

VILLAGE OF ELKHORN
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 18, 2010

MEETING	The Council of the Village of Elkhorn held its regular meeting on March 18, 2010 in the Village of Elkhorn Council Chambers. Present at the meeting were Mayor Roland Gagnon, Councillors Hartley Opper and Kevin Tutthill. Mayor Gagnon called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
MINUTES #30-2010	OPPER/TUTTHILL That the minutes of the previous regular meeting of February 18 th and Village special meeting of March 9 th , 2010 be passed and approved as presented. Carried
AGENDA #31-2010	OPPER/TUTTHILL That the agenda for the March 18, 2010 meeting be accepted as presented. Carried
COUNCILLOR NORTHCOTT #32-2010	TUTTHILL/OPPER That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn excuse Councillor Jamie Northcott who is absent due to work commitments out of the community. Carried
ACCOUNTS #33-2010	Mayor Roland Gagnon declared conflict of interest and withdrew from the meeting. Deputy Mayor Kevin Tutthill assumed the Chair. TUTTHILL/OPPER That the accounts amounting to General Fund \$37,872.05 and Sewer Operating account \$63.29 be passed and approved for payment as presented. Carried
FINANCIAL STATEMENT #34-2010	Mayor Gagnon returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair. OPPER/TUTTHILL That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby approve the financial statement for the 12 month period ending December 31, 2009 as presented. Carried
VILLAGE FOREMAN REPORT #35-2010	Village Foreman Blaine Rhodes presented a written report before Council which was examined and discussed. TUTTHILL/OPPER That Village Foreman Blaine Rhodes report for the month of February, 2010 be accepted as presented. Carried
BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT	Discussion occurred regarding the Recycle Program, the lift station and Village drainage. A nil report was presented before Council.
CITIZEN COMPLAINT REPORTS	A total of 1 citizen complaint report was presented before Council in regards to icy sidewalks. Village Foreman Rhodes is to contact the property owner in regards to the relocation of a down spout.
E.D.C. DUMPSTER PROPOSAL	After a proposal had been brought forward from the Elkhorn Development Corporation regarding their purchasing of two dumpsters to be used at construction sites and to whether the Village compactor unit could dump them. Council felt that this would be a suitable option providing it is done on Tuesdays with regular garbage pickup and an assistant was onsite to work with Village Foreman Rhodes as it is a two man operation. Also, the bins are not to be used for recyclable materials or materials that should be located separately within the landfill. CAO Mitchell is to forward a letter to the Elkhorn Development Corporation in this regard.
2010 SUMMER CONTRACTS	Councillor Keith Roblin arrived at the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Council discussed the 2010 summer contracts for the Park/Cemetery Caretaker along with the Elkhorn Campground Caretaker. After discussion, the following motions were presented.

#36-2010	OPPER/TUTTHILL	That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby advertise the position of Park/Cemetary Caretaker for 2010 at a rate of \$1,350.00 per month with applications to close on April 14, 2010.	Carried
#37-2010	TUTTHILL/ROBLIN	That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby advertise the position of Campground Caretaker at a rate of \$275.00 per month for the 2010 season with applications to close on April 14, 2010.	Carried
2010 TAX SALE		CAO Mitchell presented to Council an updated list of properties for the tax sale. Currently there are 4 properties eligible.	
#38-2010	TUTTHILL/OPPER	That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby designate the year 2008 for the Village's tax sale designation, designating any property with arrears of 2008 and 2009 being eligible for tax sale.	Carried
#39-2010	TUTTHILL/OPPER	BE IT RESOLVED THAT pursuant to By-law #2-2008 of the Village of Elkhorn, Taxervice Inc. be appointed to conduct tax sales for the Village of Elkhorn.	
		BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT pursuant to By-law #2-2008 of the Village of Elkhorn, Donna Zinkiew, General Manager of Taxervice Inc., be appointed Tax Sale Manager for the Village of Elkhorn.	Carried
EMPLOYEE CODE OF CONDUCT		After discussing the Code of Conduct that will apply to both employees and the members of Council, the following motion was presented.	
#40-2010	ROBLIN/OPPER	That the Employee/Village of Elkhorn Council Code of Conduct Policy be adopted as presented.	Carried
CAMPAIGN EXPENSES BY-LAW #41-2010	TUTTHILL/ROBLIN	That By-Law #1-2010, being a by-law for certain matters concerning campaign expenses and contribution in municipal elections, be given 2 nd and 3 rd reading and duly passed.	Carried
COMMUNITY HOMECOMING		Councillor Kevin Tutthill reported that he had been in contact with some of the organizing group from the Village 125 ceremonies and there is expressed interest in the hosting of a 130 th Homecoming in 2012. Council is in favor of this and will be able to assist as it did for the 125 celebration.	
VILLAGE SEWER RATE STUDY		CAO Mitchell reported that there had been no response back from the Public Utilities Board in regards to the 2010 sewer rate study.	
2010 BUDGET		A lengthy discussion occurred regarding the 2010 budget and going over the changes in revenue and expenses from the 2009 budgeted and actual numbers. After further discussion and decisions, Council is prepared to make final decisions on the 2010 operating budget with a special meeting to be held on April 1 st , 2010.	
		Some of the items that require more information is the consideration of sandblasting and painting the Village pool, obtaining distances for street dig on 2 nd Street within the Village, purchasing of first aid kits for Village equipment and office, the possibility of increasing the Mayor and Councillor indemnities, creation of an Office Building Reserve as well as the options in regards to the Village office.	
		Also discussed was the Elkhorn Community Development Plan as proposed by the Elkhorn Development Corporation. Discussion occurred in regards to the Village share of funding and the following motion was presented.	
#42-2010	TUTTHILL/ROBLIN	That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby offer Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4 in Block 2, Plan 22934 to the Elkhorn Development Corporation for \$1.00 each as the Village's share of the Elkhorn Community Plan Report.	Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

- A.M.M. – Assorted
- U.A.R.C.D. – Assorted
- A.R.H.A. – Minutes
- MONTGOMERY GOLD – Parade
- M.M.A.A. – 2010 Conference
- MANITOBA GO OFFICE – Pathfinder Program
- CULTURE, HERITAGE & TOURISM – Mossgiel Cairn
- M.P. MERV TWEED – Budget in Brief
- S.R.D.C. – Director Appointment
- COMMUNITY FUTURES – Newsletter
- PROVINCE OF MANITOBA – 2010 Capturing Opportunities
- M.P.S.C. – Closure Notice
- ELKHORN SCHOOL – Playground Structure Funding

#43-2010 OPPER/TUTTHILL That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn authorize the attendance of the A.M.M. Municipal Officials Seminar in Brandon on April 14 & 15, 2010 by Mayor, CAO and members of Council with registration and normal out-of-pocket expenses being authorized.

Carried

#44-2010 OPPER/TUTTHILL That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby authorize the attendance of the A.M.M. Annual Conference by CAO Mitchell with registration and normal out-of-pocket expenses being authorized.

Carried

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS

Mayor Roland Gagnon reported that the Border Regional Library has set wages and budget for the 2010 year and the Wallace District Fire Board has located a truck and completed a purchase.

ADJOURN #45-2010

Moved by Keith Roblin that the meeting adjourn at 9:30 p.m.