

VILLAGE OF ELKHORN
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009

MEETING	The Council of the Village of Elkhorn held its regular meeting on March 19, 2009 in the Village of Elkhorn Council Chambers. Present at the meeting were Deputy Mayor Kevin Tutthill, Councillors Keith Roblin and Jamie Northcott. Deputy Mayor Kevin Tutthill called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES #31-2009	ROBLIN/NORTHCOTT That the minutes of the previous regular meeting of February 19, 2009 and the Village Special Budget meeting of March 9, 2009 be accepted and adopted as presented. Carried
AGENDA #32-2009	NORTHCOTT/ROBLIN That the Village of Elkhorn approve the agenda for the March 19, 2009 meeting as presented. Carried
COUNCILLOR MASSIER #33-2009	NORTHCOTT/ROBLIN That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn excuse Councillor Bill Massier's absence due to winter holidays. Carried
ACCOUNTS #34-2009	NORTHCOTT/ROBLIN That the accounts amounting to General Fund \$27,408.87 and Sewer Operating Account \$87.37 be passed and approved for payment as presented. Carried
FINANCIAL STATEMENT #35-2009	ROBLIN/NORTHCOTT That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby approve the financial statement for the 12 month period ending December 31, 2008 and the 1 month period ending January 31, 2009. Carried
	CAO Mitchell reported that there had been a slight deficit in both the Sewer Operating and the Village General Accounts. Upon completion of the annual audit, the Village will apply to the Minister for removal of the deficit from the Village surplus and the Utility deficit from the utility surplus.
VILLAGE FOREMAN REPORT #36-2009	A written report from Village Foreman Blaine Rhodes was presented before Council. The report discussed issues being brought forward as well as activity during the past month. After discussion the following motion was presented. ROBLIN/NORTHCOTT That the Village of Elkhorn hereby accept Village Foreman Blaine Rhodes report for the month of February, 2009 as presented. Carried
	Discussion occurred regarding the purchase of a small pump for pumping excess water. CAO Mitchell is to investigate other options than those provided by Village Foreman Rhodes. Council requested that a locking gas cap be placed on the Village ¾ ton once received and also that the pickup and compactor units are to be parked at the Village of Elkhorn Office starting April 1, 2009. Council requested that 2 Elkwood Manor signs be purchased and erected on Richhill Avenue for the public to locate the Manor.
BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT #37-2009	Council was presented with 2 building permits from the past month being #7-2009 – Ray & Brenda Barnesky and #8-2009 – Ray Jebb. After examination, the following motion was presented. NORTHCOTT/ROBLIN That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby approve Building Permits #7-2009 – Ray & Brenda Barnesky and #8-2009 – Ray Jebb as presented. Carried
CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORM REPORT	Council was presented with 6 citizen complaints that had been submitted to the Village Office during the past month. After discussion of these and instructions for By-Law Enforcer Rhodes, Council also discussed the request from a citizen in regards to re-payment of funds for snow removal off of private property. This request was denied and CAO Mitchell is to send a letter explaining the current Village policy.

2009 SUMMER CONTRACTS	Council discussed the 2009 Summer Contracts for the Park/Cemetery Caretaker along with the Elkhorn Campground Caretaker. After discussion the following motion was presented.
#38-2009	NORTHCOTT/ROBLIN That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby advertise the position of the Park/Cemetery Caretaker for 2009 at a rate of \$1,250.00 per month with applications to close on April 15 th , 2009. Carried
#39-2009	NORTHCOTT/TUTTHILL That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby advertise the position of Campground Caretaker at a rate of \$260.00 per month for the 2009 season with applications to close on April 15 th , 2009. Carried
#40-2009	NORTHCOTT/ROBLIN That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation for wages for 2009 as presented. Carried
2009 WEST NILE VIRUS PROGRAM #41-2009	ROBLIN/NORTHCOTT That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby authorize the application for funding under the West Nile Virus Protection Program for 2009. Carried
WASTE WATER COURSES	CAO Mitchell reported that Village Foreman Blaine Rhodes will be required to take training for the operation of the Village lagoon and waste water collection system. Information obtained was that for courses at Red River Community College, however it was understood that there would be courses possibly in the fall at the Assiniboine Community College. More information will be obtained by CAO Mitchell.
DELEGATION: ELKHORN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	A delegation consisting of Sharlean Bickerton, Al Earis and Bob Nesbitt appeared before Council to discuss the application under the Hometown Manitoba Program for the installation of a gazebo in the park. An application for a 10' x 20' gazebo with a 10' x 20' concrete pad in front of it at a total estimated cost of \$20,000.00 was proposed. It is requested for the Village of Elkhorn to contribute \$5,000.00 and approve the location of the gazebo in the Elkhorn Memorial Park. After discussion, the following motion was presented.
#42-2009	NORTHCOTT/ROBLIN That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby deny support for the Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce application under the Hometown Manitoba Project for 2009. Carried A letter of explanation is to be forwarded to the Chamber stating Council's financial constraints at this time.
MORAN PROPERTY	CAO Mitchell reported that he had received one offer in regards to 111 – 3 rd Street North (Lloyd Moran Property). The offer in the amount of \$4,250.00 was discussed.
#43-2009	NORTHCOTT/ROBLIN That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby accept the offer of purchase from John & Lynn Whiteman in the amount of \$4,250.00 for the purchase of 111 – 3 rd Street with the purchaser being responsible for all transfer and title registration costs. Carried
2009 BUDGET	A lengthy discussion occurred regarding the 2009 budget and going over of changes in revenue and expenses from the 2008 budget and actual numbers. After further discussion and decisions, Council is prepared to make final decisions on the 2009 operating budget at the special meeting to be held on April 2, 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A.M.M. – Assorted
- A.R.H.A. – Minutes
- U.A.R.C.D. – Assorted
- W.D.F.B. – Inspection Report
- M.P.S.C. – Funding Rate 2009/2010
- PRAIRIE WEST – All About Women Day
- S.R.D.C. – Trade Magazine Update
- ASSINIBOINE MUNICIPAL HEALTH COMMITTEE – Assorted
- PROVINCE OF MANITOBA – 2009 Capturing Opportunities

#44-2009 ROBLIN/NORTHCOTT That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn authorize the attendance of the A.M.M. Municipal Officials Seminar in Brandon on April 15th & 16th, 2009 by the Mayor, CAO and members of Council with registration and normal out-of-pocket expenses being authorized. Carried

#45-2009 ROBLIN/NORTHCOTT That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn authorize the gold level sponsorship (\$25.00) of the All About Women Day in Elkhorn and that the Village of Elkhorn purchase a ticket for Office Assistant Beckie Gagnon. Carried

#46-2009 ROBLIN/NORTHCOTT Whereas the residents of the area wherein the Medical Services are provided and managed by the Assiniboine Regional Health Authority have experienced and continue to experience a serious shortage of physicians and emergency services;

And Whereas the Assiniboine Regional Health Authority has been unable to recruit a sufficient number of physicians to operate the areas clinics, hospitals and emergency services;

And Whereas it is strongly believed that the operation of a rural satellite Medical School at Brandon University would produce physicians prepared to practice in the Assiniboine Regional Health Authority area;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Village of Elkhorn by resolution supports and encourages the creation and operation of a rural satellite Medical School at Brandon University. Carried

Councillor Keith Roblin volunteered to sit on the A.M.H.C. Advisory Board as a District #2 Representative on behalf of the Village of Elkhorn.

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS Councillor Keith Roblin gave a report from the Trans Canada West Planning District stating that a new consultant will be hired and hopefully direction will be given to the new consultant on the communities' wishes.

Deputy Mayor Tutthill brought forward a question in regards to Building Inspector Wayne Poole and his job description as well as some issues that arose with a Village Building Permit.

ADJOURN #47-2009 Moved by Keith Roblin that the meeting adjourn at 9:05 p.m.