Rural Municipality of Morris
March 11th, 2014 Council Minutes

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Morris held on Tuesday, March 11th, 2014, commencing at 8:45 a.m. in the RM of Morris Council Chambers. Reeve Ralph Groening, Councillors Stan Siemens, Barry Fraese, Margaret Gluck, 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.

Councillor Denis Robert had sent his regrets.

Call to Order:

35/14 Brad Coulombe – Barry Fraese
Resolved that the March 11th, 2014 Council Agenda be adopted as presented and amended.

Carried.

1. Council Minutes:

36/14 Mervin Dueck – Margaret Gluck
Resolved that the minutes of a meeting that was held on February 12th, 2014 be adopted as amended.

Carried.

2. Finance/Personnel:

(2.1) **Cheque Listing**

37/14 Mervin Dueck - Margaret Gluck
Resolved that the Rural Municipality of Morris approve the accounts as presented from cheque numbers 201400154 to 201400318 totalling $266,919.86.

Carried.

(2.2) **Account Adjustments**

38/14 Barry Fraese – Brad Coulombe
Resolved that the RM of Morris approve the tax adjustments as per the attached listing.

Carried.

(2.3) **Outstanding Utilities to be Transferred to Taxes**

39/14 Mervin Dueck – Barry Fraese
Resolved that the RM of Morris approve the transfer of outstanding utilities to taxes as per the attached listing.

Carried.

(2.4) **Outstanding Utility Bill**

40/14 **Stan Siemens - Margaret Gluck**
Resolved that the RM of Morris approve the transfer of the R.M. of Montcalm Utility Account No. 8090655 to Roll No. 151100 in the amount of $78.42.

Carried.

3. Committee & Reports:

Council reviewed the following reports:

(3.1) Ed Penner Building Inspector
(3.3) Committee of the Whole Minutes February 24, 2014
(3.4) Rosenort Chamber Minutes February 6, 2014
(3.5) RM of Morris Fire Department Minutes February 28

4. Action Correspondence:

(4.1) **Sharpe & Company Chartered Accountants Ltd. 2012 Audit Report**

41/14 **Mervin Dueck - Brad Coulombe**
Resolved that the RM of Morris adopt the 2012 audit report prepared by Sharpe & Company Chartered Accountants Ltd.

Carried.

(4.2) **CN Rail – Expand their Grain Elevator Facilities in Morris**

42/14 **Mervin Dueck - Margaret Gluck**
WHEREAS CN Rail – Western Region Engineering, is applying for an exemption to CROR rule 103(d) which states:
"No part of a train or engine may be allowed to stand on any part of a public crossing at grade, for a longer period than five minutes, when vehicular or pedestrian traffic requires passage. Switching operations at such crossing must not obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic for longer than five minutes at a time. When emergency vehicles require passage, employees must cooperate to clear public crossings at grade and private crossings as quickly as possible."
AND WHEREAS representatives of the Rural Municipality of Morris, CN, and Cargill have met to discuss the potential works associated with this application;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we support the efforts of CN and Cargill in their application for an exemption to the CROR Rule 103(d) as listed above;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Cargill Limited in their desire to expand their grain elevator facilities located in Morris and that the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the said memorandum of understanding on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Morris.

Carried.

(4.3) **RM of Morris New Utility Rates**

43/14 **Mervin Dueck - Margaret Gluck**
Resolved that the RM of Morris adopt the revised utility rates, as attached, effective April 1 2014.

Carried.

(4.4) **Morris & District Handi-VanPurchase of a New Handi-Van**

44/14 **Barry Fraese – Brad Coulombe**
Whereas the RM of Morris and the Town of Morris are involved in the operation of the Morris & District Handi-Van;
And Whereas the Morris & District Handi-Van is desiring to purchase a new Handi-Van Unit;
Be it resolved that we approve the purchase of a new handi-van as recommended by the Morris & District Handi-Van Committee**.**

Carried.

(4.5) **Handi-Van By-Laws**

45/14 **Stan Siemens - Barry Fraese**
Be it resolved that we approve the By-laws for the Morris & District Handi-Van as presented

(4.6) **Sperling Fire Department Quote for Water Tanker Quick Dump & Portable Tank**

46/14 **Barry Fraese - Brad Coulombe**
Resolved that the RM of Morris accept the quote from Sea Hawk Specialized Truck Service for a Water Tanker Quick Dump & Portable Tank for the Sperling Fire Department in the amount of $7820.75.

Carried.

(4.7) **Fire Department Fire Fighter Reimbursement for costs related to counselling**

47/14 **Stan Siemens – Brad Coulombe**
Resolved that the RM of Morris reimburse Deanna Kroeker for costs incurred relating to her trauma counselling in the amount of $1,459.00.

Carried.

5. By-Laws:

(5.1) **By-Law 1697/13 – First Reading Rural Water Debenture for: 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013**

48/14 **Mervin Dueck - Brad Coulombe**
Resolved that the RM of Morris give first reading to By-Law 1697/13, being a by-law to debenture the 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 water connections.

Carried.

(5.2) **By-Law 1702/14 – First Reading Zoning Amendment AR to RR**

49/14 **Barry Fraese – Mervin Dueck**
Resolved that the RM of Morris give first reading to By-law 1702/14 to amend a parcel of land in the LUD of Rosenort from AR to RR of Zoning By-law 1581/12.

Carried.

(5.3) **By-Law 1700/14 – 2nd Reading Organizational**

50/14 **Margaret Gluck – Barry Fraese**
Resolved that the RM of Morris give second reading as amended, to By-Law 1700/14, being a by-law to govern the organization of The Rural Municipality of Morris and the committees thereof.

Carried.

(5.4) **By-Law 1701/14 – 2nd & 3rd Reading Reduced-Speed School Zones**

51/14 **Mervin Dueck - Margaret Gluck**
Resolved that the RM of Morris give second reading as amended, to By-Law 1701/14, being a by-law to reduce speed in school zones.

Carried.

52/14 Margaret Gluck - Brad Coulombe

Resolved that the RM of Morris give third reading and pass By-Law 1701/14, being a by-law to reduce speed in school zones.

In favor: Reeve Ralph Groening and Councillors, Mervin Dueck, Barry Fraese, Brad Coulombe and Margaret Gluck.
Opposed: 1
Abstained: 0

Carried.

(5.5) **By-Law 1698/13 – 3rd Reading Zoning Amendment AR to GD**

53/14 Barry Fraese - Brad Coulombe

Resolved that the RM of Morris give third reading and pass By-law 1698/13 to amend a parcel of land in the community of Lowe Farm from AR to GD of Zoning By-law 1581/12.

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

6. Delegations:

10:30 AM – Morris RCMP Detachment

(6.1) RCMP Sergeants, Larry Sharbell and Chris Turner attended the meeting. Larry Sharbell introduced Chris Turner as the new Sergeant for the Morris area. Sergeant Sharbell is being transferred to Beausejour. Council of the RM of Morris Council thanked Sergeant Sharbell for working together, and wish him the best in his new detachment.

11:30 AM - Public Works Don Harder & Bob Stevenson:

(6.2) Council reviewed the monthly report.

7. Other Business:

Council reviewed the following other business items:

(7.1) Website Analytics
(7.2) Tag Line Survey Update
(7.2) Event Calendar

8. Information Package:

Council received the following correspondence as information.

Correspondence	Subject
(8.1) Conference Report	Reporting form to report back to council
(8.2) MASS 2014-15	Budget
(8.3) Morris Handivan	Financial 2013 Report
(8.4) Morris MultiPlex	Career Day booth setup
(8.5) Pembina Valley Humane Society	2014 Budget
(8.6) RCMP	Invitation to a meeting April 9,2014
(8.7) Rivers West	2013 Report
(8.8) RM of MacDonald	Public Notice
(8.9) RM of MacDonald	Public Notice
(8.10) RM of Morris	Budget Hearing April 9, 2014
(8.11) MB Hydro	News Release

9. In Camera

54/14 Stan Siemens - Barry Fraese

Resolved that the RM of Morris resolve into camera to discuss proposed union agreement.

Carried.

10. Open Session

55/14 Stan Siemens – Brad Coulombe

Resolved that Council resolve back to open session.

Carried.

11. Adjournment Resolution

56/14 Stan Siemens – Barry Fraese

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 12:05 P.M. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Wednesday, April 9th, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

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