

**VILLAGE OF ELKHORN**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**JULY 16, 2009**

<b>MEETING</b>	The Council of the Village of Elkhorn held its regular meeting on July 16, 2009 in the Village of Elkhorn Council Chambers. Present at the meeting were Mayor Roland Gagnon, Councillors Kevin Tutthill, Keith Roblin, Jamie Northcott and Hartley Oppen. Mayor Gagnon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
<b>OATH OF OFFICE</b>	Mayor Gagnon welcomed Hartley Oppen onto Council who was appointed by acclamation. CAO Mitchell administered the Oath of Office to Hartley Oppen and also accepted his Conflict of Interest disclosure forms.
<b>MINUTES #99-2009</b>	TUTTHILL/OPPEN That the minutes of the previous regular meeting of June 18, 2009 be passed and approved as presented. Carried
<b>AGENDA #100-2009</b>	OPPEN/TUTTHILL That the agenda for the July 16, 2009 meeting be passed as presented. Carried
<b>ACCOUNTS #101-2009</b>	OPPEN/TUTTHILL That the accounts amounting to General Fund \$33,063.15 and Sewer Operating \$333.84 be passed and approved for payment as presented. Carried
<b>FINANCIAL STATEMENT #102-2009</b>	OPPEN/TUTTHILL That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby approve the financial statement for the 6 month period ending June 30, 2009 as presented. Carried
<b>BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT</b>	CAO Mitchell presented before Council 4 permits for examination. Mayor Roland Gagnon declared conflict of interest in regards to Permit #16-2009 and withdrew from the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Examination of the permits occurred with discussion and the following motion was presented.  TUTTHILL/OPPEN That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby approve Building Permits #14-2009 – Elkhorn Development Corporation, #15-2009 – Doug Price, #16-2009 – Roland Gagnon and #17-2009 – Laurie Martin as presented before Council. Carried  Mayor Gagnon returned to the meeting at 6:50 p.m.
<b>VILLAGE FOREMAN DELEGATION #103-2009</b>	Village Foreman Blaine Rhodes appeared before Council and presented his written report for the month of June, 2009. Council discussed various items on the report with the following motion being presented.  OPPEN/TUTTHILL That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby accept Village Foreman Blaine Rhodes report for the month June, 2009 as presented. Carried
<b>CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORMS</b>	Council was presented with a total of 10 citizen complaints received by the Village of Elkhorn Office during the past month. The complaints range from unsightly property, dog control, vandalism, compost pickup, gravel, sidewalk and dusty road conditions. Information had been forwarded to Village Foreman to pursue and investigate.
<b>OFFICE SIGN</b>	It was reported that the office sign has been ordered and will be installed by Councillor Keith Roblin upon receipt.
<b>L.P.S. PUMPOUT TENDERS #104-2009</b>	CAO Mitchell reported that the result of the invitational tenders was that there was only one received that being from Virden Septic and Sanitation.  TUTTHILL/NORTHCOTT That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby accept the tender from Virden Septic and Sanitation at a rate of \$59.85 per tank as tendered. Carried
<b>FRONTAGE ROAD CONCERNS</b>	CAO Mitchell reported that he had been in contact with Stacy McBride from the Department of Transportation in Virden and additional cleanup work and landscaping will be done on the Village of Elkhorn frontage roads as well the area in front of the Manitoba Automobile Museum.

<b>TRANS CANADA PLANNING DISTRICT</b>	Discussion occurred regarding the Trans Canada West Planning District and the receipt of a letter from the Town of Virden and the R.M. of Wallace in regards to hiring an individual to assist in the Virden/Wallace fringe area planning. Councillor Keith Roblin gave a report in regards to the planning meeting and is unsure as to the status of this project.
<b>2009 GRANT IN AID</b>	Discussion occurred regarding the 2009 Grant in Aid work. Mayor Gagnon will be involved in the hiring of the necessary contractors for the work on Tralee Street. Asphalt is available through Borland Construction and this will be coordinated later in the summer.
<b>2009 WEST NILE</b>	CAO Mitchell presented Council with the West Nile Virus update and the pool tests with the Virden area. Mosquito control will be conducted by the Wallace Weed Control District for the Village of Elkhorn.
<b>FOUNDATION GRANTS</b>	CAO Mitchell reported that no letter had been received from the Elkhorn Development Corporation or the Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce in regards to the transferring of foundation grants.
<b>2010 TRAVEL GUIDE</b>	CAO Mitchell reported that the Elkhorn Development Corporation and the Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce had been in favor of the 2010 Southwest Travel Guide Ad. A draft copy will be available for council to look at, at their next meeting.
<b>WASTE DISPOSAL GROUNDS</b>	CAO Mitchell reported that there had been a fire at the Elkhorn Waste Disposal grounds on June 27, 2009. The cause of the fire was unknown. A number of tires had been burnt on site and some equipment had been rented in regards to the extinguishing of the fire.
<b>PARK/ CEMETARY CARETAKER REPORT #105-2009</b>	ROBLIN/NORTHCOTT                      That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby accept the Park/Cemetary Caretaker report from Lynn Kyle for the month of June, 2009 as presented.                      Carried  Mayor Gagnon would like a letter forwarded to Lynn Kyle complementing her on a job well done.
<b>WALLACE 125</b>	A letter of invitation had been forwarded for Mayor Gagnon to attend the August 1 <sup>st</sup> supper and Council would like Mayor Gagnon to make a presentation to the R.M. of Wallace on the Village's behalf at that time.
<b>VILLAGE LAGOON</b>	CAO Mitchell reported that permission had been received from the Department of Conservation in regards to the Elkhorn waste water lagoon. Spill was approved and also was requested that an Environment Act Proposal be completed and submitted regarding the lagoon. Council felt that a consultant would be required in this regard and the following motion was presented.
<b>#106-2009</b>	ROBLIN/NORTHCOTT                      That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn authorize CAO Mitchell to send out Request for Proposals in regards to the Environment License for the Elkhorn lagoon.                      Carried  CAO Mitchell will inform the Department of Conservation as to the status of the project.
<b>FRONTAGE PROPOSAL</b>	Keith Roblin was to present CAO Mitchell with information regarding the details of his proposal so that it could be forwarded to members of Tralee Street for their approval. No information had been received at this time and Councillor Roblin will present a plan to CAO Mitchell in the near future.
<b>WEST BOUNDARY FENCE UPDATE</b>	It was reported by CAO Mitchell that the survey had been completed on the Village's west boundary as requested. Mayor Gagnon will mark out the existing possible fence route and bring forward any discussion items in that regard.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- A.M.M. – Assorted
- U.A.R.C.D. – Assorted
- A.R.H.A. – Minutes
- TIRE STEWARDSHIP MANITOBA – 2008 Annual Report
- RAY JEBB – Tax Cancellation Request
- GREEN MANITOBA – W.R.A.R.S. Guide
- MINISTER OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS – V.L.T. Grant
- ELKHORN SCHOOL – Thank-you
- BORDER REGIONAL LIBRARY – Member At Large Position
- H.E.D. – Liability Issues
- EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION – Assorted
- INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS – Assessment Notices
- GARY BAJUS – Copy of Concerns to W.D.F.B.
- OFFICE OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONER – Elks Hall Permit
- C.U.P.W. – De-Regulation of Postal Service Concerns

**#107-2009** TUTTHILL/OPPER That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby appoint Tawnis McLeod to fill the vacated Member at Large Position on the Border Regional Library Board. Carried

**#108-2009** TUTTHILL/NORTHCOTT

**WHEREAS** the report of the Canada Post Corporation strategic review recommends that the current moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns be replaced with a mechanism involving new rules and procedures, including the ability to replace public post offices with private outlets.

**WHEREAS** the report also recommends that rural mailbox delivery be reconsidered.

**WHEREAS** these recommendations if implemented by the Federal Government, would de-undermine public postal services and jobs in our community and fundamentally change the nature of Canada Post retail and delivery network.

**WHEREAS** the report proposes that Canada Post highly inadequate community consultation process be used when closing or rationalizing of post office/outlet and that a similar process be used when replacing rural mailbox delivery with delivery to a community box, green box or post office.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Village of Elkhorn write to Rob Maryfield, the Minister responsible for Canada Post, and request that the Government preserve public postal services and jobs in our community by rejecting C.P.C.S.R. recommendations that would:

1) Put an end to a moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns and give Canada Post the flexibility to close post offices covered by the current moratorium or convert these public post offices to private outlets.

2) Cut delivery to rural mailboxes without exploring all options or properly consulting with residents or the representative of rural delivery workers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** we request Minister Maryfield to consult with the public, postal unions and other major stakeholders to develop a uniform and democratic process for making fundamental changes to Canada Posts Retail and Delivery Network. Carried

**COMMITTEE  
AND  
DELEGATE  
REPORTS**

Councillor Roblin gave a brief report on the Trans Canada West Planning Board and discussion on the Village's letter regarding further funding.

Mayor Gagnon gave a report regarding the upcoming Manitoba Automobile Museum meeting where discussion will occur regarding fence line location.

**ADJOURN  
#109-2009**

Moved by Hartley Opper that the meeting adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

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**Mayor**

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**CAO**

