



Rural Municipality of Morris
Meeting Minutes
Council Meeting November 10, 2020 - 09:00 AM

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on November 10, 2020, commencing at 9:00 a.m., at the Lowe Farm Community Centre in Lowe Farm, Manitoba. Reeve, Ralph Groening, and Councillors, Rick Giesbrecht, Mervin Dueck, Barry Fraese, Stan Siemens, Scott Siemens and Shane Kroeker were present with Reeve Groening in the Chair.

CAO, Larry Driedger and Recording Officer, Kimberley Robert were also present at the meeting.

Public Works Manager, Paul Robert attended the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

1 Agenda

1.1 Agenda Additions

9.10 - Horses on Public Property/Walking Trails

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

2020-214

Barry Fraese

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the November 10, 2020, Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2 Council Meeting Minutes

2.1 Previous Council Meeting Minutes - October 14, 2020

2020-215

Shane Kroeker

Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on October 14, 2020, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2.1.1 Business Arising From Previous Minutes - October 14, 2020

Item 10.5 - Variation Order Application No. 06/2020, Denied - Cornelius Sawatzky & Aganetha Sawatzky

The CAO reported that the denied Variation Order was hand delivered to the applicant and the next step would be for the By-law Enforcement Officer to attend the property to issue a removal order to be complied by a specified date.

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2.2 Previous Council Meeting Minutes - November 4, 2020

2020-216

Mervin Dueck

Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a special meeting that was held on November 4, 2020, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2.2.1 Business Arising From Previous Minutes - November 4, 2020

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

3 Finance/Personnel

3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings

2020-217

Mervin Dueck

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 202001586 to 202001796 totalling \$447,333.72.

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

CARRIED

3.2 RM of Morris Financial Statements - October 2020

2020-218

Rick Giesbrecht

Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adopt the October, 2020, Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED

3.3 Miscellaneous Posting to Property Tax Accounts

2020-219

Scott Siemens

Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the adjustments of the following Property Tax Accounts as per the attached listing.

CARRIED

4 Public Hearings

Reeve, Ralph Groening, left the meeting and Deputy Reeve, Rick Giesbrecht Chaired the Public Hearing

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4.1 Open Public Hearing 10:00 a.m.

2020-220

Stan Siemens

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT RM of Morris Council open this Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing any comments or concerns related to the following item:

- Special Service Plan No. 2020-01 for By-law No. 1758/2020, being a by-law of the RM of Morris to establish a rate for the collection of solid waste for Rosenort, Sperling and a rural loop for the years 2021 to 2023 inclusive.

CARRIED

4.2 Special Service Plan No. 2020-01 for By-law 1758/2020, Being a By-law of the RM of Morris to Establish a Rate For the Collection of Solid Waste for Rosenort, Sperling, Sperling and a Rural Loop for the Years 2021 to 2023 Inclusive

The CAO gave a brief overview of the Special Service Plan No. 2020-01 for By-law 1758/2020. No persons attend the hearing and no written letters were received opposing the Special Service Plan.

4.3 Close the Public Hearing

2020-221

Shane Kroeker

Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT RM of Morris Council close this Public Hearing.

Reeve, Ralph Groening, returned to the meeting.

5 Delegations: None

6 Action Correspondence: None

7 Reports

7.1 Reeve Report

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Reeve Report.

7.2 Building Permit Value Report & Building Permit Listing - Administration

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Building Permit Value Report & Building Permit Listing.

Reeve, Ralph Groening, left the meeting and Deputy Reeve, Rick Giesbrecht, chaired the meeting.

7.3 Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report

The CAO reported that Rosenort and Lowe Farm fire halls will be responding to Sperling fire hall calls as there are 5-6 members from Sperling that are awaiting Covid test results and are isolating.

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7.4 Public Works Manager Report

Various:

- Currently taking advantage of the nice weather to cut ditch bottoms;
- Gravel stockpile has started;
- More culvert work to do;
- Signs and post replacement to do;
- Christmas lights will go up the week of November 23rd.

Utilities:

- Fire hydrants all flushed and pumped out;
- One water & sewer hook-up in Rosenort Industrial;
- One water rural hook-up;
- One water & sewer hook-up in Lowe Farm Industrial Park;
- One water hook-up in Riverside;
- Septic tank clean-out to be all done by Friday, November 13th by Valley Septic.

Additions:

- Pleasant Valley Road Bridge - Manitoba Infrastructure has indicated that the cost to repair this bridge would be approximately three hundred thousand dollars and due to the numerous bridges in the RM of Morris, they would need to prioritize by need. Council agreed that it would be important for the agricultural community to have access by some means. Further discussion will take place at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.
- Boundry Drain Update - A meeting took place between Manitoba Infrastructure, RM of Montcalm, RM of Rhineland and RM of Morris. A detailed plan to be created with a target construction date to be in 2021.
- Anderson Drain - Manitoba Infrastructure confirmed the proposal to move the access road to the north and they will not be rebuilding the bridge on Road 3E. Council would like a more definitive time frame on the project.

Reeve, Ralph Groening returned to the meeting.

7.5 Council Action Report

The Committee reviewed the Council Action Report.

8 Information

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the following information.

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8.1 Manitoba Conservation & Climate - Inspection of the Rosenort Waste Disposal Ground - Response

8.2 Rosenort Chamber Meeting Minutes - October 22, 2020

8.3 Valley Regional Library - Correspondence & Meeting Minutes - October 26, 2020

8.4 Prairie Rose School Division Meeting Minutes - October 13, 2020 & October 26, 2020

8.5 Red River Valley School Division Board Meeting Minutes - June 22, 2020, September 14, 2020, September 21, 2020, October 14, 2020

8.6 Subdivision File No. 4152-20-7984, Russel Dale Goossen & Meleta Rose Goossen - Conditional Approval

8.7 Association of Manitoba Municipalities - Bill 37 Template Letter

Reeve Groening recommended that the RM of Morris send the template letter, drafted by the AMM to the Member of Legislative Assembly to address the concerns regarding Bill 37.

8.8 The Rural Municipality of Macdonald Notice of Public Hearing - December 1, 2020

8.9 Office of the Fire Commissioner - Update of Service Delivery for the Province of Manitoba

9 Other Business

9.1 RM of Morris By-law 1746/2019 Amendment

2020-222

Shane Kroeker

Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Schedule "A" to By-law 1746/2019 be amended to provide for a 70 km/h speed limit;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the speed limit on Road 11 West between PTH 23 and Road 23N be reduced to 70 km/h.

CARRIED

9.2 RM of Morris By-law 1757/2020 - Expenditure and Borrowing of Money For New Water Reservoirs and Watermain Extension - Second Reading

2020-223

Rick Giesbrecht

Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give second reading to RM of Morris By-law No. 1757/2020, as amended, being a by-law to authorize the Expenditure and Borrowing of money for the construction of new water reservoirs and a watermain extension to the Rosenort Industrial Park as a Local Improvement.

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9.3 RM of Morris By-law 1757/2020 - Expenditure and Borrowing of Money For New Water Reservoirs and Watermain Extension - Third Reading

2020-224

Scott Siemens

Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give third and final reading to RM of Morris By-law No. 1757/2020, as amended, being a by-law to authorize the Expenditure and Borrowing of money for the construction of new water reservoirs and a watermain extension to the Rosenort Industrial Park as a Local Improvement.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Mervin Dueck	✓			
Barry Fraese	✓			
Rick Giesbrecht	✓			
Ralph Groening	✓			
Shane Kroeker	✓			
Stan Siemens	✓			
Scott Siemens	✓			

CARRIED

9.4 RM of Morris By-law 1758/2020 - To Establish A Rate For The Collection of Solid Waste For Rosenort, Sperling And A Rural Loop As A Special Service For The Years 2021 To 2023 Inclusive

2020-225

Mervin Dueck

Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give first reading to By-law no. 1758/2020, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Morris to establish a rate for collection of solid waste for Rosenort, Sperling and a rural loop as a special service for the years 2021 to 2023 inclusive.

CARRIED

Reeve, Ralph Groening and Councillor, Rick Giesbrecht, left the meeting due to a conflict of interest. Councillor, Mervin Dueck, chaired the discussion for Item 9.5.

9.5 RM of Morris Railway Properties

2020-226

Barry Fraese

Scott Siemens

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris owns the former CN Rail line on the south side of PTH 23 between Road 2E and Road 12W;
AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris would like to divest itself of these properties;
AND WHEREAS some of this property is capable of being returned to farmland, however there is a significant cost associated with this;

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AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris has been in communication with adjacent landowners about having portions of the abandoned rail line property added to their farmland properties;

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris Council previously decided to sell some parcels to adjacent landowners and gift some parcels to other landowners;

AND WHEREAS some of the adjacent landowners have already incurred costs in converting some of the land into farmland;

AND WHEREAS the previous decision to sell some parcels and gift other parcels would create an inequity in the distribution of these properties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we proceed with the process of gifting these properties to the adjacent landowners subject to the following conditions:

1. THAT the landowner receiving the parcels shall be responsible for any legal or sub-division costs that may be incurred in these transactions; and
2. THAT the landowner receiving the parcels shall be responsible to maintain said properties in a weed free state on an on-going basis; and
3. THAT the landowner receiving the parcels shall be responsible to ensure that any drainage reconstruction work that may possibly occur is coordinated with the Rural Municipality of Morris to ensure that water is routed properly; and
4. THAT the Rural Municipality of Morris shall place an easement on these properties so that in case said properties are ever required for any municipal purpose that the municipality shall be able to purchase any said parcel at zero dollars per acre, so long as the municipality covers any potential legal or subdivision costs associated with such a transaction."

CARRIED

Reeve, Ralph Groening and Councillor, Rick Giesbrecht, returned to the meeting.

9.6 New Horizons Golden Corner - Utility Account - Forgiveness Request

2020-227

Barry Fraese

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council forgive the outstanding Utility Bill in the amount of \$123.74.

CARRIED

9.7 Manitoba Fire Protection Grant - Sperling & Lowe Farm Upgrade of SCBA Equipment

2020-228

Mervin Dueck

Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council support the Fire Protection Grant Proposal submitted requesting support to upgrade the SCBA equipment for the Sperling and Lowe Farm fire halls.

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- 9.8 Manitoba Fire Protection Grant - Rosenort Water Tanker Rehabilitation & Enhancement**
2020-229
Shane Kroeker
Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council support the Fire Protection Grant Proposal submitted, requesting support for the rehabilitation and enhancement of the Rosenort hall water tanker.

CARRIED

- 9.9 Red River Valley Food Bank Support Request**
2020-230

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council grant \$1,800.00 to the Red River Valley Food Bank for 2021.

CARRIED

- 9.10 Horses on Public Property/Walking Trails**

There have been complaints that horses are being ridden on sidewalks and walking trails in the RM of Morris leaving waste. Council requested that it be addressed in the next RM of Morris newsletter.

- 10 Adjournment**
2020-231
Stan Siemens
Scott Siemens

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 11:36 a.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on December 9, 2020.

CARRIED

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer