Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Morris held on Wednesday, May 14th, 2014, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the RM of Morris Council Chambers. Reeve Ralph Groening, Councillors Stan Siemens, Barry Fraese, Margaret Gluck, Denis Robert, Brad Coulombe and Mervin Dueck were present with Reeve Groening in the chair. CAO Larry Driedger and Recording Secretary Julie Snarr were also present at the meeting.

Call to Order:

86/14 Denis Robert – Mervin Dueck
Resolved that the May 14th, 2014 Council Agenda be adopted as presented and amended.

Carried.

1. Council Minutes:

(1.1) **April 9th, 2014, Council Minutes**

87/14 Margaret Gluck – Barry Fraese
Resolved that the minutes of a meeting that was held on April 9th, 2014 be adopted.

Carried.

2. Finance/Personnel:

(2.1) **Cheque Listing**

88/14 Brad Coulombe – Margaret Gluck
Resolved that the Rural Municipality of Morris approve the accounts as presented from cheque numbers 201400439 to 201400621 totalling $486,410.30.

Carried.

(2.2) **2013 Financial Statement**

89/14 Barry Fraese – Brad Coulombe
Resolved that the RM of Morris Council adopt the December 2013 Financial Statement.

Carried.

(2.3) **Delinquent "AR" Accounts – Transfer to Taxes**

90/14 Stan Siemens – Denis Robert
Resolved that the RM of Morris approve the transfer of outstanding "AR" account 656, 646, 612 & 622 to taxes as arrears.

Carried.

(2.4) **Utility Account No. 242004 Adjustment**

91/14 **Margaret Gluck – Barry Fraese**
Resolved that the RM of Morris approve the adjustment to utility account number 242001.

Carried.

3. Committee & Reports:

(3.1) Reeve's Report
(3.2) Committee of the Whole Minutes - April 25
(3.3) Fire Fighter Minutes – May 1
(3.4) Rosenort Chamber Minutes – May 1
(3.5) Morris District Handi-Van Reports
(3.6) Rosenort Rec Minutes – April 28
(3.7) Pembina Valley Water Co-op Minutes – April 25
(3.8) MMAA Report
(3.9) Building Inspector, Ed Penner's report.

4. Action Correspondence:

(4.1) **Subdivision 4152- 13-7137 –** Lot 2, Plan 20585, Lowe Farm

92/14 **Margaret Gluck – Brad Coulombe**
Resolved that the RM of Morris Council approve application for subdivision number 4152-13-7137, Lot 2, Plan 20585, NE ¼ 6-5-1W in the Lowe Farm area, subject to the property owners being responsible for any and all costs as related to the installation of any additional access driveways that will be required as a result of this subdivision.

Carried.

(4.2) **Subdivision 4152-14-7229 – Hermart Farms SE ¼ 10-6-1W**

93/14 **Denis Robert – Brad Coulombe**
Resolved that the RM of Morris Council approve application for subdivision number 4152-14-7229, SE ¼ 10-6-1W, subject to the property owners being responsible for any and all costs as related to the installation of any additional access driveways that will be required as a result of this subdivision, and that the new property lines should encompass the entire ring dike.

Carried.

(4.3) **Manitoba Hydro Street Light Agreement in Rosenort Agreement**

94/14 **Brad Coulombe – Margaret Gluck**

Resolved that the RM of Morris Council approve and sign the Manitoba Hydro Electric Service Agreement Quotation no. 20072919.

Carried.

(4.4) **AMM Resolution - Outstanding Property Taxes when Ownership Changes**

95/14 **Brad Coulombe – Barry Fraese**

WHEREAS municipalities levy taxes on an annual basis;
AND WHEREAS such taxes should be paid prior to the Property Tax Due Date;
AND WHEREAS there are always some properties that change ownership throughout the year;
AND WHEREAS there are times when property ownership changes at the land titles office when there are still taxes outstanding on said property;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Provincial Government to regulate the Land Titles Office to ensure that all outstanding taxes on properties are paid before such property titles change ownership.

Carried.

(4.5) **AMM Resolution - Bridges over Provincial Waterways**

96/14 **Denis Robert – Mervin Dueck**

WHEREAS there are numerous waterways within the Province of Manitoba that are under the jurisdiction of the Province of Manitoba;
AND WHEREAS these waterways have various bridges in order to provide crossings at appropriate places;
AND WHEREAS some of these bridges have been 'given' over to municipalities for them to maintain, upgrade and replace from time to time;
AND WHEREAS these bridges should be a Provincial responsibility;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to take responsibility for all bridges that provide crossings over Provincial Waterways.

Carried.

(4.6) **Fifth Street West- Lowe Farm**

97/14 **Brad Coulombe – Margaret Gluck**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Morris apply for funding under the Municipal Road Improvement Program to construct a paved roadway on 5th Street West in the community of Lowe Farm.

Carried.

(4.7) **Zacharias Drive – Rosenort**

98/14 **Stan Siemens – Denis Robert**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Morris apply for funding under the Municipal Road Improvement Program to construct a paved roadway on Zacharias Drive in the community of Rosenort.

Carried.

(4.8) **AECOM – Work Authorization for Lowe Farm Lagoon**

99/14 **Mervin Dueck – Barry Fraese**

Resolved that the RM of Morris authorize AECOM Canada Ltd. ("Consultant") to perform the work specified in the following scope of work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Work Authorization Agreement as per attached.

Carried.

(4.9) **110 Drain - RM of Roland**

100/14 **Brad Coulombe – Mervin Dueck**

WHEREAS the RM of Morris has a cost sharing agreement with the RM of Roland on several drains;

AND WHEREAS the 110 Drain is one of those drains and is in need of some remediation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 110 Drain be remediated in 2014 at an estimated cost of between $60,000 to $65,000, and that those said costs be shared with the RM of Roland as per cost sharing formula. (Roland 60.5% - Morris 39.5%).

Carried.

(4.10) **Boundary Drain – RM of Montcalm**

101/14 **Stan Siemens – Brad Coulombe**

WHEREAS there has been an impediment of drainage flows on the Boundary Drain;

BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Morris, in partnership with the RM of Montcalm respectfully request Manitoba Conservation & Water Stewardship to upgrade the provincial portion of the Boundary Drain and remove the out-flow culvert, as it imperative to have this drain flowing at full capacity.

Carried.

(4.11) **Septic Tenders 2014**

102/14 Brad Coulombe – Barry Fraese

Resolved that the RM of Morris Council award the following septic tenders for 2014 as follows:
Brown Septic: Lowe Farm and Rosenort
Boyne Septic: Sperling

Carried.

(4.12) **Offer to Purchase lot on Kroeker**

103/14 Margaret Gluck – Stan Siemens

Resolved that the RM of Morris Council accept the offer from Tara Plett to purchase Lot 5, Block 1, Plan 50232 on Kroeker Street in Rosenort in the amount of $13,000.00, and that the purchase be responsible for all legal and transfer fees.

Carried.

(*4.13)* **Rosenort Chamber of Commerce**

104/14 Mervin Dueck - Brad Coulombe

Resolved that the RM of Morris support the Rosenort Chamber of Commerce in their application to have additional signage erected along PTH 75 North and South of PR 205.

Carried.

(4.14) **Technology Allowance – Julie Snarr**

105/14 Stan Siemens – Margaret Gluck

Resolved that the RM of Morris Council amend the technology allowance for Julie Snarr to be a the same rate as the technology allowance for members of Council.

Carried.

(4.15) **Election - DRO & Poll Clerks Wage**

106/14 Denis Robert – Margaret Gluck

Resolved that the RM of Morris Council approve the following election rates:
Voting Officials: $250.00
Assistant Voting Officials: $225.00
Enumerators: $0.70 per name
Training: $40.00

Carried.

(4.16) **CDEM - Contribution towards the Climate Change Local Action Plan**

107/14 Margaret Gluck – Barry Fraese

WHEREAS The Rural Municipality of Morris has committed to participating in CDEM's Climate Change Local Action Plan, which will include a climate change adaptation strategy and a greenhouse gas reduction plan.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Morris commits $10,000.00 from its budget towards the cost of this initiative.

Carried.

(4.17) **CDEM - to Develop a Climate Change Local Action Plan**

108/14 Mervin Dueck – Stan Siemens

WHEREAS the Economic Development Council for Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities (CDEM) through the legal authority of the Association of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities (AMBM), in partnership with Rivers West has the mandate to develop "The Power of One – River corridor Vision" Master Plan for all communities along the Red River.
WHEREAS the Climate Change Local Action Plan, within the context of the Master Plan corresponds to a concerted regional long-term vision and also positions itself within the Rural Municipality of Morris' commitment towards climate change action and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Morris hereby develops a Climate Change Local Action Plan which will include a climate change adaptation strategy and a greenhouse gas reduction plan.

Carried.

(4.18) **CDEM - To Join the FCM–ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability) Partners for Climate Protection Program**

109/14 Barry Fraese – Stan Siemens

WHEREAS the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) concludes in its 2007 Fourth Assessment Report that "there is new and stronger evidence that

most of the warming observed over the last 50 years is attributable to human activities";

WHEREAS the IPCC concludes that human influences on the climate have likely contributed to a rise in the sea level during the latter half of the 20th century, changed wind and temperature patterns, and likely increased the risk of heat waves, the area of land affected by drought since the 1970s, and the frequency of heavy precipitation;

WHEREAS the IPCC Special Report on Emission Scenarios (SRES, 2000) projects an increase in global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of 25 to 90 per cent between 2000 and 2030;

WHEREAS the IPCC observes that warming resulting from human influences could lead to some abrupt or irreversible impacts, depending on the rate and magnitude of climate change;

WHEREAS the IPCC anticipates the following impacts from climate change over the next century for North America:
- Decreased snow pack, more winter flooding, and reduced summer flows resulting from warming in western mountains, exacerbating competition for over-allocated water resources;
- Increased aggregate yields of rain-fed agriculture by five to 20 per cent, but with important variability among regions; and major challenges for crops that are grown close to their highest suitable temperature or that depend on highly used water resources;
- Increased number, intensity and duration of heat waves for cities that currently experience them, creating potential for adverse health impacts; and
- Increased stress on coastal communities and habitats as a result of the interaction of climate change impacts and development and pollution;

WHEREAS GHGs (e.g. carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide), released from burning coal, oil and natural gas and from cutting trees and clearing land for agriculture and development, are the primary cause of climate change;

WHEREAS the World Mayors and Municipal Leaders Declaration on Climate Change 2005 asserts the need for joint authority and global action on climate change;

WHEREAS municipal investments in building retrofits, community energy systems, water conservation, renewable energy technologies, waste reduction, landfill gas capture, fleet management, public transit and other sustainable measures reduce operating costs, help maintain community services, protect

public health and contribute to sustainable community development while cutting GHG emissions contributing to climate change;
WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and ICLEI–Local Governments for Sustainability have established the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program to provide a forum for municipal governments to share their knowledge and experience with other municipal governments on how to reduce GHG emissions;

WHEREAS over 200 municipal governments across Canada representing more than 75 per cent of the population have already committed to reducing corporate and community GHG emissions through the PCP program;

WHEREAS PCP participants commit to working toward reducing GHG emissions in municipal operations by a suggested target of 20 per cent below 2000 levels, and a suggested target of six per cent below 2000 levels in the community within 10 years of joining the PCP program;

WHEREAS the PCP program is based on a five-milestone framework that involves completing a GHG inventory and forecast, setting a GHG reduction target and vision, developing a local action plan, implementing the plan, and monitoring progress and reporting results;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipality of Morris communicate to FCM its participation in the PCP program and its commitment to achieve the milestones set in the PCP five-milestone framework;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rural Municipality of Morris appoint the following:
a) Larry Driedger, CAO: 204-746-7300.
b) Ralph Groening, Reeve: 204-746-5394
to oversee implementation of the PCP milestones and be the points of contact for the PCP program within the municipality.

Carried.

(4.19) **Q-Collaborations – RM of Morris EMO Coordinator Proposal**

110/14 **Brad Coulombe – Barry Fraese**
Resolved that the RM of Morris accept the proposal from Q-Collaboration for the services of providing a Municipal Emergency Coordinator (MEC) for a one year term.

Carried.

(4.20) **Riverview Golf Course – Shared Audit**

111/14 Mervin Dueck – Margaret Gluck

Resolved that we participate, on a 50/50 share with the Town of Morris in hiring an accounting firm to conduct an accounting review (modified audit) of the Riverview Golf Course at an estimated total cost of approximately $5,000.

Carried.

5. Delegations:

11:30 AM

(5.1) **Public Works Manager, Don Harder's report.** Here are a few items discussed:

Drainage:
•2 ½ miles completed as of May 9.
Roads:
•Gravel roads are starting to shape up.
•Gravelling started May 12th.
Culverts:
•Started on some culvert work.
Other:
•Lowe Farm Second Street paving scheduled for end of May
•Lowe Farm Park has low pressure sewer installed.
•Sidewalk and street sweeping should be done approximately mid May.
•Sperling water pond; fence is on order and should arrive soon.
•Spring clean-up May 20-23

6. By-Laws:

(6.1) **By-Law 1703/14 2014 Financial Plan – 3rd Reading**

112/14 Mervin Dueck – Margaret Gluck

Resolved that the RM of Morris give third reading and pass By-Law 1703/14 being the 2014 Financial Plan for the Rural Municipality of Morris be adopted as presented.

In favor: Reeve Ralph Groening, Councillors Stan Siemens, Denis Robert, Brad Coulombe, Mervin Dueck, Margaret Gluck and Barry Fraese.
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0

Carried.

(6.2) **By-Law 1704/14 Fire Prevention & Emergency- 1st Reading**

113/14 Brad Coulombe – Denis Robert
Resolved that the RM of Morris give first reading to By-Law 1704/14 being a Fire Prevention and Emergency Services By-Law.

Carried.

7. Other Business:

Council reviewed the following items.

(7.1) Website Analytics.
(7.2) Event Calendar.
(7.3) Fire Fighter Appreciation Pic Nic .
(7.4) New Development Plan: Reviewed the new plan. Will discuss further at our next Committee of the Whole meeting with changes and recommendations.

8. Information Package:

Council received the following correspondence as information.

Correspondence	Subject
(8.1) Participating in Municipal Decision	Pamphlet.
(8.2) Crude Oil	Seminar May 28, 2014.
(8.3) MB Good Roads	Rural Nominations & Life Memberhip.
(8.4) Sustainable Transportation in Rural MB	May 21, 2014.
(8.5) TransCanada	Pipeline Project.
(8.6) Morris Legion	Decoration Day Service June 1.
(8.7) Minister of infrastructure & Transp.	Sperling Streets Grant-in-Aid fund accepted.
(8.8) Red River Basin Commission	Activity Update May 5, 2014.

In Camera

114/14 Mervin Dueck – Stan Siemens
Resolved that the RM of Morris Council go in-camera.

Carried.

115/14 Stan Siemens – Mervin Dueck
Resolved that the RM of Morris Council go back into open meeting.

Carried.

9. Adjournment Resolution:

116/14 Stan Siemens - Barry Fraese
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 12:00 P.M. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

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REEVE CAO