Rural Municipality of Morris

Meeting Minutes

Council Meeting August 11, 2021 - 09:00 AM

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on August 11, 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, and Building Inspector/Fire Chief, Trevor Dackow, were also present at the meeting.

Reeve Groening made acknowledgement of Councillor, Barry Fraese, and his contributions to the Rural Municipality of Morris, as this was the first meeting since his passing.

1 Agenda

1.1 Agenda Additions: None

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

2021-149
Rick Giesbrecht
Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the August 11, 2021, Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2 Council Meeting Minutes

2.1 Previous Council Meeting Minutes - July 14, 2021

2021-150
Mervin Dueck
Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on July 14, 2021, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2.2 Previous Special Council Meeting Minutes - July 27, 2021

2021-151
Shane Kroeker
Scott Siemens

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

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2.3 **Previous Special Council Meeting Minutes - July 30, 2021**

2021-152
Mervin Dueck
Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a special meeting that was held on July 30, 2021, be adopted as presented.

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

3 **Finance/Personnel**

3.1 **Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings**

2021-153
Mervin Dueck
Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 202101086 to 202101250 totalling $815,997.47
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the payroll earnings as presented.

CARRIED

3.2 **RM of Morris Financial Statements - January 2021, February 2021, March 2021, April 2021, May 2021 and June 2021**

2021-154
Mervin Dueck
Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adopt the January 2021, February 2021, March 2021, April 2021, May 2021, and June 2021, Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED

4 **Public Hearings: None**

5 **Delegations: Mr. Conley Kehler, Valley Fiber Ltd. - 10:00 a.m.**

Mr. Kehler asked for an in-camera discussion in order to advise Council of some of the recent information regarding fibre optics expansion.

5.1 **In Camera**

2021-155
Shane Kroeker
Stan Siemens

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

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5.2 Out of Camera

2021-156
Scott Siemens
Stan Siemens

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

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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.

7.3 Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report. Mr. Dackow reported there was once additional emergency call since the submission of his report.

7.4 Public Works Manager Report

Roads:

- Riverside Road, waiting on a reply from Lavalee Gravel Inc. when trucks will be available;
- We have finally received the product for dust control to apply north of Sperling. We need to finish modifying the spray truck.

Equipment:

- The track loader for the landfill is still in pieces in the shop. We cannot get the seals to seal. Toromont Cat is trying to find a rebuilt unit.

Utilities:

- Emergency Council meeting on August 4th regarding potable water usage;
- We will be restarting the rain barrel program;
- Water usage comparison:

	July 2020	July 2021
Lowe Farm	1774 cubic metres	1950 cubic metres
Rosenort	8079 cubic metres	6734 cubic metres
Sperling	473 cubic metres	458 cubic metres

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Various:

- Benches for Rosenort Park along the walking trail will be poured week of August 9th;
- I am on call from July 30th – August 16th.

7.5 Drain Plan Update

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Drain Plan Update

7.6 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 Valley Regional Library Correspondence

8.2 DEKALB SuperSpiel - Update

8.3 Proposal to Subdivide File No. 4152-21-8070 - Lawrence & Naomi Dueck

8.4 Assessment Services/Municipal Relations - Board of Revision for 2022 Assessment Roll

8.5 Royal Canadian Mounted Police - Pembina Valley Detachment - Monthly Statistics Report - July 2021

8.6 Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development - Watershed District Expansion

The Reeve encouraged the RM of Morris Council to attend the virtual meeting on August 24th, 2021.

9 Other Business

9.1 In Camera

2021-157
Scott Siemens
Rick Giesbrecht

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

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9.2 **Out of Camera**

2021-158
Rick Giesbrecht
Shane Kroeker

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

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9.3 **RM of Morris Bursary Policy - Graduating Student**

2021-159
Scott Siemens
Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adopt the RM of Morris Bursary Policy No. 1350-100, for Graduating Students, as presented.

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9.4 **RM of Morris By-Election**

2021-160
Scott Siemens
Shane Kroeker

WHEREAS Councillor Barry Fraese recently passed away;
AND WHEREAS under the Municipal Act we need to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we authorize the Senior Election Official to take the necessary steps required to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy.

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10 **Adjournment**

2021-161
Stan Siemens
Scott Siemens

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 10:59 a.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on September 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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Reeve **Chief Administrative Officer**