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Minutes of the meeting of Council of the R.M. of Eldon No.471, held in Municipal Office Boardroom on July 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

Absent:
Division No. 6: Scott Owens

Reeve Larry Lundquist called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

Minutes

1. DONALD: That the minutes of the June 10, 2026 meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Eldon No.471 be approved.

Carried.

At 9:18 a.m., Councillor Michael Ferguson arrived at the meeting.

Financial Information

2. BLYTH: That the monthly statement of financial activities for the period ending June 30, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried.

Recess Meeting to Hold Public Hearing

3. ANDERSON: That, with the time being 9:18 a.m., this meeting recess for Council to hold a public hearing for a discretionary use application involving a residential proposal on SW 18 48-24-W3.

Carried.

No persons other than the Reeve, Administrator & all members of Council excepting Councillor Scott Owens were in attendance for the public hearing and no representations were made or received.

Reconvene Council Meeting

4. FERGUSON: That with the public hearing being closed and the time being 9:19 a.m. that Council reconvene in open meeting.

Carried.

Development Permit

5. BLYTH: That a development permit be issued to Tyler Kramer to construct a covered deck/seasonal room for residential use at SW 18 48-24-W3.

Carried.

Employee Training

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

Carried.

Office Hot Water Heater

7. ANDERSON: That Dennis Maertz be contacted to supply and replace an office hot water heater tank.

Carried.

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Debit/Credit Payment Method

8. DONALD: That Global Payments, an affiliate of CIBC, provide a debit/credit payment method for use at the municipal office.

Carried.

Fees for Use of Debit/Credit Payment Method

9. RYAN: That a 3% fee be set for credit card payment transactions; and a 0% fee be set for debit card payment transactions.

Carried.

At 9:34 a.m., Co-Foremen Jeremy Nelson and Lars Parkinson met with Council to discuss public works matters.

Approach Approval

10. ANDERSON: That an approach extension be approved for Glen Ross at NE 4 48-24-W3 with the following conditions:
    - The applicant shall perform all work related to construction of the approach
    - The applicant will install a culvert extension which may be provided by the municipality for a fee if supplies exist

Carried.

Grader Acquisition

11. RYAN: That Co-Foreman Jeremy Nelson submit a specification sheet to collect quotes from Finning and Brandt Tractor Ltd. for the purchase of a new grader and trade-in of a Caterpillar grader (Unit 67).

Carried.

Public Works Report

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

Carried.

At 10:29 a.m., Co-Foremen Jeremy Nelson and Lars Parkinson left the meeting.

Sale of Capital Equipment – Skid Steer Trailer

13. FERGUSON: That the tender submitted for a skid steer trailer (Unit 68) be awarded to Kelly Baseden for the amount of $4,500.00 plus applicable taxes.

Carried.

At 10:42 a.m., Office Assistant Janice Booth joined the meeting.

Asset Management Annual Update

14. DONALD: That the Asset Management annual update be acknowledged and attached hereto as Exhibit 'B' and form a part of these minutes.

Carried.

Asset Management Policy

15. FERGUSON: That the updated Asset Management Policy be approved and attached hereto as Exhibit 'C' and form a part of these minutes.

Carried.

Asset Management Strategy

16. RYAN: That the updated Asset Management Strategy be approved and attached hereto as Exhibit 'D' and form a part of these minutes.

Carried.

At 11:04 a.m., Office Assistant Janice Booth left the meeting.

At 11:10 a.m., Kelly Amson joined the meeting to discuss a development proposal.
At 11:20 a.m., Kelly Amson left the meeting.

Development Proposal

17. BLYTH: That Administration investigate zoning bylaw amendment options for a cannabis retail operation for Council's consideration at the August 2026 regular meeting.

Carried.

Development Request

18. FERGUSON: That a development permit application submitted by Veikle Agro Inc. be denied.

Carried.

Water Infrastructure

19. ANDERSON: That an amount be transferred from the water infrastructure CIBC account to fund July repairs to the Maidstone South water line.

Carried.

Surface Lease

20. BLYTH: That rental review of a surface lease held with Avalon Oil & Gas Ltd. be approved as follows effective March 3, 2025:

- 4D15-13-4A2-24-48-22-W3 - $3,480.00

Carried.

Funding Request

21. DONALD: That, further to request from Maidstone Scouts Coordinator Roxanne Valliere, she may apply to the Maidstone Waseca Eldon Funding Board for capital funding.

Carried.

Development Permits

22. ANDERSON: That the following development permit application:
    - Number 2026-33OG

    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.

Fallon Energy – Judgement Order

23. FERGUSON: That Michelle Spence of Battle River Law assist with tax enforcement measures on Fallon Energy Ltd. related to a Default Judgement order.

Carried.

Council recessed for lunch at 12:04 p.m.

Council reconvened in meeting at 1:21 p.m.

Grazing Lease

24. ANDERSON: That, further to a Cenovus inquiry about reclamation on municipal grazing lease at 5-3-49-22-W3, Administrator Lee Torrance be directed to communicate that the lessee will graze the pasture and the fence will remain, AND FURTHERMORE that the R.M. of Eldon Non.471 will reassess the site in two (2) years.

Carried.

Cancel Cheque

25. BLYTH: That cheque number 21154 in the amount of $2.54 issued to Stewart Lane be cancelled.

Carried.

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Correspondence

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

Carried.

Accounts

27. DONALD: That the following accounts as presented be approved for payment following Councillor review:
    - General Account Cheques number 21573 to 21642 totaling $688,678.47
    - Payroll Cheques number DD0172 to DD0211 totaling $77,669.93
    - Electronic Payment numbers 2026044 to 2026051 totaling $93,118.21

Carried.

Adjourn

28. DONALD: That this meeting adjourn. (2:09 p.m.)

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator