

**VILLAGE OF ELKHORN**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 15, 2009**

<b>MEETING</b>	The Council of the Village of Elkhorn held its regular meeting on October 15, 2009 in the Village of Elkhorn Council Chambers. Present at the meeting were Mayor Roland Gagnon, Councillors Jamie Northcott and Hartley Oppen. Mayor Gagnon called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
<b>MINUTES #139-2009</b>	OPPER/NORTHCOTT That the minutes of the previous regular meeting of September 17, 2009 be passed and approved as presented. Carried
<b>AGENDA #140-2009</b>	OPPER/NORTHCOTT That the agenda for the October 15, 2009 meeting be accepted as presented. Carried
<b>ACCOUNTS #141-2009</b>	NORTHCOTT/OPPER That the accounts amounting to General Fund \$34,897.24 and Sewer Operating Account \$2,411.81 be passed and approved for payment as presented. Carried
<b>FINANCIAL STATEMENT #142-2009</b>	OPPER/NORTHCOTT That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby approve the financial statement for the 9 month period ending September 30, 2009 as presented. Carried
<b>VILLAGE FOREMAN DELEGATION  #143-2009</b>	Village Foreman Blaine Rhodes appeared before Council and presented his monthly report. Included in the monthly report was the new time tracking sheet as developed by the Personnel Committee. After discussion of the report and a discussion of upcoming duties to be completed, the following motion was presented.  NORTHCOTT/OPPER That Village Foreman Blaine Rhodes report for the month of September, 2009 be accepted as presented. Carried
<b>BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT #144-2009</b>	OPPER/NORTHCOTT That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby approve Building Permit #19-2009 – Elkhorn Development Corporation as approved by Village Building Inspector Wayne Poole. Carried
<b>CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORMS</b>	Council was presented with a total of 9 citizen complaints received by the Village Office during the past month. The complaints range from garbage pickup concerns, recycle pickup, truck traffic, pigeons, dog control and cemetery monument damage.
<b>ELKHORN NUISANCE GROUND</b>	It is reported that the Elkhorn Nuisance Ground has had cleanup work done in regards to the previous fire debris and a berm was constructed around the burnable pile which should now be able to be burnt in the fall of 2009. Additional work for concrete rubble cleanup will need to be done in 2010.
<b>SNOW REMOVAL TENDER #145-2009</b>	OPPER/NORTHCOTT That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn accept the tender from Midwestern Redi-Mix in the amount of \$2,300.00 plus G.S.T. for the snow removal tender as of November 1, 2009 through to April 15, 2010. Carried
<b>#146-2009</b>	OPPER/NORTHCOTT That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn adopt the snow removal policy as presented and authorize distribution by mailbox stuffing and local posters. Carried
<b>AUDITOR APPOINTMENT #147-2009</b>	OPPER/NORTHCOTT That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby appoint the firm of Collins Barrow as the Village of Elkhorn's Auditor for 2009. Carried
<b>POST OFFICE/ LEISURE CENTRE PARKING LOT</b>	Mayor Gagnon reported that he had been in discussion with Midwestern Redi-Mix in regards to the project and had hoped to be able to complete it in 2009 weather permitting.
<b>PARK/ CEMETARY CARETAKER REPORT #148-2009</b>	NORTHCOTT/OPPER That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby accept the Park/Cemetary Caretaker Report from Lynn Kyle for the month of September, 2009 as presented. Carried

**PRAIRIE  
WEST  
RECREATION**

A By-Law and Agreement was presented before Council for the term of 2010 – 2014 in regards to the Prairie West Recreation Commission.

**#149-2009**

OPPER/NORTHCOTT That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby give By-Law #3-2009, being a by-law for the continuation of a public recreation commission, first reading. Carried

**WEST  
BOUNDARY  
FENCE**

Mayor Gagnon reported that he and Councillor Northcott will stake the fence route out for approval by property owner Lyle Rowan and Dianne Rookes. It is hoped that fence construction can occur this fall.

**VILLAGE  
CREEK**

It is reported that a scrubber mower will be rented from Regent Rentals for mowing of the creek area to allow better flow of water in the spring of 2010. The mower will be operated by Village Foreman Rhodes.

**LOFFREDO  
DRAINAGE  
CONCERNS**

A letter was presented to Council from Barbara Loffredo in regards to drainage issues at her Foxford Avenue East residence. CAO Mitchell is to further examine the site and look for possible solutions.

**FOUNDATION  
GRANTS**

CAO Mitchell reported that no written request had been received from the Elkhorn Development Corporation or the Chamber of Commerce in regards to transferring of the Elkhorn & Area Foundation Grants.

**2009  
CHRISTMAS  
SUPPER**

Council discussed the 2009 Christmas Supper that had been set for December 4, 2009. A guest list was gone over with additions and changes made as per Council's request.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- A.M.M. – Assorted
- STARR SZORADI – Cemetary Bench Request
- S.W.A.N.A. – Landfill Operator Regulations
- H.E.D. INC. – Meetings at A.M.M. Convention
- MANITOBA ASSOCIATION OF AG SOCIETIES – Funding Request
- INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS – Minister Meeting Request
- M.P.S.C. – October Bulletin
- MANITOBA OMBUDSMON – Newsletter
- A.R.H.A. – Assorted
- M.E.B.P. – Administration Seminars
- A.L.S. LAB/CANTEST – Water Test Results and Future Testing
- C.P.A.A. – Rural Postal Service

**#150-2009**

OPPER/NORTHCOTT That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby authorize CAO Mitchell to attend the M.M.A.A. Policy Development Workshop in Brandon on December 3, 2009 with registration and normal out-of-pocket expenses being authorized. Carried

**#151-2009**

OPPER/NORTHCOTT That the Council of the Village of Elkhorn hereby authorize the attendance of the M.E.B.P. Administration Seminar in Hartney on October 27, 2009 with registration and normal out-of-pocket expenses being authorized. Carried

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government Commissioned a Committee to do a strategic review of the Canada Post Corporation.

**AND WHEREAS** the Federal Government must maintain the moratorium on Post Office closures.

**AND WHEREAS** the recommendation of the Strategic Review Committee will only lead to further privatization of rural Post Offices.

**AND WHEREAS** all rural Canadians no matter where they live are entitled to the right of a full serviced federally operated Post Office in rural communities.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Village of Elkhorn demand that the Federal Government continue to enforce the moratorium on closure of rural Post Offices and abandon all proposals put forth by the Strategic Review Committee for further privatization of all rural Postal Services. Carried

**COMMITTEE  
AND  
DELEGATE  
REPORTS**

Mayor Gagnon reported that he would like to consider mowing equipment purchase in the 2010 budget along with other capital purchases such as a dump trailer and a possible storage building for Village equipment.

Mayor Gagnon also reported that the Planning Board did not have provincial representation at its last meeting and is unsure as to the reason for their lack of attendance.

**ADJOURN  
#153-2009**

Moved by Jamie Northcott that the meeting adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

