gold! The school library has new books.

EATONIA OASIS LIVING – there is a waitlist for new residents. There is a cracked window, they can’t replace it right now, the windows are very expensive. Bake sale and Mother’s Day events went well. Pie and beef on a bun being served at the Garage Sale Day on May 23rd.

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CAMPGROUND COMMITTEE – tree donated by R.C.M.P in memory of a local boy, they are thinking of putting it at the campground or park area so it can be enjoyed by the community in a quiet place.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – so far there are 13 registered garage sales.

COMMUNITY COOPERATIVE – supporting the pitching mound project for Minor Ball Association. They are considering investing options.

HEALTH FOUNDATION – \$65,000 investment, Handi-Bus is available for ride share. The volunteer drivers they have are very appreciated.

RECREATION BOARD – cat walk around the compressor project continues to be explored, Kelly Dearborn has offered to donate the supplies to construct it, the Board would then only have to pay for the labour.

LIBRARY BOARD – Door replacement project continues, bacon fundraiser was a success.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Becker Adjourned the meeting at 11:50 p.m. Seconded by **Peters**.

NEXT MEETING: June 9th, 2026

Mayor

Administrator