



Rural Municipality of Morris
Meeting Minutes
Council Meeting March 9, 2022 - 09:30 AM

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on March 9, 2022, commencing at 9:30 a.m. in the RM of Morris Council Chambers. Reeve, Ralph Groening and Councillors Rick Giesbrecht, Mervin Dueck, Stan Siemens, Shane Kroeker, Scott Siemens and Al Rowe 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.

Public Works Manager, Paul Robert, attended the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

1 Agenda

1.1 Agenda Additions

- Item 9.5 - 2022 FCM Conference
- Item 9.10 - Senior Housing Initiative
- Item 9.11 - Potential 2022 High Water Event Plan

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

2022-040
Rick Giesbrecht
Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the March 9, 2022, Council Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

2 Council Meeting Minutes

2.1 Previous Council Meeting Minutes - February 9, 2022

2022-041
Al Rowe
Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on February 9, 2022, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

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2.2 Previous Special Council Meeting Minutes - February 28, 2022

2022-042

Mervin Dueck

Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a special meeting that was held on February 28, 2022, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2.3 Business Arising From Previous Minutes

3 Finance/Personnel

3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings

2022-043

Mervin Dueck

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 202200220 to 202200341 totalling \$261,090.24.

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

CARRIED

4 Public Hearings: None

5 Delegations: None

6 Action Correspondence

6.1 The Morris Area Foundation Inc. - Support Request

2022-044

Mervin Dueck

Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the support request from The Morris Area Foundation Inc., in the amount of \$1,000.00

CARRIED

6.2 Valley Agricultural Society - 2022 Partnership Opportunities

2022-045

Stan Siemens

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RSOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council sponsor the Valley Agricultural Society in 2022 in the amount of \$7,500.00 to cover all Valley Agricultural Society events and up to \$5,000.00 of 'in kind' work.

CARRIED

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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.

7.4 Public Works Manager Report

Roads:

- All the hired dozers should be done by the middle of the week, approximately March 9th.

Towns:

- We will start stock piling snow in Lowe Farm on March 8th if all goes well, then Rosenort;
- We will have Gordon Russell to come in Sperling.

Utilities:

- Rosenort Water Plant Update: There are some supply chain issues.

Manitoba Hydro is waiting on transformers
Electrician is waiting on electrical cabinets
Waiting for butterfly valves for the plumbing. Hoping it will be operational by mid-May.

Other:

- A letter was sent to a resident for dumping snow on a municipal road. (attached)

Additions:

- There is a plan for removing snow from ditches in the rural area to ensure water will be able to flow properly;
- The snow blower has stopped working and we will be assessing if the machine can be repaired or will need to be replaced.

7.4.1 Utility Update - Rosenort Reservoir Expansion & Associated Works Meeting Minutes - March 2, 2022

The CAO advised that the Rosenort Reservoir expansion is on hold as there are some items as reported in the Public Works Manager Report that have been delayed.

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7.5 Council Action Report

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Council Action Report. The CAO also reported that Landmark Planning will be holding meetings with local businesses in Rosenort regarding the Urbanization Plan to receive their input.

8 Information

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the following information.

8.1 RM of Morris - Notice of 2022 Budget Hearing - April 13, 2022

8.2 Morris Pool Income Expense 2018 to 2021

8.3 Valley Agricultural Society - 2022 Manitoba Stampede and Exhibition

8.4 Morris District Handivan Service Meeting Minutes - February 17, 2022

8.5 Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Inc. - Drought Meeting Minutes - February 15, 2022 & Conditions Update

8.6 Prairie Rose School Division Meeting Minutes - February 14, 2022

8.7 Red River Valley School Division Meeting Minutes - December 20, 2021, February 10, 2022, February 28, 2022,

9 Other Business

9.1 Valley Fiber - Monthly Service Proposal - Phone Agreement

2022-046

Stan Siemens

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approves the Commercial Sales Proposal from Valley Fiber to connect all the RM of Morris Locations on an integrated Telephone Solution, as presented.

CARRIED

9.2 Statutory Easement Agreement - Rural Municipality of Morris and Valley Fiber Ltd.

2022-047

Shane Kroeker

Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the Statutory Easement Agreement between the Rural Municipality of Morris and Valley Fiber Ltd., as presented.

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- 9.3 Manitoba Hydro Electric Service Agreement - Lowe Farm Residential Development - SW 6-5-1W**
2022-048
Mervin Dueck
Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the Manitoba Hydro Electric Service Agreement for the Lowe Farm Residential Development, SW 6-5-1W, as presented.

CARRIED

- 9.4 BDO - Fee Change for Professional Services for 2021 to 2023**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the information. The CAO will confirm the current agreement provisions.

- 9.5 2022 FCM Conference**

The Reeve encouraged any Council interested in attending to advise.

- 9.6 Senior Housing Initiative**

2022-049
Shane Kroeker
Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the allocation of \$2,000.00 towards the cost of a senior housing initiative in coalition with the Town of Morris and the RM of Montcalm.

CARRIED

- 9.7 Potential 2022 High Water Event Plan**

The RM of Morris Council had a brief discussion regarding the possibility of a high-water event happening this spring season. Some preparation will include:

- Elevations of certain roadways such as Riverside Road
- List of properties that lost access in 2009
- Identify the ditches are in need to be cleared of snow
- Meeting with the RM of Morris Emergency Coordinator
- Meeting with affected residents to advise them of protocols

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10 **Adjournment**
2022-050
Stan Siemens
Scott Siemens

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 11:28 a.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on April 13, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

CARRIED

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer

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