

Eckville Chamber of Commerce
Luncheon Meeting
Thursday Nov. 4, 2010

Meeting Location: Basement, Eckville Town Office

Chairman: Marty Jones
Recording Secretary: Rick Anderson
Treasurer: Sharon Lemke

Attendance: Marty Jones, Evelyn Onofryszyn, Sharon Lemke, Correna Rae, Shelly Freake, Janeil Humphrey, Darla McQuay, Dana Kreil, Scott Kinley, Dale Chretien, John Walker, Rick Anderson.

1) Call to Order: Chairman Marty Jones called the meeting to order @ 12:08 p.m.

2) Review of Minutes from October 7, 2010:

Motion to approve minutes as presented – Sharon Lemke

Seconded: Rick Anderson

Carried.

3) Business arising from the minutes:

Rick Anderson noted the webmaster did not provide links to the attachments on the October 7, 2010 minutes...Sharon advised she had noticed that as well and will speak with the webmaster, Jason Neil.

4) Local Business Presentation – Janeil Humphrey;

Bay 4 Promotional Printing: a recently formed company new to Eckville that offers printing and graphics for all types of signs , promotional items such as pens, calendars, clothing, etc. etc. Check out their web site ([www. Bay4ppromotions.ca](http://www.Bay4ppromotions.ca)) for a full list of products and services available. Because they have much of the equipment on site they can offer minimum quantities of “one” for many types of promotional and goodwill items. Affiliated with Press Print In Idaho USA, therefore, the capacity to generate promotional items for your business are almost limitless.

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5) New Business:

a) Santa's Workshop: Report by Janeil Humphrey: preparations are well underway and will be finalized prior to the event which runs November 25, 26 and 27 at the Eckville Community Center, from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Santa will be there. The Eckville Elementary School, Benalto Playschool and Eckville Playschool are the designated volunteers.

b) Tree Lighting: The chamber needs bodies to help with the food and festivities of the evening. Janeil suggested and moved to find a local group to man the concession trailer at \$200.00 for the evening.

Dana Kreil, seconded...

Carried

Sharon Lemke to contact potential groups (rec. board, scouts, figure skating, and others) with the offer and will report at the next meeting.

Sharon Lemke moved to pay Wes Neil \$100.00 to pick up the concession trailer and return it to Edmonton after the Tree Lighting event.

Evelyn Onofryzyn, seconded.

Carried.

Advertising: the general consensus was to run an ad in the Western Star and the Eckville Echo...Sharon will contact the papers. Janeil will log the event onto face book.

c) Announcement Board for the Town of Eckville: Rick Anderson Reports he has not yet met with Therese Kleeberger town administrator to discuss the Chamber's intent. Sharon advised the Chamber has received a letter from Susan Norberg, Town Admin. Assistant, with reference to her research into the information boards in town and in the town of Lacombe. A copy of the letter is attached.

d) Town of Eckville Council Representative: - John Walker introduced Dale Chretien to the Chamber members and advised that Dale has been appointed by Town Council as the Chamber representative. Dale provided a brief personal history and advised that council has four new councilors. Mayor Helen Posit was returned to office by acclamation and councilor John Walker won his seat back and has been appointed deputy mayor. Dale asked the Chamber to include the town report as an agenda item.

Sharon Lemke moved.

Rick Anderson seconded

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e) **Citizens on Patrol:** Scott Kinley provided a report outlining the need to re-vitalize a citizens on patrol brigade as break and enter and vandalism has become an issue of significant concern to local merchants. Questions and comments from the floor included the timely or un-timely response time of RCMP, the difficulty of recruiting and maintaining membership, the need to involve the citizens as well as the merchants and the effectiveness of such a group.

Sharon Lemke advised that Benalto has a strong Rural Crime Watch program and has a good working relationship with the RCMP and other law enforcement agencies. She advises anyone can join and suggested it may be a possibility for the town to join forces with them. Scott will contact them and provide a report at the next Chamber meeting.

6) **Treasurers Report:** Sharon Reported a current bank balance of \$4184.31 with all bills paid to date.

7) **School Happenings Update:** No report – Angie Ewing was absent

8) **Community Happenings Update:** No report – Karin Engen was absent

9) **County Update:** Dana Kreil introduced herself as the new county councilor for this division (7). Dana advised that Ken Wigmore has been appointed the Reeve of Lacombe County with Doug Sproul appointed as the Deputy Reeve. Dana will also sit as the MPC chair and as a committee member on the Sylvan Lake Wastewater Ass.

Dana reports the new County/Town of Eckville Fire Department Water Tanker has been delivered and is in use. A study on a new fire communications system has been commissioned...updates shall be provided as information is made available.

The Medicine Lodge Hills and Medicine River acreage developments have been put on hold indefinitely.

Range road 4-1 rebuild is near completion and should be finished before winter if the weather holds.

No new pavement is scheduled for Division 7 in 2011.

10) **CAEP Report:** Marty Jones reports there does not seem to be anything going on and suggested it may be as a result of reorganization within the government.

11) **Adjournment:** Scott moved to adjourn at 1:15 p.m.

Carried

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