Minutes of the meeting of Council of the R.M. of Eldon No.471, held in Municipal Office Boardroom on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, commencing at 9:00 a.m. local time.

Present:

Reeve: Larry Lundquist
Administrator: Lee Torrance

Councillors:
Division No. 1: Travis Anderson
Division No. 2: Greg Donald
Division No. 3: Blair Ryan
Division No. 4: Michael Ferguson (arrived as noted)
Division No. 5: Chris Blyth
Division No. 6: Scott Owens

Absent:

Reeve Larry Lundquist called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Minutes

1. OWENS: That the minutes of the March 5, 2026, meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Eldon No.471 be approved.

Carried.

Financial Information

2. DONALD: That the monthly statement of financial activities for the period ending March 31, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried.

At 9:37 a.m., Co-Foremen Jeremy Nelson and Lars Parkinson met with Council to discuss public works matters.

Public Works Report

3. ANDERSON: That the Public Works Report be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Seasonal Youth Public Works Employee Hires

4. BLYTH: That the hiring of three (3) seasonal public works youth employees be acknowledged with the following considerations:
   - Jordan McMillan reimbursed at a wage rate of $18/hr.
   - Ashton Foley reimbursed at a wage rate of $20/hr.
   - Tyler McMillan reimbursed at a wage rate of $20/hr.

Carried.

Safety Training

5. DONALD: That the safety training for municipal employees be acknowledged and a copy be annexed as Exhibit 'A' hereto and form a part of these minutes.

Carried.

Seasonal Public Works Employee Hires

6. OWENS: That the hiring committee schedule interviews for seasonal labourers and hire the selected candidates.

Carried.

At 10:26 a.m., Marty Bedwell joined the meeting to introduce dust control services provided by Ground Conditioning Solutions (GCS).

At 10:58 a.m., Marty Bedwell left the meeting.

At 11:00 a.m., Wade Carson and PJ Barclay of Imperica joined the meeting virtually to discuss the Neurapulse cognitive tool.

At 11:21 a.m., Councillor Michael Ferguson arrived at the meeting.

At 11:38 a.m., Wade Carson and PJ Barclay left the meeting.

At 12:12 a.m., Councillor Scott Owens left the meeting.

Township Road 480 Reconstruction Assessment

7. FERGUSON: That the Engineering Services Fee Proposal (Proposal No.: MP-26-024) as provided by BAR Engineering for Township Road 480 Reconstruction Assessment between Highway 21 and Range Road 3220 be approved.

Carried.

At 12:25 a.m., Council Scott Owens returned to the meeting.

Asset Management – Equipment Tracking

8. ANDERSON: That the Performance level subscription of VisionLink for one Caterpillar grader (Unit 76) be approved.

Carried.

Equipment Maintenance

9. FERGUSON: That a Customer Value Agreement (CVA) be authorized for signature for Caterpillar grader Unit 88 indicating 2 years or 2000 hours.

Carried.

SGI Risk Evaluation

10. DONALD: That a local handy person be contacted to perform fixes on various office action items as identified by an SGI Risk Evaluator.

Carried.

SGI Risk Evaluations

11. RYAN: That the SGI risk evaluation correspondence dated February 23, 2026 performed at the municipal shop and office be acknowledged.

Carried.

E. Noble Request

12. BLYTH: That, pursuant to request from Ed Noble, the R.M. of Eldon No.471 will not mulch an undeveloped road allowance at S ½ 19 51-24-W3.

Carried.

Line Painting

13. OWENS: That LaFrentz Road Marking perform 2026 surface line painting on road segments as identified by the Municipal Foremen.

Carried.

At 12:37 a.m., Co-Foremen Jeremy Nelson and Lars Parkinson left the meeting.

Council recessed for lunch at 12:37 p.m.

Council reconvened in meeting at 12:59 p.m.

At 12:59 p.m., Amanda Mazzei, municipal auditor with WLS, joined the meeting to discuss the 2025 audited financial statement.

At 1:24 p.m., Amanda Mazzei left the meeting.

Audited Financial Statement

14. ANDERSON: That the 2025 Audited Financial Statement be approved.

Carried.

Munitraxx Amortization Module

15. OWENS: That Administrator Lee Torrance is authorized to indicate R.M. of Eldon No.471 participation in the Munitraxx TCA & Amortization Solution Partnership Opportunity.

Carried.

Strychnine

16. FERGUSON: That ratepayers be provided with contact information for provincial authorities who they may contact with strychnine requests.

Carried.

Land Purchase

17. FERGUSON: That the Memorandum of Understanding with Riley Tuplin be acknowledged and annexed as 'Exhibit B' hereto and form a part of these minutes.

Carried.

Temporary Working Space Agreement

18. OWENS: That temporary working spaces are approved for Cenovus Energy at the following locations:
    - NW 30 50-24-W3 (Surface Parcel 163549019)
    - NW 1 48-22-W3 (Surface Parcel 130764337)

Carried.

Road Maintenance Agreements

19. ANDERSON: That interest be applied on road maintenance agreements at 2.5% applied monthly beginning January 1, 2027.

Carried.

Councillor Scott Owens left the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Library Requisition

20. DONALD: That the Maidstone & District Library requisition of $5,000.00 be approved for payment.

Carried.

Silver Lake Regional Park Contribution

21. ANDERSON: That the municipality issue an operation grant amount of $10,000.00 to Silver Lake Regional Park Authority for 2026.

Carried.

Farm Building Declaration

22. FERGUSON: That a Farm Building Declaration as submitted by Bob Ormiston for a 40 foot by 60 foot fabric building at Pt. SE 4 49-23-W3 be accepted.

Carried.

Councillor Scott Owens returned to the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Development Permits

23. OWENS: That the following development permit applications:
    - Number 2026-05 – 2026-14OG

    As identified on the list annexed hereto and forming a part of these minutes be approved and that the development officer issue development permits accordingly.

Carried.

Signing Authority

24. BLYTH: That R.M. of Eldon No.471 assessor Lee Torrance be authorized to sign agreements on behalf of the municipality to adjust assessment values in agreement with the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) and property owners of the Year 2026.

Carried.

Weed Management Plan

25. OWENS: That the Reeve and Administrator be authorized to sign the Weed Management Plan for application to the Invasive Plant Control Program (IPCP) for the Year 2026.

Carried.

Accounts

26. ANDERSON: That the following accounts as presented be approved for payment following Councillor review:
    - General Account Cheques number 21393 to 21457 totaling $192,883.16
    - Payroll Cheques number DD0064 to DD0094 totaling $50,924.47
    - Electronic Payment numbers 2026016 to 2026024 totaling $65,777.88

Carried.

Correspondence

27. FERGUSON: That the correspondence having been presented, now be filed and that the list of the correspondence as prepared for the April 8, 2026, meeting be annexed hereto and form a part of these minutes.

Carried.

Asset Management – Crew Trucks and SUV

28. OWENS: That two (2) crew trucks be purchased with trade-in of the existing crew trucks to Novlan Bros. Sales as attached hereto as Exhibit 'D'; AND FURTHERMORE that one (1) sport utility vehicle (SUV) be leased from Jim Pattison Lease.

Carried.

2026 Budget and Mill Rate

29. FERGUSON: That the Budget for the Year 2026 be adopted as presented and attached to form a part of these minutes with the Municipal Mill Rate for the Year 2026 set at 2.5 Mills for municipal purposes and with mill rate factors set by bylaw as follows:
    - Agricultural Property Class – 1.2
    - Residential Property Class – 2.3
    - Commercial/Industrial Property Class – 9.6

Carried.

Bylaw No.3-2026 1st Reading

30. OWENS: That Bylaw No.3-2026, A Bylaw to Establish Mill Rate Factors be introduced and given first reading.

Carried.

Bylaw No.3-2026 2nd Reading

31. RYAN: That Bylaw No.3-2026, A Bylaw to Establish Mill Rate Factors be given second reading.

Carried.

Bylaw No.3-2026 All 3 Readings

32. ANDERSON: That Bylaw No.3-2026, A Bylaw to Establish Mill Rate Factors be given all three readings at this meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

Bylaw No.3-2026 3rd Reading

33. DONALD: That a Bylaw No.3-2026, A Bylaw to Establish Mill Rate Factors be read a third time and adopted.

Battlefords Airspray Agreement

34. ANDERSON: That the annual lease amount for storage of equipment at the Maidstone Aerodrom with Battlefords Airspray be set at $1,500.00 per year, AND FURTHERMORE that the agreement be approved and attached hereto as Exhibit 'C'.

Carried.

Adjourn

35. DONALD: That this meeting adjourn. (5:03 p.m.)

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator