



Rural Municipality of Morris Council Minutes
March 8, 2017 @ 1:00 p.m.
RM of Morris Council Chambers

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, commencing at 1:00 p.m. in the RM of Morris Council Chambers. Reeve, Ralph Groening and Councillors Stan Siemens, Mervin Dueck, Rick Giesbrecht, Denis Robert and Barry Fraese were present, with Reeve Groening in the chair. CAO, Larry Driedger, Public Works Manager, Don Harder, Assistant Public Works Manager, Paul Robert and Recording Officer, Kim Robert, were also present at the meeting. Councillor, Michael Toews, sent his regrets.

1. Adoption of Agenda:

33/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Denis Robert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the March 8, 2017, Council Agenda, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

1.2 Agenda Additions:

RM of Morris Fire Hall

Reeve Groening reported that a meeting with the Fire Hall Building Committee took place and requests that all of Council attend a meeting to discuss the concern of cost overruns. A date is to be determined.

2. Council Minutes:

1.1 Council Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2017:

It was noted that there was an error in the Council Meeting Minutes for Resolution Number 30/17. The mover was listed as Rick Siemens whereas it should read Rick Giesbrecht.

34/17 Stan Siemens – Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on February 8, 2017, be adopted as presented and amended.

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1.2 Special Council Meeting Minutes – January 24, 2017:

35/17 Barry Fraese – Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a special meeting that was held on January 24, 2017, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

2. Finance/Personnel:

Councillor Denis Robert left the meeting due to conflict of interest during the discussion and decision of Item 2.1.

2.1 Cat Skid Steer Repair Invoice:

36/17 Barry Fraese – Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the Cat Skid Steer repair invoice to Den-Ri Farms Inc., totalling \$885.88.

Carried.

Councillor Denis Robert returned to Council Meeting.

2.2 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings:

37/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 201700194 to 201700375 totalling \$248,370.09.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the payroll earnings as presented.

Carried.

Reeve Groening indicated that a review of the Fire Chief position needs to take place.

2.3 Reserve Allocations for the 2016 Fiscal Year:

38/17 Mervin Dueck – Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we make the following additional reserve allocations for the 2016 Fiscal Year:



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Allocation to Fire Equipment Reserve Fund – Up to an additional
\$31,000.00.

Allocation to General Reserve Fund – Up to an additional \$220,000.00.

Carried.

2.4 Utility Penalty Reversal:

39/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris adjust the following Utility Accounts:

Account Number	Description	Amount
25100600	Penalty Reversal	(\$1.21)
24055000	Penalty Reversal	(\$1.74)
24200400	Penalty Reversal	(\$2.21)
25199991	Penalty Reversal	(\$170.51)
23023503	Penalty Reversal	(\$4.55)
23034005	Penalty Reversal	(\$0.09)

Carried.

2.5 Tax Penalty Reversal:

40/17 Denis Robert – Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris adjust the following Property Tax
Accounts.

Roll Number	Description	Amount
237750	Penalty Reversal	(\$0.94)
188190	Penalty Reversal	(\$11.52)
188190	Penalty Reversal	(\$1.86)
141100	Penalty Reversal	(\$0.47)
141000	Penalty Reversal	(\$11.30)
141000	Penalty Reversal	(\$0.08)

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2.6 Accounts Receivable Penalty Reversal:

41/17 Barry Fraese – Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris adjust the following Accounts Receivable Account.

Account Number	Description	Amount
407	Penalty Reversal	(\$118.68)

Carried.

2.7 Outstanding Utility Accounts Transferred to Property Taxes:

42/17 Stan Siemens – Denis Robert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris transfer the following outstanding Utility Accounts to Property Taxes as per the attached listing.

Carried.

3. Public Hearings:

3:00 p.m.

3.1 By-law 1721/2017 – Special Service Rate for Recreation Services

3.2 By-law 1719/2016, Being an Amendment to the RM of Morris Development Plan By-law 1712/2015

3.3 By-law 1720/2016, Being an Amendment to the RM of Morris Development Plan By-law 1712/2015

43/17 Stan Siemens – Denis Robert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we open this Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing any comments or concerns related to the following items:

By-law 1721/2017 – Special Service Rate for Recreation Services

By-law 1719/2016, being an Amendment to the RM of Morris Development Plan By-law 1712/2015

By-law 1720/2016, being an Amendment to the RM of Morris Development Plan By-law 1712/2015

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3.1 By-law 1721/2017 – Special Service Rate for Recreation Services:

The CAO gave a brief presentation regarding By-law 1721-2017 – Special Service Rate for Recreation Services. The By-law would allow the RM of Morris to establish a rate for recreation services within the RM of Morris from 2017-2030, inclusive. This would allow the RM of Morris 'authority to levy' and avoid future Administration Costs and includes an inflationary increase of 5% on the maximum levy amount. The CAO advised that this is not a new tax and the By-law allows the RM of Morris to give an 'estimated cost range' for each of the Recreation Districts.

Mr. Thorsten Stanze attended the hearing and made comment regarding By-law 1721/2017 – Special Service Rate for Recreation Services. Mr. Stanze asked for clarification on the maximum increase that would be collected in 2030. Mr. Stanze voiced concern that the rural property owners will pay more than the urban property owners and the maximum amount that could be collected was significant.

Council responded that the future cost has the potential to be high and Council will need to be responsible to monitor the Recreation Districts to be prudent with their requests.

Mr. Stanze had concern that future Councils may not manage as well with the Recreation Districts.

Council will take Mr. Stanze's comments into consideration when making decision on the By-law.

It was also pointed out that if these Special Service rates were not in existence, that any amounts granted to any of the Community Centre Districts would then be borne by the General Municipal Mill Rates.

No other persons commented and no written letters objecting to By-law 1721/2017 were received. It was also noted that while Mr. Stanze was concerned about the potential maximum levy, he was not objecting to the proposal.



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3.2 By-law 1719/2016, Being an Amendment to the RM of Morris Development Plan By-law 1712/2015:

No persons attended and no written letters were received objecting to By-law 1719/2016, being an amendment to the RM of Morris Development Plan By-law 1712/2015.

3.3 By-law 1720/2016, Being an Amendment to the RM of Morris Development Plan By-law 1712/2015:

No persons attended and no written letters were received objecting to By-law 1720/2016, being an amendment to the RM of Morris Development Plan By-law 1712/2015.

3.4 Closing the Public Hearing

44/17 Mervin Dueck – Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council close this Public Hearing.

Carried.

Council had a brief discussion regarding the process of By-law approval with the Municipal Board.

4. Delegations: None

5. Action Correspondence:

5.1 Proposed Subdivision 4152-16-7632, RL 481, Parish of Ste. Agathe, RM of Morris:

45/17 Denis Robert – Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve application for subdivision number 4152-16-7632, RL 481, Parish of Ste. Agathe, RM of Morris, for Florence A. Robert, subject to the property owner being responsible for the following:

- Any and all costs as related to the installation of any additional access driveways and roadways that will be required as a result of this subdivision;
- Installation of any water, utility, sewer or other infrastructure, which may be required.

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5.2 Proposed Subdivision 4152-17-7636, RL 373, 375 & 377, Parish of Ste. Agathe, RM of Morris:

46/17 Mervin Dueck – Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve application for subdivision number 4152-17-7636, RL 373, 375 & 377, Parish of Ste. Agathe, RM of Morris, for JT Holdings Ltd., subject to the property owner being responsible for the following:

- Any and all costs related to the installation of any additional access driveways and roadways that will be required as a result of this subdivision;
- Installation of any water, utility, sewer or other infrastructure, which may be required.

Carried.

5.3 Proposed Subdivision 4152-17-7637, Pt. N ½ 27-5-1E, RM of Morris:

47/17 Stan Siemens – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve application for subdivision number 4152-17-7637, Pt. N ½ 27-5-1E, RM of Morris, for JT Holdings Ltd., subject to the property owner being responsible for the following:

- Any and all costs related to the installation of any additional access driveways and roadways that will be required as a result of this subdivision;
- Installation of any water, utility, sewer or other infrastructure, which may be required.

Carried.

5.4 Proposed Subdivision 4152-17-7638, L.S. 1,2,3 & 4 of 23-5-1E, RM of Morris:

48/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve application for subdivision number 4152-17-7638, L.S. 1,2,3 & 4 of 23-5-1E, RM of Morris, for JT Holdings Ltd., subject to the property owner being responsible for the following:

- Any and all costs related to the installation of any additional access driveways and roadways that will be required as a result of this subdivision;



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- Installation of any water, utility, sewer or other infrastructure, which may be required.

Carried.

5.5 Proposal to Subdivide, 4152-17-7642, W ½ 14-4-2W, RM of Morris:

49/17 Stan Siemens – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve application for subdivision number 4152-17-7642, W ½ 14-4-2W, RM of Morris, for H. Fehr Co. Ltd., subject to the property owner being responsible for the following:

- Any and all costs related to the installation of any additional access driveways and roadways that will be required as a result of this subdivision;
- Installation of any water, utility, sewer or other infrastructure, which may be required.

Carried.

5.6 Proposed Subdivision 4152-12-7005, Lot 1, Plan 2327 NW ¼ 34-5-1W, RM of Morris:

50/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve application for subdivision number 4152-12-7005, Lot 1, Plan 2327 NW ¼ 34-5-1W, RM of Morris, for Jennifer N. Loewen, subject to the property owner being responsible for the following:

- Any and all costs related to the installation of any additional access driveways and roadways that will be required as a result of this subdivision;
- Installation of any water, utility, sewer or other infrastructure, which may be required.

Carried.

5.7 Katie Cares/Katie's Cottage – Donation Request:

51/17 Mervin Dueck – Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council grant \$500.00 to Katie Cares.

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5.8 Riverview Golf & Country Club – Financing Request:
RM of Morris Council reviewed the request.

6. Reports:

6.1 Reeve Report – February 2017:
The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Reeve Report.

6.2 Assistant Public Works Manager Report:

Roads:

- With the nice weather and rain we received this February, the gravel roads took a beating. But graders went out on the colder days following and shaped them up fairly nice.
- Some dirt roads had traffic on them during the nice weather so we did not do anything with them.

Various:

- Riverside Bridge project is moving along nicely. They have replaced the whole south pier cap beam which was unexpected. They also rented the mini-excavator.

Equipment:

- Installed a new tarp system on the end dump trailer;
- Front fenders were made for the graders;
- The snow blower received major attention. A new impeller was made and new hydraulic lines were added.

Additions:

- Riverside Bridge repairs should be complete by Monday, March 20th;
- Railing for the Riverside Bridge to be done summer of 2017 along with crack filling on the deck. Bridge 'marking' signs will be attached in the summer.
- Riverside West Bridge will be analyzed and a quote will be submitted for repair. The RM of Morris will apply to the Province for funding through the Bridge Program.



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7. Information:

7.1 Aubigny Recreational Committee Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2016 & November 1, 2016:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Minutes. It was noted that minor repairs on sidewalks will take place this summer.

7.2 Lowe Farm/Kane Recreational Commission Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2017 & February 20, 2017:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Minutes.

7.3 Communities in Bloom Invitation:

The RM of Morris reviewed the correspondence.

7.4 The Sand Masters – Correspondence:

The RM of Morris reviewed the correspondence.

7.5 Prairie Rose School Division Minutes – February 21, 2017:

The RM of Morris reviewed the Minutes.

7.6 Morris District Handi-Van Service Inc. – Financial Statements – Year Ended December 31, 2016:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Financial Statements. Councillor Fraese reported that a Grant was received for the new garage and construction will start this year.

7.7 KidsSport Canada – Manitoba - Donation Request:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Correspondence. It was requested that Councillor Giesbrecht determine if there was a need in Lowe Farm. The CAO will inquire with Ms. Leanne Traynor from Sport Manitoba to determine how many of our residents benefit from this program.

7.8 Association of Manitoba Land Surveyors – 2017 Annual Register:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Register.

7.9 Fire Hall Planning Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2017:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Minutes.



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7.10 Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Inc. Annual Meeting Minutes – February 24, 2017:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Minutes.

8. Other Business:

8.1 Council Event Listing:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Event Listing.

8.2 Weed Inspection Supervisor – 2017

52/17 Stan Siemens – Denis Robert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council appoint Don Harder as the 2017 Weed Inspection Supervisor for the RM of Morris.

Carried.

8.3 Special Service Rate for Recreation Services, By-law 1721/2017 – 1st Reading:

53/17 Stan Siemens – Denis Robert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Special Service Rate Proposal for Recreation Services, By-law 1721/2017, to establish a rate for recreation services within the Rural Municipality of Morris as a Special Service from 2017-2030, inclusive, be now given first reading and submitted to the Municipal Board for approval.

Carried.

8.4 By-law 1719/2016 – 2nd Reading for Amendment to the RM of Morris Development Plan By-law 1712/2015:

54/17 Mervin Dueck – Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1719/2016, being an amendment to the RM of Morris Development Plan, By-law No. 1712/2015, to re-designate a parcel of land in the LUD of Rosenort in the RM of Morris, from Public Reserve to Urban Residential Area, be given second reading.

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8.5 By-law 1720/2016 – 2nd Reading for Amendment to the RM of Morris Development Plan By-law 1712/2015:

55/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1720-2016, being an amendment to the RM of Morris Development Plan, By-law No. 1712/2015, to re-designate a portion of land in the RM of Morris, from Restricted Agricultural Area to General Agricultural Area, be given second reading.

Carried.

8.6 Statutory Drainage Easement Agreement – Ruge & Waft Inc. and The RM of Morris:

56/17 Stan Siemens – Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the Statutory Drainage Easement Agreement between Ruge & Waft Inc., and The Rural Municipality of Morris, as presented.

Carried.

8.7 Assistant Public Works Manager Position:

57/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Barry Fraese

WHEREAS a Position Description and a Salary Grid for the Position of Assistant Public Works Manager were approved by Council on January 11th, 2017;

AND WHEREAS it was the intention of Council to have this new position as one that would be outside of the Public Works Collective Bargaining Unit;

AND WHEREAS the representatives of the Bargaining Unit have formally objected to such an exclusion;

AND WHEREAS negotiations between the Rural Municipality of Morris and The International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 987 have resulted in agreement that includes minor modifications to the Position Description and the Salary Grid;

AND WHEREAS The International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 987 has also been advised that the creation of this new position may not be a long term permanent position;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris approve the modifications to the Position Description and the Salary Grid for the position of "Assistant Public Works Manager";



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AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council commit to a review of the feasibility of the Assistant Public Works Manager position after a successful leadership transition has taken place in the Public Works Department.

Tabled.

58/17 Denis Robert – Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 57/17 was Tabled.

Carried.

8.8 By-Law No. 1718-2017 – 1st Reading - Fees & Charges:

59/17 Mervin Dueck – Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give 1st reading to By-law No. 1718-2017, to update the fees and charges payable to the Rural Municipality for services.

Carried.

9. K-Tec Request for Early Payment Discount Discussion:

The CAO reported that an email was received to the Administration Office from Mr. Mike Palitsky, CFO of K-Tec, inquiring if an early payment discount would be considered. The RM of Morris CAO will explore the possibility.

10. Adjournment Resolution:

60/17 Stan Siemens – Rick Giesbrecht

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 3:50 p.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held April 18, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

REEVE

CAO