

VILLAGE OF ELKHORN
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 17, 2010

MEETING	The Council of the Village of Elkhorn held its regular meeting on June 17, 2010 in the Village of Elkhorn Council Chambers. Present at the meeting were Mayor Roland Gagnon, Councillors Kevin Tutthill, Hartley Oppen and Keith Roblin. Mayor Gagnon called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
MINUTES #88-2010	OPPER/ROBLIN That the minutes of the previous regular meeting of May 20, 2010 and the personnel meeting of May 31, 2010 be approved as presented. Carried
BUSINESS ARISING	In regards to safety equipment, Councillor Hartley Oppen inquired as to whether first aid kits had been purchased. Councillor Keith Roblin reported that he had purchased one for the Village truck. Mayor Roland Gagnon recommended that there should be one in each truck.
AGENDA #89-2010	TUTTHILL/ROBLIN That the agenda for the June 17, 2010 meeting be accepted as presented. Carried
#90-2010	OPPER/TUTTHILL That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn excuse Councillor Jamie Northcott who was called out of the community and was unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments. Carried
ACCOUNTS	Mayor Roland Gagnon declared conflict of interest and withdrew from the meeting. After reviewing the accounts and a brief discussion and clarification of a few invoices, the following motion was presented.
#91-2010	TUTTHILL/ROBLIN That the accounts amounting to General Fund \$24,365.33 and Sewer Operating account of \$149.34 be passed and approved for payment as presented. Carried Mayor Roland Gagnon returned to the meeting.
FINANCIAL STATEMENT #92-2010	ROBLIN/TUTTHILL That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn accept the Financial Statement ending April 30, 2010 as presented. Carried
VILLAGE FOREMAN REPORT	Village Foreman Blaine Rhodes attended the meeting and presented a written report before the board. Blaine reported that he sent lagoon spill samples away and received approval back to dump the lagoon at anytime of which he is planning to do soon. Council discussed his report with concerns including the importance of the lift station maintenance, road repairs, truck and mower repairs, signage, summer student task list, compost pickup, mowing as well as following up with Village By-law complaints. After a lengthy discussion and examination of Foreman Rhodes report, Council forwarded various tasks for Blaine's completion and the following motion was then presented.
#93-2010	OPPER/ROBLIN That Village Foreman Blaine Rhodes report for the month of May, 2010 be accepted as presented. Carried
BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT #94-2010	TUTTHILL/ROBLIN That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn approve Building Permits #6-2010 – Elkhorn Development Corporation and #7-2010 – Patti Paull as presented. Carried
CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORMS	A total of 8 citizen complaint forms were received from the Village Office ranging from unsightly premises to by-law enforcement and request of gravel. These were forwarded to Village Foreman Rhodes for his handling.
VILLAGE COMPOST	Secretary Mitchell reported that the R.M. of Wallace resident Travis McColl had filed a concern regarding the compost pile and the fact that there may be rodent infestation. No rodents had been seen at the site, but general maintenance of the site was discussed. CAO Mitchell has ordered bait stations to place at the Elkhorn Compost site and monthly pushups and maintenance at the site should be done by the Village.

ELKHORN/ WALLACE RECYCLE	Phase 3 of the Elkhorn/Wallace Recycle Contract was presented before the Village of Elkhorn Council for the Village Council and R.M. of Wallace to consider. Council examined the proposed contract with concerns regarding Village Foreman Blaine Rhodes time spent on the recycle center. After a brief discussion, the following motion was presented.
#95-2010	OPPER/TUTTHILL That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby authorize the entering into the Phase 3 Proposal from the Elkhorn/Wallace Recycle Group. Carried
2010 SIDEWALK WORK	Measurements and site plan details were not received from Mayor Gagnon and the request for proposals are waiting to be forwarded. Mayor Roland Gagnon reported that he will obtain measurements and report back to the Village Office soon. Council also discussed options for sidewalk work on Richhill Avenue in front of the Twin Valley Co-op grocery store.
ELKHORN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	It was reported that CAO Mitchell had approved the installation of a temporary sign by the Elkhorn Leisure Center for the duration of the Community Directional Plan work. Also, a representative will be coming on June 25 th (Chad Hughes) and has requested for the Village to be involved in the meeting with him and also Brent Reid had presented a verbal proposal regarding the Elks Hall, but no written details had been received at this time. Council decided to inform Park/Cemetary Caretaker Ken Shackel to have mowing done in town prior to the June 25 th meeting if time allotted.
SEWER RATE HEARING	A copy of the Public Utilities Board Notice of Application of Public Hearing was given to all members of Council in regards to the July 13, 2010 public hearing that will be held at the Elkhorn Elks Hall. The rates are projected with significant increases as this has been the first increase in utility rates since 1977.
LPS PUMPOUTS #96-2010	ROBLIN/TUTTHILL That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn authorize the issuing of invitational tenders for the 2010 LPS Sewer Tank Pump outs. Carried
VILLAGE FRONTAGE ROAD	It is reported that no final work had been completed on the frontage road at the Manitoba Automobile Museum, Village of Elkhorn portion or the Glen Tapp and Effie Kallichuk area. Mayor Roland Gagnon reported that he was in contact with Glen Hayward of the Department of Highways who informed him that the R.M. of Wallace has been contracted to maintain the frontage road. It was also reported that discussions occurred with Jim Slimmon of the R.M. of Wallace in regards to the maintaining and grading of the road. Some work had been completed, but Council felt that there is still work required.
2010 WEST NILE #97-2010	OPPER/TUTTHILL That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn approach the Wallace Weed Control District for the 2010 West Nile prevention work. Carried
PARK/ CEMETARY CARETAKER	The Park/Cemetary Caretaker report for the month of May, 2010 was presented to Council for examination. Mayor Roland Gagnon reported that the Kubota mower had been sent to Miller Farm Equipment for repairs. After a brief discussion regarding mower servicing and review of the report, the following motion was presented.
#98-2010	OPPER/ROBLIN That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby accept the Park/Cemetary Caretaker Report from Ken Shackel for the month of May, 2010 as presented. Carried
BLOCK L PLAN 76 GRAVEL RIGHTS	Mayor Roland Gagnon reported that he was approached with some concerns regarding the Block L, Plan 76 gravel rights. A copy of the original Land Transfer Agreement where the Village retained the gravel rights and what permission there was for usage of material was given to all members of Council. Discussion occurred in regards to the possibility of re-negotiating the gravel rights agreement with various options being brought forward.

#99-2010 ROBLIN/OPPER That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn go
“In Camera” to further discuss property development agreement options.
Carried

#100-2010 OPPER/ROBLIN That the Village of Elkhorn Council come
out of the “In Camera” session. Carried

Council requested a delegation of Lynn and Ken Tutthill to attend the next regular council meeting on July 15, 2010 to discuss the current gravel rights agreement.

**W.D.F.B.
AGREEMENT
2011 – 2014** It was reported by CAO Mitchell that no new draft agreement had been received at this time and information was received from Myrna Roblin of the Fire Board in regards to budgets for 2011 – 2014 not being available as they do not do future year budgets. Mayor Roland Gagnon reported that a motion had been made and passed at the previous Wallace District Fire Board meeting moving that the Board base calculations on assessment only, which is the same procedure currently used. Discussion occurred in regards to how the Fire Board determines these amounts as far as why who pays for what and how they come to the final numbers and also the possible affects if calculations were done by assessment and population. Mayor Gagnon reported that the Fire Board will be submitting a copy of the meeting minutes for review.

WATER TANK Brought forward to Council was the possibility of purchasing the water tank at the rear of the Village Office from current owner Wes Ruddick. The Village has used it occasionally over the years and a request from the Elkhorn District Community Center was brought forward in regards to borrowing the tank for use during its renovation project to store the ice plant material in. After discussion, the following motion was presented.

#101-2010 TUTTHILL/ROBLIN That the Village of Elkhorn purchase the water tank from Wes Ruddick for up to a maximum amount of \$500.00 and authorize the Elkhorn District Community Center to borrow the tank during its renovations. Carried

**ELKHORN &
AREA
FOUNDATION
GRANTS
#102-2010** TUTTHILL/ROBLIN That the Village of Elkhorn hereby transfer the \$500.00 Elkhorn & Area Foundation Grant to the Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce for the Elkhorn Gazebo Project. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

- A.M.M. – Assorted
- U.A.R.C.D. – Minutes
- A.R.H.A. – Assorted
- MANITOBA OMBUDSMON – 2009 Report
- M.L.C.C. – Western Weekend Approval
- M.A.F.R.I. – First Impression Program
- INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORTATION – Bus Service
- TOWN OF VIRDEN – Regional Meeting
- STU BRIESE M.L.A. – Bill #230
- MANITOBA COUNCIL ON AGING – Recognition Awards
- MEDICAL RECRUITMENT & RETENTION – 2010 Contribution
- PROVINCE OF MANITOBA – Mosquito Count
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT – Souris Appointment
- BORDER REGIONAL LIBRARY – Minutes
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT – 2011 Board of Revision

Council requested that CAO Garth Mitchell submit nominations to the Manitoba Council on Aging for the 2010 Recognition Awards Program by the deadline of September 10, 2010.

**COMMITTEE
AND DELEGATE
REPORTS**

Mayor Roland Gagnon reported that he was in attendance at the Regional Meeting in Virden on April 20, 2010. Discussions at the meeting included optional joint purchases between municipalities such as a street sweeper, grader and shared training sessions. The meeting wrapped up with these options being looked into and a priority list being made up itemizing the possible joint purchases.

In regards to the Border Regional Library, Mayor Roland Gagnon reported that they are looking at various options to expand the library space and that a community survey was going to be conducted to further investigate options.

**ADJOURN
#103-2010**

Moved by Hartley Opper that the meeting adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Mayor

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