

VILLAGE OF ELKHORN
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2010

MEETING	The Council of the Village of Elkhorn held its regular meeting on January 21, 2010 in 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.
MINUTES #1-2010	OPPER/TUTTHILL That the minutes of the previous regular meeting of December 17, 2009 be passed and approved as presented. Carried
AGENDA #2-2010	TUTTHILL/OPPER That the agenda for the January 21, 2010 meeting be accepted as presented. Carried
ACCOUNTS #3-2010	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 \$19,186.28 and Sewer Operating Account \$58.44 be passed and approved for payment as presented. Carried Mayor Gagnon returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair.
FINANCIAL STATEMENT	CAO Mitchell reported that the 2009 year had been closed off with almost all of the accounts and revenues in place at this time. It appears that the Village will be in a slight surplus position for the 2009 operating year.
VILLAGE FOREMAN REPORT	Village Foreman Blaine Rhodes presented a written report before Council which they examined and discussed. The purchase of a chain saw was discussed along with necessary service work to be completed on the Village compactor.
#4-2010	TUTTHILL/OPPER That Village Foreman Blaine Rhodes report for the month of December, 2009 be accepted as presented. Carried
BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT #5-2010	OPPER/TUTTHILL That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby approve Building Permit #23-2009 – E.D.C. as previously approved by Village Building Inspector Wayne Poole. Carried
CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORMS	Council was presented with a total of 4 citizen complaint forms that were received by the Village Office during the past month. All 4 complaints were in regards to Village snow removal. These have been passed onto Village Foreman Blaine Rhodes to be handled.
DELEGATION E.D.C.C. – KEITH ORR	A delegation consisting of Keith Orr, the President of the Elkhorn & District Community Centre, appeared before Council. Mr. Orr reported to council that the arena is embarking on a major upgrade project which will involve a new board system along with a new condenser for the ice plant and possibly a dehumidification system for the rink. Mr. Orr stated that currently the community centre has \$35,000.00 in their bank account and a \$56,000.00 line of credit secured with C.I.B.C. He reported that the group had received a grant from the R.I.N.C. Federal Program in the amount \$34,000.00 which is a 1/3 share of the project cost. In regards to additional funding he reported that they will be applying to the Community Places Program Provincially along with the Manitoba Community Services Council. He will also be making applications to local foundations and is in the process of setting up a corporate board sponsorship program along with mailbox stuffers requesting individual donations. The final part of the funding for the project is that of the requesting of funds from the participating municipalities. He will be visiting the councils of the R.M. of Archie, R.M. of Wallace and R.M. of Miniota along with the Village of Elkhorn. It is hoped that with all the fundraising efforts the project could be completed without any debt left for the community centre. Mayor Gagnon thanked Mr. Orr for his attendance and reported that the discussion will be continuing with the ongoing 2010 budget discussions.

2010 GRANT IN AID	Council had previously discussed the Grant in Aid Program with the following motion being presented.
#6-2010	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 1.47 km of street at an 8 m wide travel surface and priority #2 being application of asphalt lift on a portion of Wexford Street from Foxford Avenue to Maharg Avenue total distance of 160 m. Carried
QUALITY HEALTH SERVICES	The proposal from Dr. Paul Conyette of Quality Health Services was discussed by Council. Council felt that it was not interested in his proposal at this time.
VIRDEN VET DISTRICT #7-2010	TUTTHILL/OPPER That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby authorize the executing of the new agreement with the Virden Veterinary Services District. Carried
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT #8-2010	OPPER/ROBLIN That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby accept the wage rate proposals for CAO Garth Mitchell and Village Foreman Blaine Rhodes as presented by the Village's Personnel Committee. Carried
EMPLOYEE CODE OF CONDUCT	CAO Mitchell reported that under the Municipal Act, Municipalities are now required to have written "Employee Codes of Conduct." A sample was examined by Council and CAO Mitchell was to present the Code of Conduct for approval at the Village's regular February meeting.
AGE FRIENDLY MANITOBA	CAO Mitchell gave a report of the Age Friendly Manitoba meeting which had occurred on January 11, 2010. This was a preliminary meeting for a community based meeting which will be held on March 2, 2010 to find out issues and priorities with the Village's senior population.
WASTE DISPOSAL GROUNDS	A proposal from the Department of Conservation in regards to the Elkhorn Waste Disposal Grounds was presented before Council. It was reported that all solid wastes are to be compacted and covered at least twice per year as well as the fridges and freezers to have their Freon removed by an authorized technician. It was reported that all scrap metal has been removed from the site and the Village is planning on a general site cleanup and burial in the spring when weather permits.
CAMPAIGN EXPENSES/ MUNICIPAL ELECTION	The upcoming municipal election was discussed. CAO Mitchell will remain as the Senior Elections Officer for the Village of Elkhorn and other election officer positions were discussed. In regards to the Campaign Expenses By-law, Council gave its input to CAO Mitchell and a draft by-law will be presented at the next regular meeting.
#9-2010	OPPER/ROBLIN That CAO Mitchell be authorized to attend the Municipal Elections Seminar in Birtle on March 17, 2010 with registration and normal out-of-pocket expenses being authorized. Carried
W.D.F.B. CAPITAL PURCHASE	Mayor Gagnon reported that there is an upcoming meeting with the Wallace District Fire Board to discuss the capital asset purchase. No further information was available at this time.
VILLAGE SEWER RATE STUDY	CAO Mitchell reported that the necessary by-law and sewer rate study was close to being prepared. There were some details he wished to discuss further with the Public Utilities Board Office in Winnipeg.
#10-2010	OPPER/TUTTHILL That CAO Mitchell be authorized to set up a meeting with the Public Utilities Board in Winnipeg to meet and discuss the Village's sewer rate study. Carried
HOMETOWN MEETING PLACE PROPOSAL	A written proposal from the Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce was discussed in regards to the Hometown Meeting Place Program. Council felt that more information would be required in regards to the project and funding and a request will be sent to the Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce to attend the February, 2010 meeting as a delegation.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A.M.M. – Assorted
- U.A.R.C.D. – Minutes
- S.R.D.C. – Newsletter
- A.R.H.A. – Minutes
- EMERGENCY MEASURES – Workshop
- M.P.S.C. – Assorted
- MANITOBA GOOD ROADS – Membership Request
- M.A.R.R. – 2010 Provincial Stewardship Forum
- R.M. OF WALLACE – Thank-you
- A.M.H.C. – Update on B.U. School of Medicine
- M.L.C.C. – Information Letter
- CANADIAN RED CROSS – L.O.U. for Emergency Plan
- R.M. OF ST. ANDREWS – F.C.M. Membership Request
- MANITOBA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM – Assorted

#11-2010 TUTTHILL/ROBLIN That Village Emergency Coordinator Margaret Walker be authorized to attend the E.M.O. Training Session in Brandon on February 17, 2010. Carried

#12-2010 TUTTHILL/OPPER That CAO Mitchell be authorized to attend the M.A.R.R. Annual Meeting in Winnipeg on March 16, 2010 with registration and normal out-of-pocket expenses being authorized. Carried

#13-2010 ROBLIN/TUTTHILL That the Village of Elkhorn enter into the L.O.U. Agreement with the Canadian Red Cross and have it placed in the Village's Emergency Plan. Carried

#14-2010 OPFER/TUTTHILL That the Village of Elkhorn authorize the membership in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for the year 2010 at a membership rate of \$132.63. Carried

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS Deputy Mayor Tutthill reported that the Elkhorn School will be hosting a Canadian Flag Birthday Bash on February 16th to celebrate 40 years of the Canadian flag. All members of the community and council are invited to attend. Also discussed by Councillor Tutthill was that of the Elkhorn Elks Community Hall. The kitchen renovations have now been completed and a small amount of work to be done on the door project. It was felt that the next major project for the building to undertake would be that of a major insulation project.

Mayor Roland Gagnon reported that the Border Regional Library has a new Chairperson that being Ed Clayton and himself serving as Vice Chairman.

ADJOURN #15-2010 Moved by Kevin Tutthill that the meeting adjourn at 8:45 p.m.