

**VILLAGE OF ELKHORN**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 18, 2010**

<b>MEETING</b>	The Council of the Village of Elkhorn held its regular meeting on February 18, 2010 at the Village of Elkhorn Council Chambers. Present at the meeting were Mayor Roland Gagnon, Councillors Hartley Opper, Kevin Tutthill and Keith Roblin. Mayor Gagnon called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
<b>MINUTES #16-2010</b>	OPPER/TUTTHILL That the minutes of the previous regular meeting of January 21, 2010 be passed and approved as presented. Carried
<b>AGENDA #17-2010</b>	TUTTHILL/ROBLIN That the agenda for the February 18, 2010 meeting be accepted as presented. Carried
<b>ACCOUNTS  #18-2010</b>	Mayor Roland Gagnon declared conflict of interest and withdrew from the meeting. Deputy Mayor Kevin Tutthill assumed the Chair.  ROBLIN/OPPER That the accounts amounting to General Fund \$50,937.86 and Sewer Operating account \$83.06 be passed and approved for payment as presented. Carried  Mayor Gagnon returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair.
<b>FINANCIAL STATEMENT</b>	CAO Mitchell reported that the 2009 year had been closed off with the exception of waiting on operating costs for the Wallace/Elkhorn Waste Disposal Grounds.
<b>VILLAGE FOREMAN REPORT  #19-2010</b>	Village Foreman Blaine Rhodes presented a written report before Council which was examined and discussed.  ROBLIN/OPPER That Village Foreman Blaine Rhodes report for the month of January, 2010 be accepted as presented. Carried
<b>BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT</b>	A nil report was presented before Council.
<b>CITIZEN COMPLAINT REPORTS</b>	A total of 2 citizen complaint reports were presented before Council in regards to snowmobiles and the other regarding snow removal. CAO Mitchell is to follow up with the snow removal concerns.
<b>DELEGATION- ELKHORN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION</b>	A delegation consisting of Brent Reid, Ron Canart, Ken Rowan and Margaret Allison appeared before Council to discuss a number of community issues with Council. Topics ranged from future housing needs and requirements for both 55+ and regular family dwellings as well as commercial space and office space for the community and the Village of Elkhorn as well as available property for both short term and long term building requirements.  Also a request came before Council for the funding of a Community Directional Plan for the Village of Elkhorn with a 3-way partnership between the Village, the Elkhorn Development Corporation and the Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce. The request was for \$10,000.00 of a \$20,000.00 - \$25,000.00 overall cost.  Mayor Gagnon thanked the group for their information and attendance as well as the excellent work they are doing on behalf of the community and stated that the funding request will be put into the 2010 budget considerations.
<b>2010 GRANT IN AID #20-2010</b>	TUTTHILL/OPPER That the Village of Elkhorn apply to the Province of Manitoba Grant in Aid for 2010 work with priority #1 being dust control at a rate of \$5,292.00 which includes 1.47km of street with an 8m wide travel surface for the shaping and application of dust control and priority #2 being the application of an asphalt overlay on a 160m portion of Wexford Street between Maharg and Foxford Avenue at a cost of \$20,000.00. Carried

<b>R.C.M.P. REPORT</b>	The 2009 policing report for the Village of Elkhorn was presented before Council for examination. No further information or meetings were requested by Council.
<b>SUMMER EMPLOYMENT #21-2010</b>	OPPER/ROBLIN                      That the Village of Elkhorn be authorized to apply for 3 positions under the Provincial Green Team Program and the Federal Canada Summer Jobs 2010 Program for the Village of Elkhorn for 2010. <span style="float: right;">Carried</span>
<b>2010 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS</b>	A preliminary budget was presented before Council by CAO Mitchell. The sheet dealt with additional funding costs and discussions that occurred during the past year, all basically being totaled as capital projects. The total amount of funding was discussed and is requested that Council members return to the next budget meeting with a prioritized purchase list which can be brought forward and discussed further by Council. The next budget meeting for council is to be on March 9 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m.
<b>EMPLOYEE CODE OF CONDUCT</b>	A revised Code of Conduct was presented before council which includes special sections added to deal with unique situations within the Village of Elkhorn Office.  Discussion also occurred regarding the extension of this policy to not only employees but to members of Council. Further discussion on this will occur and be presented at the next regular meeting.
<b>AGE FRIENDLY MANITOBA</b>	Council was presented with the invitations going out to the general public next week in regards to the Age Friendly meeting on March 2, 2010 at the Elkhorn Leisure Centre. All members of council are encouraged to attend.
<b>SOUTHWEST MUNICIPAL COALITION</b>	An invitation to the Southwest Municipal Coalition meeting on February 25 <sup>th</sup> in Virden was discussed. Mayor Roland Gagnon is invited on behalf of the Village and plans on attending with Deputy Mayor Kevin Tutthill to act as an alternate if required.
<b>CAMPAIGN EXPENSES BY-LAW #22-2010</b>	TUTTHILL/ROBLIN                      That By-law #1-2010 being a by-law for certain matters concerning campaign expenses and contributions in municipal elections be given first reading. <span style="float: right;">Carried</span>
<b>MOSSGIEL CAIRN PROJECT UPDATE</b>	Council was informed that the Mossgiel Cairn is nearing completion. This project has been done through the Village of Elkhorn Office and handled by local resident Ron Canart. A final report has been forwarded through to the Heritage Grants Program on the group's behalf.
<b>VILLAGE SEWER RATE STUDY</b>	CAO Mitchell reported that he had a meeting with Kristine Shields of the Public Utilities Board of Manitoba and discussed the Village's request for the 2010 sewer rate study and increases. More information is to be forwarded to the Manitoba Public Utilities Board as requested, but it had been stated that no hearing will be required and the higher rates will be approved as of January 1, 2011.
<b>2010 HOMETOWN MEETING PLACE</b>	The Elkhorn District Chamber of Commerce had been requested to attend the regular meeting of council after their request for funding at the January meeting was discussed. Unfortunately no representative from the Chamber was available to attend. Council discussed the request and the following motion was presented.
<b>#23-2010</b>	OPPER/ROBLIN                      That the Village of Elkhorn financially support the completion of the Village 125 community sign in 2010. <span style="float: right;">Carried</span>  A letter is to be forwarded to the Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce to inform them of Council's decision.
<b>ANIMAL CARE</b>	CAO Mitchell brought Council up to speed with dialogue that has been ongoing with Alicia Hoensen in regards to animal rescue shelters. A group called The Virden Pet Network is a rescue organization operating out of Virden and could be an option for handling any stray or unwanted animals within the community.

- AMBULANCE SERVICE** Discussion occurred regarding the possibility of having a representative from the Assiniboine Regional Health Authority attend a council meeting to discuss ambulance issues. Council does not feel that it is required at this time.
- E.D.C.C./ R.I.N.C. PROJECT** Discussion occurred regarding the Elkhorn District Community Center's application under the R.I.N.C. Program. The request for funding had been passed on to the Village budget discussion and will be held at a later date. In regards to the handling of community donations, the following motion was presented.
- #24-2010** TUTTHILL/OPPER That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby approve the Elkhorn District Community Centre upgrade project under the R.I.N.C. Program as an approved project for the acceptance and issuance of cash donation receipts with a minimum value of receipts to be set at \$50.00. Carried
- A.M.M. CONVENTION** Council discussed the decision by the A.M.M. Executive to only host the convention in Winnipeg with no longer coming to Brandon every second year.
- #25-2010** ROBLIN/TUTTHILL That the Village of Elkhorn send a letter expressing the Village's disapproval with the convention location decision to the Association of Manitoba Municipalities. Carried

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A.M.M. – Assorted
- U.A.R.C.D. – Minutes
- A.R.H.A. – Minutes
- A.M.H.C. – Minutes
- M.M.A.A. – CAO Training Course
- BORDER REGIONAL LIBRARY – Early Contribution Requests
- HIGHWAY TRAFFIC BOARD – Tutthill/Jebb Ruling
- M.H.C.A. – Training Courses
- W.D.F.B. – January Minutes
- FORT LA BOSSE S.D. – Budget Consultation Meeting

- #26-2010** OPFER/TUTTHILL That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby approve the attendance of the M.M.A.A. Safety Training Course in Brandon on March 8, 2010 with registration and normal out-of-pocket expenses being authorized. Carried
- #27-2010** ROBLIN/OPFER That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby approve early payment of the first portion of the Border Regional Library annual levy. Carried

**COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS** Councillor Keith Roblin gave a report on the Trans Canada West Planning Board and discussion occurred regarding the transferring of the Village's 2010 contributions which had been frozen by a previous resolution.

Mayor Gagnon reported that the pumper purchase as approved by the Wallace District Fire Board had not occurred due to the truck being removed from the market.

**ADJOURN #28-2010** Moved by Keith Roblin that the meeting adjourn at 10:05 p.m.