TOWN OF EATONIA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Minutes of the Town of Eatonia Regular Council Meeting held on the 11th day of August, 2026 in the Town Council Chambers at 202 Main Street, Eatonia, Saskatchewan.

PRESENT

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

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

01/10/26 **Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by B. Becker** that the July 14, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes be approved as presented. **CARRIED**.

1. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. a. STAFF/COUNCIL SOCIAL EVENT

Council determined not to proceed with a staff/council social event this year.

2. FINANCIAL REPORTS

BANK RECONCILIATION

02/10/26 **Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Smith** that the June Bank Reconciliation be accepted as presented and form a part of these minutes. **CARRIED**.

03/10/26 **Moved by Smith and Seconded by C. Becker** that the July Bank Reconciliation be accepted as presented and form a part of these minutes. **CARRIED**.

LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL AND PAYMENT

04/10/26 **Moved by Smith and Seconded by Peters** that the July List of Accounts for Approval and Payment (Town total expenditure $62,627.29) be accepted as presented and form a part of these minutes. **CARRIED**.

The Recreation Board July List of Accounts for Approval and Payment to be corrected and brought to the September meeting for approval.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

05/10/26 **Moved by C. Becker and Seconded by Peters** that the June Statement of Financial Activities be accepted as presented and form a part of these minutes. **CARRIED**.

06/10/26 **Moved by Smith and Seconded by B. Becker** that the July Statement of Financial Activities be accepted as presented and form a part of these minutes. **CARRIED**.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

07/10/26 **Moved by Aldridge and Seconded by Eckstein** that the following correspondence;

a) Minutes – Heritage Board
b) Letter – Campground Committee

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

4. STAFF REPORTS

4. a. WATER PERMIT

08/10/26 **Moved by C. Becker and Seconded by Aldridge** that the July water permit records and logs, being reviewed and found to meet the permit requirements, be accepted and filed. **CARRIED**.

4. b. MAINTENANCE FOREMAN REPORT

09/10/26 **Moved by Eckstein and Seconded by Smith** that the Maintenance Foreman Report, having been reviewed, be accepted as received and filed. **CARRIED**.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5. a. Mentor Contract

10/10/26 **Moved by Eckstein and Seconded by B. Becker** that the Town of Eatonia enter an agreement with Cheryl Bailey for mentorship services, as required by the Board of Examiners, at $95/hour, up to 20 on-site hours per month, with the contract term from August 1, 2026, to July 31, 2027, and that administration be authorized to draft and execute the contract. **CARRIED**.

11/10/26 **Moved by C. Becker and Seconded by Aldridge** that Cheryl Bailey be reimbursed for the $250.00 professional certification registration fee. **CARRIED**.

5. b. Website Development

12/10/26 **Moved by Eckstein and Seconded by B. Becker** that the Town of Eatonia approves the Construction Phase to develop a new website through Webflow, and that the set-up fee of $672.00 be authorized for payment through the Town credit card. **CARRIED**.

5. c. Conflict Training

13/10/26 **Moved by Eckstein and Seconded by B. Becker** that administration staff be registered for the free virtual conflict training hosted by Saskatchewan Ombudsman on October 7, 2026, and that the office be closed to the public to accommodate the training. **CARRIED**.

5. d. Dog Park – Maximum Dogs

Following the recent opening of the Off-Leash Dog Park, a picture of 7 dogs (6 off-leash and 1 on-leash) was shared on social media. Council discussed the maximum number of dogs permitted in the off-leash park at one time; determining that the Paws and Play Park Committee Representative will remind the Committee that the Bylaw indicates a maximum of 6 dogs are permitted in the park at one time.

5. e. Casual Maintenance Worker – Agreement

14/10/26 **Moved by Scott and Seconded by Eckstein** that a Casual Employment Agreement between the Town of Eatonia and Ken Wicks, at an hourly wage of $18.00/hour, be entered, effective August 15, 2026. **CARRIED**.

5. f. Waste Transfer Station Cost Share

15/10/26 **Moved by Eckstein and Seconded by Smith** that the Town of Eatonia agrees in principle to share 50/50 costs with the R.M. of Chesterfield No. 261 for solid waste tipping fees for garbage hauled from the waste Transfer Station to Western Regional Landfill Inc.. **CARRIED**.

5. g. Watering Violations

Council discussed the increase in watering restriction violations occurring. Council determined a notice, including the rationale behind the watering restriction bylaw and the penalties for acting in contravention to the bylaw, be put into the next monthly newsletter.

5. h. Nuisance Properties

16/10/26 **Moved by Eckstein and Seconded by C. Becker** that a list of nuisance properties, with progress updates regarding nuisance orders, be shared with Council at future meetings. **CARRIED**.

5. i. Boulevard/Public Trees

Council discussed *Boulevard Policy No. 13* and *Public Trees Bylaw No. 5/81*; Council determined these documents will be reviewed over the winter to consider updating, amending, or repealing.

6. OTHER

6.1. Summer Maintenance Student Employment Extension

17/10/26 **Moved by C. Becker and Seconded by Peters** that employment of Colter Thiessen be extended up to December 31, 2026, based on the Foreman's discretion, available work, and a positive performance review, and if Colter is agreeable to continue employment with the Town of Eatonia. **CARRIED**.

6.2. Generator Amend Resolution 20/04/26

18/10/26 **Moved by C. Becker and Seconded by Smith** to amend Resolution **20/04/26** as follows:

> ***20/04/26*** ***Moved by ~~NAME~~ Scott and Seconded by ~~NAME~~ Aldridge*** *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****.*

CARRIED.

DEPARTURE

Mayor Scott departed the meeting at 10:58 p.m.; Deputy Mayor Aldridge assumed the chair and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

MEETING TIME EXTENSION

19/10/26 **Moved by C. Becker and Seconded by B. Becker** that the 11:00 p.m. meeting curfew be extended to continue until the business of this meeting is completed. **CARRIED**.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
- First day of school is August 31, 2026

EATONIA & DISTRICT RECREATION BOARD
- Recreation Director, Ian Tilt, started work on August 4, 2026. Ian is invited to the next council meeting to be introduced to Council.
- Pool boiler was down for a few days, but it has been fixed.

EATONIA & DISTRICT HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION
- The Handi-Bus has not been running; major, costly, repairs are being completed.
- Bath Fitter quotes have been acquired. Will proceed with the project, transferring funds from savings to pay for the project.
- Windows are also on the plan to be replaced soon.

C.E.N.
- Vehicle extraction training was conducted in conjunction with the Leader Fire Department; was a good opportunity to learn and work together.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

- HR Committee will schedule meetings with Maintenance Foreman Assistant Lyndon Houff and Maintenance Foreman Rob Assmus.

8. ADJOURNMENT

C. Becker Adjourned the meeting at 11:21 p.m. Seconded by **B. Becker.**

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Mayor **Administrator**