



**Rural Municipality of Morris**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Council Meeting May 12, 2021 - 09:00 AM**

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on May 12, 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, 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.

Councillor, Barry Fraese, due to illness, sent his regrets.

**1 Agenda**

**1.1 Agenda Additions: None**

**1.2 Adoption of Agenda**

2021-086  
Scott Siemens  
Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the May 12, 2021, Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2 Council Meeting Minutes**

**2.1 Previous Council Meeting Minutes - April 15, 2021**

2021-087  
Shane Kroeker  
Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on April 15, 2021, be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

**2.2 Previous Council Meeting Minutes - April 27, 2021**

2021-088  
Mervin Dueck  
Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a special meeting that was held on April 27, 2021, be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

**3 Finance/Personnel**

**3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings**

2021-089

Mervin Dueck

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 202100567 to 202100728 totalling \$506,001.36.

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

**CARRIED**

**3.2 Miscellaneous Posting to Property Tax Accounts**

2021-090

Scott Siemens

Rick Giesbrecht

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

Roll Number	Description	Amount
109100	Tax Sale Costs	349.00
143600	Tax Sale Costs	368.00

**CARRIED**

**4 Public Hearings - 10:00 a.m.**

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

2021-091

Mervin Dueck

Stan Siemens

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:

- Variation Order Application No.03/2021 - Patrick Georges Leblanc & Sandy Elizabeth Leblanc

**CARRIED**

**4.2 Variation Order Application No. 03/2021 - Patrick Georges Leblanc & Sandy Elizabeth Leblanc**

The CAO gave a brief overview of the Variation Order Application No. 03/2021, to vary the accessory building height from 15 feet to 20 feet in an Urban Residential Zone.

No person attended the Hearing and no written letters were received opposing the Variation Order Application No. 03/2021.

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**4.3 Close the Public Hearing**

2021-092  
Shane Kroeker  
Rick Giesbrecht

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

**CARRIED**

**5 Delegations: None**

**6 Action Correspondence**

**6.1 Proposal to Subdivide - 4152-21-8085 - Yves Lapointe**

2021-093  
Shane Kroeker  
Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the application for Subdivision File No. 4152-21-8085, 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**

**6.2 Morris School Yearbook Sponsor Request**

2021-094  
Scott Siemens  
Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council sponsor the Morris School Yearbook for 2020-2021 in the amount of \$100.00.

**CARRIED**

**6.3 Purchase Agreement - Weldon Hiebert Ent. Inc. and Rural Municipality of Morris**

2021-095  
Shane Kroeker  
Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council enter into a sales agreement with Weldon Hiebert Ent. Inc. for the purchase of 3 lots in the Rosenort Industrial Park for the total amount of \$36,400.00 plus applicable tax, effective October 1, 2021.

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**6.4 Lot Purchase Request - Duracon Industries Ltd.**

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Mervin Dueck  
Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve offer from Duracon Industries Ltd., to purchase 2 lots, in the Rosenort Industrial Park, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**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.

**7.3 Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report. Mr. Dackow also reported on the following:

- There were 3 additional emergency calls since the submission of his report;
- The fire hall in Rosenort has additional money in the MPI fund. Mr. Dackow recommends the purchase of a set of rescue struts;
- The fire hall in Sperling is in need of a jaws of life kit. Mr. Dackow recommends money in the budget be spent on replacing the kit as it cannot be repaired.

**7.4 Public Works Manager Report**

**Roads:**

- Graders are pulling edge of dirt roads to add some crown to them;
- Gravel program should be starting May 17th. Hauling from stockpile will be around that same time. Waiting on loader availability;
- Talking with Cypher Environmental on getting cost of their product Earthzyme. Forms were sent for our completion. Once completed, they need to take core sample of road to see how much clay content is in the current road gravel. It was decided to test on one road to determine if this is the route to go for the future.

**Drainage:**

- Drift soil cleanup will be wrapping up May 11-12. View map of area (attached);
- Ditching will begin right after.

**Other:**

- Currently doing some urban work clean-up;
- Replaced some signs. Will be doing more once poles have been painted;

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- Emailed Jake at Pembina Valley Water Co-op about standpipe in Morris. Currently waiting to hear back. The CAO will contact Pembina Valley Water to verify the plan.

Urban Works Supervisor, Mr. Michele Carriere, attended the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

**7.5 Urban Works Supervisor Report**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Urban Works Supervisor Report.

**7.6 Council Action Report**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Council Action Report and asked the CAO to follow up with Mr. Leo Duval from Water Resources regarding the floodway gate control.

**8 Information**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the following information.

**8.1 Valley Regional Library - Correspondence & Meeting Minutes - April 26, 2021**

**8.2 Morris District Handi-Van Service Inc. - Meeting Minutes - May 4, 2021**

**8.3 Prairie Rose School Division Board Meeting Highlights - April 26, 2021**

**8.4 RCMP Mayor Reports 2021 - Quarterly Stats**

**8.5 Pembina Valley Reeves & Mayors Notes - May 5, 2021**

**8.6 MWM Environmental - Rosenort Landfill**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the correspondence and directed the CAO to invite MWM Environmental to attend the next COTW meeting. The CAO will also inquire with other municipalities who have leased or sold their landfills.

**9 Other Business**

**9.1 Variation Order Application No. 03/2021 - Patrick Georges Leblanc & Sandy Elizabeth Leblanc**

2021-097  
Scott Siemens  
Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve Variation Order Application No. 03/2021 for Patrick Georges Leblanc and Sandy Elizabeth Leblanc, to vary the accessory building height from 15 feet to 20 feet in an Urban Residential Zone, located at Lot 1, Plan 24960, also known as 39 Brandt Street, Rosenort.

**CARRIED**

**9.2 Way To Go Consulting Inc. Utility Rate Study Quote**

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Scott Siemens  
Shane Kroeker

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the quote from Way To Go Consulting Inc., for a Utility Rate Study, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**9.3 Bel Asset Management Inc. - Letter of Intent - Discussion**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Letter of Intent from Bel Asset Management. Further discussion will take place at the next COTW meeting to determine the best plan to move development ahead. The CAO was directed to contact Barnes & Duncan to obtain a concept drawing.

**9.4 RM of Morris Crosswalk - Rosenort**

2021-099  
Mervin Dueck  
Shane Kroeker

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris engaged Landmark Planning and Design to conduct a preliminary urban design study for PR 205 in the Community of Rosenort; AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris Council deems it in the best interests and safety of the residents of Rosenort and those employees that commute to Rosenort for employment, to install a crosswalk in the west side of the intersection of PR205 and River Road North;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we seek permission from Manitoba Infrastructure in order to install, at municipal expense, a 'Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons' (RRFB) at the west side of the intersection of River Road North and PR 205E in order to ensure the safety of the community;  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT upon receipt of approvals the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the appropriate documentation to allow this said crosswalk to be installed.

**CARRIED**

**10 Adjournment**  
2021-100  
Stan Siemens  
Scott Siemens

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 11:06 a.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on June 9, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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**Reeve**

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**Chief Administrative Officer**