

VILLAGE OF ELKHORN
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 21, 2009

MEETING	The Council of the Village of Elkhorn held its regular meeting on May 21, 2009 in the Village of Elkhorn Council Chambers. Present at the meeting were Mayor Roland Gagnon, Councillors Kevin Tutthill, Bill Massier and Jamie Northcott. Mayor Gagnon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES #69-2009	TUTTHILL/MASSIER That the minutes of the previous regular meeting of April 16, 2009 and the Village Special Meeting of April 21, 2009 be passed and approved as presented. Carried
AGENDA #70-2009	MASSIER/TUTTHILL That the agenda for the May 21, 2009 meeting be passed approved as presented. Carried
ACCOUNTS #71-2009	TUTTHILL/MASSIER That the accounts amounting to General Fund \$20,065.69 and Sewer Operating Account \$179.12 be passed and approved for payment as presented. Carried
FINANCIAL STATEMENT #72-2009	MASSIER/TUTTHILL That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby approved the financial statement for the 3 month period ending March 31, 2009 and the 4 month period ending April 30, 2009 as presented. Carried
VILLAGE FOREMAN DELEGATION	Village Foreman Blaine Rhodes was unable to appear before Council but a written report was presented on his behalf. The report discussed issues during the previous month as well as his ongoing activities. After discussion, the following motion was presented.
#73-2009	TUTTHILL/MASSIER That the Village of Elkhorn hereby accept Village Foreman Blaine Rhodes report for the month of April, 2009 as presented. Carried
	Items added to his list was that to ensure that all garbage is being picked up in the Village and that any issues in regards to placement of garbage is discussed and the homeowners are educated rather than letting garbage accumulate. It is also requested to haul the R.M. of Wallace's rotary mower back to Hargrave and continue to enforce by-laws on unsightly properties.
BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT	A report from Building Inspector Wayne Poole showed permits that went through his office during the month of April, 2009 that being #11-2009 - Vanderveer, #12-2009 - Barnesky that have previously approved by Building Inspector Wayne Poole.
#74-2009	MASSIER/TUTTHILL That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby approve Building Permits #11-2009 - Vanderveer and #12-2009 - Barnesky as presented. Carried
CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORM	A sheet was presented before Council showing 5 complaints ranging from garbage pickup, debris and unsightly properties. These were forwarded onto Village By-Law Enforcer for further investigation.
VILLAGE OFFICE SIGN	CAO Mitchell presented before Council a sample of a new office sign. This is a shared sign between the Village and Andrew Agencies. No final costing was available at this time.
MORAN PROPERTY UPDATE	Council was informed that the previous offer from John and Lynn Whiteman to purchase the Moran property had been withdrawn. In regards to the future of the property, CAO Mitchell is to forward a letter to the Elkhorn Development Corporation to see if they are interested in the acquisition of this property and the demolition of the residence.
WALLACE/ ELKHORN NUISANCE GROUND	Council was informed that spill approval for the evaporation cell had been approved by the Province of Manitoba and that Council was also briefed in regards to the new W.R.A.R.S. levy which will occur for class 2 land sites in 2011. This levy will be at a rate of \$10.00 per ton of refuse accepted at the site and funds will be used to promote recycling programs within the province.

**DELEGATION
ASSESSMENT
BRANCH
JIM MCKINNON**

A delegation consisting of Jim McKinnon from the Assessment Branch appeared before Council to discuss the impact of the 2010 reassessment. Mr. McKinnon reported that new assessment notices will be mailed out as of Monday, May 25th and that an open house is planned for the Elkhorn Leisure Centre on July 13th, 2009 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. The Board of Revision will be held on October 15th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

In regards to the review of the tax impact for the Village of Elkhorn, he reported that 90% of all the sales within the district are still under valued as far as their assessment values. This is reflected in the 2010 reassessment which shows an average increase within the Village of Elkhorn of 33%. This is slightly lower than the provincial average of 56% which should mean a lowering of the Village's education requirements slightly. In regards to changes within the Village itself, different classes of properties are affected differently by the reassessment but the majority of the 215 of the Village's 303 properties will experience changes of less than \$100.00 either up or down on their current taxes. Option of phasing in the tax impact over 2 years was discussed but it was such a minimal change that the Village does not feel it's required at this time. Any individuals wishing more information can be forwarded to the Assessment Branch in Souris for further discussion or encouraged to attend the open house. Mayor Gagnon thanked Mr. McKinnon for his time and presentation to Council.

**TRANS
CANADA
WEST
PLANNING
DISTRICT**

Mayor Roland Gagnon reported that he had been unable to attend the last Trans Canada West Planning meeting; however had talked to the Village's second representative Keith Roblin. He was informed that the R.M. of Wallace has expressed a desire to withdraw from the Planning District due to being unable to arrive on an overall development plan. The Board Members expressed frustration with the inability for the Board to become united and the following resolution was passed.

#75-2009

TUTTHILL/MASSIER That the Village of Elkhorn forward a letter to the Trans Canada West Planning District stating its intentions to cease contribution of funds until some progress can be made in regards to planning district development. Carried

Copies of this letter are to be forwarded to each of the municipal partners.

**SUMMER
EMPLOYMENT**

CAO Mitchell presented before Council the results of the Summer Employment Grant Applications which had netted the Village 1 Green Team and 1 Summer Career Placement Position. Hiring for the wading pool was also conducted in the same interview process.

**2009 WEST
NILE VIRUS**

CAO Mitchell reported that the Province had approved funding under the West Nile Virus subsidy program similar to previous years and West Nile Virus work will be carried out by the Wallace Weed Control District.

2009 TAX SALE

A list of property arrears had been presented before Council for examination. Only 3 properties currently qualify for 2009 Tax Sale, 2 of these should be cleared off in the very near future. CAO Mitchell will continue pursuit of the arrears.

**ROTARY
MOWER**

The offer from the R.M. of Wallace to purchase a used rotary mower was discussed. Council had not put funds in the 2009 budget for this purchase and it is requested that Foreman Blaine Rhodes return the mower to the R.M. of Wallace site at Hargrave.

**RICHHILL
AVENUE
BEAUTIFICATION**

Citizen Sharlean Bickerton had brought forward a proposal to plant and get started all of the decorative flower pots on the Village main street. She did however request assistance in regards to watering. Councillor Kevin Tutthill stated that he will contact Richhill Avenue Businesses and organizations to see if each of them would adopt a flower pot to ensure each of the flowers were watered twice a week. In regards to the trees in the park, it was felt that this will have to be done with volunteers and municipal staff.

CAMPGROUND PROPOSAL	CAO Mitchell reported that a proposal had been received from Ron Wiltshire in regards to the possibility of advertising the Campground Caretaker position in lieu of a free camping spot for the season. This occurs in other campground areas and was placed before council for discussion.
BUILDING CANADA FUND	CAO Mitchell reported that the Village of Elkhorn had received a negative response from the Building Canada Fund with a note that should additional funding became available the Village would be contacted and provided an opportunity to re-apply.
CORRESPONDENCE	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A.M.M. – Assorted - ANITA CARSWELL – Library Board Resignation - INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS – P.S.A.B. Training - A.M.H.C. – Assorted - ELKHORN AG SOCIETY – Sponsorship Request - CORINNE NESBITT – Thank-you - OFFICE OF THE PREMIER – Reply - WALLACE 125 COMMITTEE – Reminder - VILLAGE SQAURE – Consignment Letter
#76-2009	NORTHCOTT/MASSIER That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn authorize the attendance of the A.M.M. Western District meeting on June 17, 2009 in Killarney by Mayor, Council and CAO with normal out-of-pocket expenses being authorized. Carried
#77-2009	TUTTHILL/NORTHCOTT That CAO Mitchell be authorized to attend the P.S.A.B. Training in Brandon, Manitoba on July 29, 2009 as required with registration and normal out-of-pocket expenses being authorized. Carried
#78-2009	MASSIER/NORTHCOTT That the Village of Elkhorn authorize the sponsorship of the Elkhorn Ag Society in the amount of \$50.00 for the upcoming agricultural fair. Carried
#79-2009	TUTTHILLMASSIER That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn authorize the purchase of a framed Elkhorn print for presentation to the R.M. of Wallace on their 125 th Anniversary. Carried
COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS	Councillor Bill Massier announced to Council his upcoming relocation to Winnipeg Beach, Manitoba. Massier's sold their house and will be moving in June. Mr. Massier then submitted his resignation from Council.
#80-2009	TUTTHILL/NORTHCOTT That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby instruct Village Election Officer Garth Mitchell to proceed with by-election process with the filling of the vacant council seat. Carried Mayor Gagnon brought forward a request from Councillor Keith Roblin in regards to the installation of a sidewalk in front of his Tralee Street property. Council discussed this and requested a written proposal be forwarded by Councillor Keith Roblin at the next meeting. Discussion also occurred regarding the west boundary fence that had previously been discussed with property owner Lyle Rowan and Dianne Rookes. Mayor Gagnon will investigate the costs of doing a fence installation and this will be discussed at Council's next regular meeting.
ADJOURN #81-2009	Moved by Bill Massier that the meeting adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

