



Rural Municipality of Morris
Meeting Minutes
Council Meeting February 10, 2021 - 09:00 AM

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on February 10, 2021, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the RM of Morris Council Chambers. Reeve, Ralph Groening was present and Chair of the meeting. Councillors Rick Giesbrecht and Mervin Dueck were also present in the Council Chambers. Councillors, Barry Fraese, Stan Siemens, Scott Siemens and Shane Kroeker were present via video conference.

Also in attendance in the RM of Morris Council Chambers were CAO, Larry Driedger and Recording Officer, Kimberley Robert.

Staff also attending via video conference include Public Works Manager, Paul Robert and Building Inspector/Fire Chief, Trevor Dackow.

1 Agenda

1.1 Agenda Additions: None

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

2021-009

Mervin Dueck

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the February 10, 2021, Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2 Council Meeting Minutes

2.1 Previous Council Meeting Minutes - January 13, 2021

2021-010

Shane Kroeker

Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on January 13, 2021, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2.2 Business Arising From Previous Minutes: None

3 Finance/Personnel

3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings

2021-011

Scott Siemens

Stan Siemens

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 202100001 to 202100245 totalling \$421,378.26
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the payroll earnings as presented.

CARRIED

3.2 Miscellaneous Posting to Property Tax Accounts

2021-012
Mervin Dueck
Scott Siemens

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

CARRIED

4 Public Hearings: None

5 Delegations: Sergeant Jason Vrooman, Detachment Commander, Morris/Emerson RCMP - 10:00 a.m.

Sergeant Jason Vrooman, Detachment Commander from the Morris/Emerson RCMP attended the meeting via video conference. Sgt. Vrooman gave a brief overview of the 2020 RM of Morris Violation Stats. Sgt. Vrooman reported that due to COVID, incidents have gone down, however, members are visiting quarantined individuals to ensure they are complying with protocols. Council requested increase patrols in the urban areas due to off-road vehicle offences and speeding vehicles.

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 and the Building Permit Listing.

7.3 Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report

The RM of Morris reviewed the Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report. Mr. Dackow also reported that he is waiting for Treasury Board Approval for the Manitoba Fire Protection Grant that was confirmed approved.

7.4 Public Works Manager Report

Roads:

- First snow clearing of 2021 – February 4th

Bridge:

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- Road 2E “Riverside Bridge” – repair was completed on February 3rd. Pictures attached.

Equipment:

- Currently working on getting quotes for a new backhoe loader
- Kobelco is all welded up and back together. Working well

Utilities:

- There was a sewer leak in Lowe Farm. It was the main pipe from the lift station to the lagoon. D3 fixed it on February 2nd.

Landfill:

- Two seacans have been ordered, waiting on delivery. One will be modified for oil collection

Additions:

- Landfill signs have arrived and are ready to be installed
- Public Works will be picking up the old steel bins at the area and the Rosewood Apartments. It will be determined if they can be re-used or sold for scrap

7.5 Council Action Report

The Committee reviewed the Council Action Report.

8 Information

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the following information.

8.1 Association of Manitoba Municipalities - Resolution No. 19-2014

8.2 Manitoba Infrastructure - The Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization - RM of Morris Emergency Plan Approval

8.3 Rosenort River Trail & Morris River - Mr. Darren Plett

8.4 Proposal to Subdivide File No. 4152-20-8044 - Jennifer Nicole Loewen - Conditional Approval

8.5 Morris Area Senior Services 2019/2020 Annual Meeting - January 21, 2021

Councillor, Rick Giesbrecht, reported that the meal program in Lowe Farm has been suspended due to low participation numbers.

8.6 Valley Regional Library - Correspondence & Meeting Minutes - January 25, 2021

8.7 Prairie Rose School Division Board Meeting Highlights - January 25, 2021

8.8 Town of High River, Alberta - Reinstatement of the 1976 Coal Development Policy

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8.9 Eco-West Canada - EV Charging Station

The RM of Morris reviewed the information and directed the CAO to contact Dany Robidoux at Eco-West Canada to determine if an EV charging station is available. Once that is determined, further discussion will take place to determine the next plan of action.

8.10 Imperial Oil

9 Other Business

9.1 Reserve Allocations for the 2020 Fiscal Year

2021-013

Mervin Dueck

Shane Kroeker

WHEREAS based on the preliminary year end projections it is estimated that the General Operating Fund will have a surplus of approximately \$165,000.00 for 2020;
AND WHEREAS it is deemed in the best interest of the Rural Municipality of Morris to transfer some of these surplus funds to the Reserve funds instead of leaving them to be allocated to the accumulated surplus;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we transfer the following additional amounts into the corresponding reserve funds for 2020:

General Reserve Fund - up to \$155,000.00

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in the event that, if during the course of an audit review this transfer results in a deficit to the General Operating Fund, the Auditor may transfer some funds back to the General Operating Fund to avoid creating such an operating deficit.

CARRIED

9.2 The Manitoba Water Services Board - 2021 Core Infrastructure Renewal Plan

2021-014

Rick Giesbrecht

Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the 2021 Core Infrastructure Renewal Plan for the Manitoba Water Services Board, as per attached projects:

1. Installation of Missing Water amp; LPS Sewer Valves - Both Mains and Individual Connections
2. Rosenort Lagoon Expansion
3. Aubigny Sewer System
4. PTH 75 LPS Sewer - North of PR 205
5. PR 246 LPS Sewer - South of Aubigny
6. PR 246 LPS Sewer - North of Aubigny

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9.3 Building Sustainable Communities Program Grant Application

2021-015

Scott Siemens

Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the Building Sustainable Communities Program Grant Application, as presented.

CARRIED

9.4 2021 Province of Manitoba Urban/Hometown Green Team Grant Application

2021-016

Shane Kroeker

Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the 2021 Province of Manitoba Urban/Hometown Green Team Grant Application as presented.

CARRIED

9.5 Southbound PTH 75 Reconstruction Support

2021-017

Stan Siemens

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council support the proposed southbound PTH 75 reconstruction project.

CARRIED

9.6 Offer to Purchase & Lease Agreement - RM of Morris and Valley Fiber Ltd.

2021-018

Stan Siemens

Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the draft Offer to Purchase as presented, between the RM of Morris and Valley Fiber Ltd. for the property legally described as Lot 10, Block 10, Plan 916 in W 1/2 29-6-2W in the amount of \$1.00.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approves the draft lease agreement as presented, between Valley Fiber Ltd. and the RM of Morris for the property legally described as Lot 10, Block 10, Plan 916, in W 1/2 29-6-2W, for a term of twenty-one (21) years less a day, commencing on March 1st, 2021 and ending February 28, 2041, for \$1.00 per annum plus any applicable tax.

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9.7 Hudson Bay Route Association 2021 Membership Request

2021-019

Rick Giesbrecht

Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the Hudson Bay Route Association 2021 Membership Request in the amount of \$300.00.

CARRIED

9.8 AECOM Canada Ltd. Landfill Liability Estimate Proposal

2021-020

Scott Siemens

Barry Fraese

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

CARRIED

9.9 Development Agreement - The Rural Municipality of Morris and Mr. Vaughn Friesen & Ms. Ardith Friesen

2021-021

Scott Siemens

Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the Development Agreement between the RM of Morris and Mr. Vaughn Friesen and Ms. Ardith Friesen, for the construction of a bridge over the Morris River, as presented.

CARRIED

9.10 RM of Morris Proposed 2021 Drainage Plan

2021-022

Mervin Dueck

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the proposed 2021 Drainage Plan, as presented.

CARRIED

9.11 Retention and Disposition of Municipal Records - Regulation 53/97

2021-023

Mervin Dueck

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council authorize the proper destruction of records of the RM of Morris as in accordance to Regulation 53/97 of The Municipal Act.

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9.12 Weed Inspection Supervisor

2021-024

Rick Giesbrecht

Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council appoint Mr. Michael Lawrence, from Commissionaires Manitoba, as the 2021 Weed Inspection Supervisor for the RM of Morris.

CARRIED

10 Adjournment

2021-025

Stan Siemens

Scott Siemens

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 10:23 a.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on March 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer