

## Earle Bidez, Mayor



### Town service:

Served on planning and zoning commission from 1987 to 1990  
Co-chair of Master Plan Committee from 1990 to 1992  
Served as Council member and Mayor pro-tem from 1994-2000  
Served as Mayor from 2002-2004  
Served as Council member and Mayor pro-tem from 2010 to 2021  
Served as Mayor from October 2021 to present.

### Accomplishments:

Participant in rewrite of Chapter 16 in the early 90s when character zones were created.

#### 2002-2004

- Spearheaded Phase 1 of the Eagle River Restoration Project which was begun and finished during my mayorship. This project restored the ripple/pool sequence of the stream, pulled out cars, tires and other garbage, restored flora and fauna. This resulted in changing a dead section of the Eagle River to a healthy stream with fish, and new vegetation which restored insect habitats and other fauna.
- Successfully promoted the drive for replacing the Minturn Volunteer Fire Dept with the Eagle River Fire Protection District.
- Successful in securing urgently needed funding from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs to the amount of \$250,000 to purchase sand for our water treatment plant.

#### 2010-2024

- Shelley Bellm and I successfully negotiated the 2012 Escrow Amendment Agreement releasing Battle Mountain funds to the amount of \$4.32 million that ended up partially funding the 100 Block street restoration, and in equal partnership SSCV funded the Minturn Fitness Center, and other projects.
- Negotiated with SSCV to form the Minturn Fitness Center organizational structure, and served on the MFC Board.
- Served on the Dowd Junction sub-committee with George Brodin, and later Matt Scherr and John Widerman, to hopefully result in the Forest Service moving to Eagle and the Town of Minturn successfully managing the development at Dowd with large benefits for the town.
- Served on the Battle Mt sub-committee from 2010 to present. A long journey that I credit my partners on the committee that included Shelley Bellm, George Brodin, Terry Armistead, and Lynn Feiger. In the last few years Lynn Feiger and I, along with our legal team and town manager, finally reached a settlement agreement that will hopefully be finalized soon.
  - Lynn and I also negotiated the Intergovernmental Agreement with ERWSD and UERWA with our legal team and town manager that secured summer recreational access to Bolts Lake, secured 20 acre feet of augmentation water for our water system for free, and the right to purchase up to 55 acre feet more of augmentation in the future.

I am currently vice chairperson for the Climate Action Collaborative with much work still to be completed.

I served on the Formation committee of the now Eagle Valley Transportation Authority, and am still serving on the Board of Directors of the EVTA. I have been successful in making sure Minturn was included in the fare free zone. At the last meeting the board approved 3 more round trips to be added this summer. After the staff runs the numbers, I'm hoping the summer will bring fare free service as well. If not it should be established by ski season.

These and other accomplishments that I don't remember were not mine alone, but were critically assisted by staff and certain other council members. I would like to recognize Darrel Wegert, Fred Haslee, Mike Gallagher, George Brodin, and Terry Armistead in particular.

My primary focus has been establishing quality governance processes that are now finally established because of our current town manager Michelle Metteer. I am running for mayor this last time to ensure that the critical decisions that council must make in the coming year will determine what kind of town we will be in the future.