



**Rural Municipality of Morris**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting October 14, 2020 - 09:00 AM**

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on October 14, 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, Recording Officer, Kimberley Robert, Public Works Manager, Paul Robert and Building Inspector/Fire Chief, Trevor Dackow, were also present at the meeting.

**Agenda**

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**1.1 Agenda Additions: None**

**1.2 Adoption of Agenda**

2020-185

Rick Giesbrecht

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the October 14, 2020, Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

**2 Council Meeting Minutes**

**2.1 Business Arising From Previous Minutes: None**

**2.2 Previous Council Meeting Minutes - September 9, 2020**

2020-186

Rick Giesbrecht

Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on September 9, 2020, be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2.3 Previous Council Meeting Minutes - September 29, 2020**

2020-187

Shane Kroeker

Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a special meeting that was held on September 29, be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

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**3 Asset Management Update - Matt Friesen - 9:00 a.m.**

Matt Friesen gave a brief overview of the Asset Management project. Mr. Friesen anticipates completing the data collection by mid-November. An update will be provided at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

**4 Finance/Personnel**

**4.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings**

2020-188

Mervin Dueck

Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 202001340 to 202001564 totalling \$493,908.59.  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the payroll earnings as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4.2 RM of Morris Financial Statements - September, 2020**

2020-189

Shane Kroeker

Rick Giesbrecht

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

**CARRIED**

**4.3 Miscellaneous Posting to Property Tax Accounts**

2020-190

Scott Siemens

Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the adjustment of the following Property Tax Accounts:

Roll Number	Description	Amount
23550	Tax Sale Costs	\$305.00
27400	Tax Sale Costs	\$305.00
109100	Tax Sale Costs	\$349.00
143300	Tax Sale Costs	\$349.00

**CARRIED**

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**5 Public Hearings**

**5.1 Open Public Hearing: 10:00 a.m.**

2020-191  
Scott Siemens  
Mervin Dueck

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 items:

- Conditional Use Application No. 10/2020 - NAK Enterprises Inc. & Brent Friesen
- Variation Order Application No. 06/2020 - Cornelius Sawatzky & Aganetha Sawatzky
- RM of Morris By-law 1757/2020, Authorize the Expenditure and Borrowing of Money for the Construction of New Reservoirs and a Watermain Extension

**CARRIED**

**5.2 Conditional Use Application No. 10/2020 - NAK Enterprises Inc. & Brent Friesen**

The CAO gave a brief overview of the Conditional Use Application No. 10/2020, to establish an equipment assembly operation in an "AR" Restricted Agricultural Use Zone. The applicant, Mr. Brent Friesen attended the meeting to be available for any questions.

No persons attended the hearing and no written letters were received opposing the Conditional Use Application No. 10/2020.

**5.3 Variation Order Application No. 06/2020 - Cornelius Sawatzky & Aganetha Sawatzky**

The CAO gave a brief overview of the Variation Order Application No. 06/2020 to vary the maximum size of a portable structure from 200 sq. ft. to 1200 sq. ft. and the maximum height from 12 ft. to 16 ft., to vary the lot coverage from 50% to 80% and to vary the rear yard setback from 10 ft. to 3 ft.

One person, Mr. Nevin Kleinsasser, resident of Lowe Farm, attended the meeting to voice his objection to the application. Two written letters were received from Mr. Joel Maendel and Mr. Tyson Gross, also residents of Lowe Farm, expressing their concern regarding the application.

**5.4 RM of Morris By-law No. 1757/2020 - Authorize the Expenditure and Borrowing of Money for the Construction of New Reservoirs and a Watermain Extension**

The CAO gave a brief overview of By-law No. 1757/2020, being a by-law to authorize the expenditure and borrowing of money for the construction of new reservoirs and a watermain extension.

Mr. Randy Siemens, resident of Rosenort, attended the hearing to question the type and size of reservoir being considered. The CAO advised that engineers are currently working on the most economical design.

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**5.5 Close the Public Hearing**

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Shane Kroeker

Scott Siemens

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

**CARRIED**

**6 Delegations: None**

**7 Action Correspondence**

**7.1 Subdivision File No. 4152-20-7984, Russel Dale Goossen & Meleta Rose Goossen**

2020-193

Stan Siemens

Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the application for subdivision no. 4152-20-7984, 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**

**8 Reports**

**8.1 Reeve Report**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Reeve Report.

**8.2 Building Permit Value Report & Building Permit Listing - Administration**

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

**8.3 Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report. Mr. Dackow also reported that the traffic control course he would like some fire members to attend may not be available until spring due to COVID.

**8.4 Public Works Manager Report**

**Roads:**

- Graders will be back on roads the week of October 12th.

**Drainage:**

- 14 miles to go;
- Dirt spreading almost complete from past years.

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**Utilities:**

- New data logging equipment for water plants should be ready this month;
- Hydrant flushing will begin the week of October 12th;

**Various:**

- Still some culvert work to do;
- Ryan at Rosenort Service Centre asking for some parking along Roselane.

**Additions:**

- Residents requesting a speed zone reduction on Road 11 over the Shannon bridge. An amendment to our Speed Limit By-law will need to be prepared;
- The installation of the traffic flood gates in the municipality will be completed shortly.

**8.5 Council Action Report**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Council Action Report. The CAO reported that he met with Valley Fiber who provided a proposal to supply the equipment and set up at the various municipal buildings. The deadline for completion is the end of 2020.

**9 Information**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the following information.

**9.1 Valley Regional Library - Correspondence & Meeting Minutes - September 28, 2020**

**9.2 Rosenort Chamber Meeting Minutes - September 24, 2020**

**9.3 Morris District Handi-Van Service Inc. - Meeting Minutes, September 29, 2020 & Financial Statements - January - September 2020**

**9.4 Rosenort Recreation Centre Board Meeting Minutes - September 12, 2020**

**9.5 Manitoba Good Roads Association October 2020 Newsletter**

**9.6 Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Inc. - Board Meeting Minutes, Engagement Questions, 2021 Draft Budget, 2019-2024 Major Capital Projects, Member Water Usage Survey Summary & Water Planning Forecasting**

**9.7 Prairie Rose School Division Board Meeting Highlights - September 28, 2020**

**9.8 Minister of Municipal Relations - 2020/21 Municipal Operating Grants**

**9.9 Pembina Valley Water Cooperative - Wholesale/Bulk Water Utility Water Rates**

**9.10 Steve's Livestock Transport - TPIF Permit Support**

**9.11 Manitoba Infrastructure - Request for Approval of Drainage Works**

**9.12 Manitoba Disabilities Issues - Disability Employment Awareness Month**

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**10 Other Business**

- 10.1 RM of Morris By-law 1756/2020 - Council Code of Conduct - Second Reading**  
2020-194  
Shane Kroeker  
Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give second reading, as amended, to By-law 1756/2020, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Morris to establish and regulate a code of conduct for members of council.

**CARRIED**

- 10.2 RM of Morris By-law 1756/2020 - Council Code of Conduct - Third Reading**  
2020-195  
Mervin Dueck  
Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give third and final reading to By-law 1756/2020, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Morris to establish and regulate a code of conduct for members of council.

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

**CARRIED**

- 10.3 RM of Morris By-law 1757/2020 - Expenditure and Borrowing of Money For New Water Reservoirs and Watermain Extension**  
2020-196  
Shane Kroeker  
Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give first reading to RM of Morris By-law No. 1757/2020, 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.

**CARRIED**

- 10.4 Conditional Use Application No. 10/2020 - NAK Enterprises Inc. & Brent Friesen**  
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Scott Siemens  
Stan Siemens

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve Conditional Use Application No. 10/2020 for NAK Enterprises Inc. & Brent Friesen, owner and applicant of Lot 5, Block 1 & Lot 3, Block 2, Plan 16469, Roll No. 185050, to establish an equipment assembly operation in an "AR" Restricted Agricultural Use zone.

**CARRIED**

- 10.5 Variation Order Application No. 06/2020 - Cornelius Sawatzky & Aganetha Sawatzky**  
2020-198  
Scott Siemens  
Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council deny Variation Order Application No. 06/2020.

**CARRIED**

- 10.6 Animal Control, Impoundment Proposal**  
2020-199  
Shane Kroeker  
Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the animal control, impoundment proposal from 7 Acre Wood Animal Boarding Kennel, to provide services for stray canines apprehended in the RM of Morris, as presented.

**CARRIED**

Reeve, Ralph Groening and Councillor, Rick Giesbrecht left the meeting due to a conflict of interest during the in-camera discussion. Councillor, Mervin Dueck, chaired the in-camera session.

- 10.7 In Camera**  
2020-200  
Scott Siemens  
Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council go in-camera for discussion.

**CARRIED**

- 10.8 Out of Camera**  
2020-201  
Scott Siemens  
Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council go back into open meeting.

**CARRIED**

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

- 10.9 AECOM Canada Ltd. - Landfill Closure & Post-Closure Liability**  
2020-202

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Rick Giesbrecht  
Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the proposal from AECOM Canada Ltd. to provide the Landfill Liability Estimate, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**10.10 Franz Hoepfner Wiens Law Office - Removal of Floodway Easement Request**

2020-203

Shane Kroeker  
Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the removal of the floodway easement for the property located at SE1/4 31-4-2W, Roll no. 101400, as it is no longer needed.

**CARRIED**

**10.11 2020 Board of Revision Approval - Real Property Roll Number 140300, Class A Auto Restorations Ltd.**

2020-204

Mervin Dueck  
Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the Agreement to Revise Assessment for Real Property Number 140300, located at 2 Main Street S., Sperling, Manitoba, for applicant, Class A Auto Restorations Ltd., as presented.

**CARRIED**

**10.12 2020 Board of Revision Approval - Real Property Roll Number 140400, Class A Auto Restorations Ltd.**

2020-205

Shane Kroeker  
Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the Agreement to Revise Assessment for Real Property Number 140400, located at Lot 3, Block 3, Plan 916, Sperling, Manitoba, for applicant, Class A Auto Restorations Ltd., as presented.

**CARRIED**

**10.13 2020 Board of Revision Approval - Real Property Roll Number 140500, Class A Auto Restorations Ltd.**

2020-206

Shane Kroeker  
Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the Agreement to Revise Assessment for Real Property Number 140500, located at 12 Main Street S., Sperling, Manitoba, for applicant, Class A Auto Restorations Ltd., as presented.

**CARRIED**

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**10.14 AECOM Canada Ltd. - Landfill Services Proposal**

The AECOM Canada Ltd. Landfill Services Proposal will be on the next Committee of the Whole meeting agenda for discussion.

**11 Adjournment**

2020-207

Stan Siemens

Scott Siemens

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 11:51 a.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on November 10, 2020..

**CARRIED**

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**Reeve**

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**Chief Administrative Officer**