



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

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on March 10, 2021, commencing at 9:00 a.m. at the Lowe Farm Community Centre in Lowe Farm, Manitoba, in the RM of Morris. Reeve, Ralph Groening and Councillors Rick Giesbrecht, Mervin Dueck, Barry Fraese, Stan Siemens, Shane Kroeker, and Scott Siemens 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.

1 Agenda

1.1 Agenda Additions

Item 9.12 - Rosenort Reservoir Project

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

2021-026

Stan Siemens

Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the March 10, 2021, Council Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

1.3 In Camera

2021-027

Stan Siemens

Rick Giesbrecht

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

CARRIED

1.4 Out of Camera

2021-028

Rick Giesbrecht

Scott Siemens

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

CARRIED

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2 Council Meeting Minutes

2.1 Previous Council Meeting Minutes

2021-029

Scott Siemens

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on February 10, 2021, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2.2 Business Arising From Previous Minutes

February 10, 2021, Council Meeting, Item 8.9 - Eco-West Canada - EV Charging Station.
The CAO reported he had not had a response from Eco-West and will send a follow-up email.

3 Finance/Personnel

3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings

2021-030

Mervin Dueck

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 202100246 to 202100382 totalling \$247,158.05.

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

CARRIED

3.2 RM of Morris Financial Statements - December, 2020

2021-031

Mervin Dueck

Scott Siemens

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

CARRIED

3.3 Miscellaneous Posting to Property Tax Accounts

2021-032

Shane Kroeker

Stan 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

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4 Public Hearings

4.1 Open Public Hearing 10:00 a.m.

2021-033

Shane Kroeker

Rick Giesbrecht

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:

- Variation Order Application No. 01/2021 - Kendall Robert Schmitke & Tamara Dorot Schmitke
- Variation Order Application No. 02/2021 - 6178228 Manitoba Ltd. & Arlen Nitychoruk

CARRIED

4.2 Variation Order Application No. 01/2021 - Kendall Robert Schmitke & Tamara Dorot Schmitke

The CAO gave a brief overview of the Variation Order Application No. 01/2021 to vary the RM of Morris Zoning By-law 1713/2015 to allow for a temporary structure in an "AR" Restricted Agricultural Use Zone.

No Persons attended the hearing and no written letters were received opposing the Variation Order Application No. 01/2021.

4.3 Variation Order Application No. 02/2021 - 6178228 Manitoba Ltd. and Arlen Nitychoruk

The CAO gave a brief overview of the Variation Order No. 02/2021, to vary the side yard set-back on a corner lot from 12' to 5' in an "UR" Urban Residential Use Zone. The applicant, Mr. Arlen Nitychoruk attended the meeting to be available for any questions.

No persons attended the hearing and no written letters were received opposing the Variation Order Application No. 02/2021.

4.4 Close the Public Hearing

2021-034

Rick Giesbrecht

Stan Siemens

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

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5 Delegations: None

6 Action Correspondence: None

7 Reports

7.1 Reeve Report

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Reeve Report.

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7.2 Building Permit Value Report & Building Permit Listing - Administration

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

7.3 Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report

7.4 Public Works Manager Report

7.4.1 Equipment Purchase

2021-035

Shane Kroeker

Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the purchase of the 2021 John Deere Backhoe Loader from Brandt Tractor Ltd. in the net amount of \$108,500.00, plus applicable taxes, as presented.

CARRIED

7.5 Council Action Report

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Council Action Report.

8 Information

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the following information.

8.1 BDO Canada LLP - Audit Planning Report to Council

8.2 Rosenort Chamber Meeting Minutes - February 12, 2021

Councillor, Shane Kroeker, reported that the Annual General Meeting will be held virtually on March 12, 2021.

8.3 Morris District Handi-Van Service Inc. - Financial Statements For The Year Ended December 31, 2020

8.4 Valley Regional Library - Correspondence & Meeting Minutes - February 22, 2021

8.5 Red River Valley School Division Board Meeting Minutes - February 8, 2021

8.6 Rosenort Recreation Centre Board Meeting Minutes - January 25, 2021 - Amended

8.7 Association of Manitoba Municipalities - Resolution #43-2016

8.8 Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Inc. - 2020 Annual Report

8.9 Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Inc. - Annual General Meeting Minutes - February 26, 2021

8.10 Proposal to Subdivide File No. 4152-20-7964 - Justin Ray Bartel & Sherilee Nicole Bartel - Certificate of Approval

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8.11 JA Manitoba - Support Request

Last Request 2018 - No Support Given

8.12 Canadian Fitness and Lifestyle Research Institute - Survey Deadline

8.13 Rural Municipality of Macdonald - Notice of Public Hearing - April 6, 2021

9 Other Business

9.1 Draft Sale Agreement - Rural Municipality of Morris & Dirt Pro Inc.

2021-036

Mervin Dueck

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris approves the draft sales agreement between the Rural Municipality of Morris and Dirt Pro Inc. for the purchase of Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, Plan 6772, Section 5-6-1E, in the amount of \$212,402.24 plus applicable tax, effective April 1, 2021.

CARRIED

9.2 BDO Canada LLP - Proposed Fee for Professional Services For the Year Ending December 31, 2021 to 2023

2021-037

Rick Giesbrecht

Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the Proposed Fee for Professional Services from BDO Canada LLP, for the year ending December 31, 2021 to 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

9.3 RM of Morris Auditor Appointment

2021-038

Barry Fraese

Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council appoint BDO Canada LLP to perform the audit services for the Rural Municipality of Morris for 2021, 2022 and 2023.

CARRIED

9.4 RM of Morris Wage Scale

2021-039

Mervin Dueck

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council change the name of the "Assistant Public Works Manager Salary Grid" to "Urban Works Supervisor / Assistant Public Works Manager Salary Grid".

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9.5 RM of Morris Urban Works Supervisor/Assistant Public Works Manager

2021-040

Mervin Dueck

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the hiring of Michel Carrierre as the Urban Works Supervisor/Assistant Public Works Manager with an effective start date of April 6th, 2021;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT he be placed on Step 2 of the Urban Works Supervisor/Assistant Public Works Manager Salary Grid;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we waive the waiting period for pension, insurance and health & dental programs because he is currently enrolled in such benefits in the municipality where he is currently employed;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT vacation allowance be set at 3 weeks during the first 12 months of employment and 4 weeks annually thereafter.

CARRIED

9.6 Fire Protection Grant Program Contribution Agreement

2021-041

Scott Siemens

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the Fire Protection Grant Program Contribution Agreement, as presented.

CARRIED

9.7 RM of Morris Fire Department SCBA Equipment Purchase

2021-042

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris has successfully applied for and received approval under the Province of Manitoba Fire Services Grant Program for the purchase of new SCBA equipment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we hereby authorize our Fire Chief/Building Inspector to purchase SCBA Units as proposed in the Grant Application.

CARRIED

9.8 2020 Culvert Quotations

2021-043

Scott Siemens

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris purchase the 2021 culvert supplies from Armtec Canada Culvert.

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- 9.9 Variation Order Application No. 01/2021 - Kendall Robert Schmitke & Tamara Dorot Schmitke**
2021-044
Mervin Dueck
Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve Variation Order Application No. 01/2021 for Kendall Robert Schmitke & Tamara Dorot Schmitke, owners and applicants of 29156 PR 422, NE36-5-1W, Roll No. 56950, to vary the RM of Morris Zoning By-law 1713/2015 to allow for a temporary structure in an "AR" Restricted Agricultural Use Zone.

CARRIED

- 9.10 Variation Order Application No. 02/2021 - 6178228 Manitoba Ltd. and Arlen Nitychoruk**
2021-045
Stan Siemens
Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve Variation Order Application No. 02/2021 for 6178228 Manitoba Ltd. and Arlen Nitychoruk, Owner and Applicant of Lot 10, Plan 55999, 40 Weatherstone Place, Roll No. 203490, to vary the corner side yard set-back on a corner lot from 12' to 5' in an "UR" Urban Residential Use Zone.

CARRIED

- 9.11 Lowe Farm Building Dismantle Request - Discussion**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the request and directed the CAO to obtain additional information and further discussion will take place at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.

- 9.12 Rosenort Reservoir Project**
2021-046
Mervin Dueck
Rick Giesbrecht

WHEREAS the R.M. of Morris (RM) has entered into an agreement with the Manitoba Water Services Board (MWSB) for the construction of additional water reservoir capacity at the current Rosenort Water Reservoir site;

AND WHEREAS when the original funding application was applied for the estimate was based on costs in 2017/2018;

AND WHEREAS the agreement with MWSB was for a project cost of \$1,620,000, of which the RM is responsible for 50%;

AND WHEREAS AECOM Engineering has estimated that current costs could be in the range of \$2.6 to \$2.7 million;

AND WHEREAS this estimate would predict that the RM would be responsible for approximately \$525,000 in addition to the financing already authorized by the borrowing By-law 1757/2020;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM authorize that \$525,000 of the municipalities General Reserve be temporarily allocated to this project;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Administration to begin the process of amending By-law 1757/2020 to incorporate the additional funding requirements.

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- 10 Adjournment**
2021-047
Stan Siemens
Scott Siemens

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 10:57 a.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on April 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer