



**Rural Municipality of Morris**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting July 13, 2022 - 09:30 AM**

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on July 13, 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, Rosella Janz, and Building Inspector/Fire Chief, Trevor Dackow, were also present at the meeting.

**1 Agenda**

**1.1 Agenda Additions: None**

**1.2 Adoption of Agenda**

2022-110

Rick Giesbrecht

Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the July 13, 2022 Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2 In Camera - Rosenort Subdivision**

2022-111

Shane Kroeker

Stan Siemens

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

**CARRIED**

**2.1 Out of Camera**

2022-112

Stan Siemens

Rick Giesbrecht

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

**CARRIED**

**3 Council Meeting Minutes**

**3.1 Previous Council Meeting Minutes**

2022-113

Mervin Dueck  
Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on June 8, 2022 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3.2 Business Arising From Previous Minutes**

A question was raised about replacement of the bridge rails on Road 2E (Riverside bridge) and flood gates, and whether these items will be contracted out. The CAO will look into these items.

**4 Finance/Personnel**

**4.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings**

2022-114

Mervin Dueck  
Scott Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 202200928 to 202201157 totalling \$1,160,151.28.

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

**CARRIED**

Questions raised regarding the grader payments, calcium rebates, flood costs, Valley Fiber conversion, fire services, and Canada Day grants were addressed by the Reeve and CAO. The Reeve noted that the Council may reconsider its distribution of funding for Canada Day celebrations.

**4.2 WSP Communication & Invoice**

2022-115

Scott Siemens  
Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve payment of WSP Canada Inc.'s invoice #1120515 as presented.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Morris continue to engage WSP Canada Inc. for the municipality's 2022 flood rehabilitation.

**CARRIED**

The DFA inspection process was discussed. The CAO summarized recent meetings with the Province and WSP. He also highlighted ongoing challenges of getting contractors into the municipality for flood rehabilitation. The Council approved a budget of \$100,000 to WSP.

**4.3 Miscellaneous Posting to Property Tax Accounts**

2022-116  
Scott Siemens  
Stan Siemens

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

Roll #	Description	Amount
144900000	Tax Sale Cost	\$705.00
275450000	Tax Sale Cost	\$705.00
144900000	Tax Sale Cost	\$66.00
275450000	Tax Sale Cost	\$66.00

**CARRIED**

**4.4 Fuel Surcharge - DFA**

2022-117  
Shane Kroeker  
Scott Siemens

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris has experienced extensive damage due to the 2022 Spring Flood event;  
AND WHEREAS this damage has led to the need to hire numerous contractors to help with the repairs;  
AND WHEREAS the rates being paid to said contractors are based on rates that are set by the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association (MHCA);  
AND WHEREAS fuel prices spiked upward significantly since the time the MHCA Rates were established;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we request the Province of Manitoba Emergency Management and Disaster Financial Assistance Program to amend their program policies to allow for a fuel surcharge to be paid above and beyond the MHCA rates to help offset the extreme upward spike in fuel costs.

**CARRIED**

**5 Public Hearings: None**

**6 Delegations: None**

**7 Action Correspondence**

**7.1 Request for Transfer of Ownership, Mennonite Brethren Church of Manitoba - July 5, 2022**

2022-118  
Rick Giesbrecht  
Stan Siemens

WHEREAS the Mennonite Brethren Church of Manitoba (MBCM) owns a cemetery located SW 12-6-2W at the intersection of Road 31N and Road 7W, known as the Cannon School District Cemetery and formerly known as the Sperling Mennonite Brethren Church;  
AND WHEREAS the cemetery has been maintained by a combination of the MBCM and local

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volunteers;

AND WHEREAS many of the volunteers that have been involved with the cemetery have either passed away, or are at the age where they are limited physically;

AND WHEREAS the MBCM is requesting that the Rural Municipality of Morris assume ownership of the said cemetery in exchange for which the MBCM will issue a one time payment of \$15,000.00. Said funds to be used for the perpetual care of the cemetery.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Morris Council accept the offer from MBCM subject to the following conditions:

1. Possession date to be set for January 1, 2023.
2. Payment of \$15,000.00 to be made from MBCM to Rural Municipality of Morris on Possession Date.
3. Rural Municipality of Morris to set said funds aside in a reserve account which may be used to maintain the cemetery in good order in future years.
4. MBCM to cover the legal and transfer costs of said transaction.

**CARRIED**

A suggestion was made to invest the payment with the Morris Area Foundation and use the endowment proceeds to fund the maintenance costs.

**7.2 Council Boot Camp - November 14-15, 2022**

2022-119

Rick Giesbrecht

Stan Siemens

WHEREAS the RM of West St. Paul will be hosting a Council Boot Camp conference designed to provide guidance for both new and veteran Municipal Leaders.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipality of Morris Council reserve and pay for eight (8) spots for the Council members and CAO to attend the conference on November 14 and 15, 2022.

**DEFEATED**

**7.3 Subdivision No. 4152-22-8218 Horizon Agro - Report to Council**

2022-120

Mervin Dueck

Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the application for Subdivision File No. 4152-22-8218, 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**

**8 Reports**

**8.1 Reeve Report**

The Reeve Report was reviewed.

**8.2 Building Permit Value Report & Building Permit Listing - Administration**

The Building Permit Value Report & Building Permit Listing - Administration were reviewed.

**8.3 Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report**

The Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report was reviewed. Additions:

- a. two grass fires, one of which was along the train tracks near Sewell
- b. numerous additional inspections
- c. three additional emergency calls

It was noted that construction equipment, such as cement trucks, have damaged municipal roads during residential construction. The RM of Morris currently does not charge a damage deposit to cover such damage to infrastructure. The Building Inspector/Fire Chief was asked to formally contact the owner of the property identified regarding the damage and remediation charges.

**8.4 Public Works Manager Report**

The Public Works Manager Report was reviewed.

A question was raised about union negotiations. The Recording Officer was asked to add this to the agenda of the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

A question was also raised about the gravel program. The CAO outlined a plan regarding the use of a road stabilizer product. The CAO will organize a meeting with Darryl Chubak of Cypher Environmental Ltd. to discuss what would be required to use the product in the RM of Morris. The RM of Morris Council was invited to attend the meeting.

It was noted that equipment has been organized at the lagoon. The CAO indicated that a pre-construction meeting for the lagoon will be held on July 14.

It was requested that the Rosenort dock get set up. The CAO will contact Public Works about this.

**8.5 Drainage Plan Report**

The Drainage Plan Report was reviewed.

**8.6 Rosenort South Dyke Residential Subdivision Update**

The Traffic Impact Study was reviewed.

**8.7 Lowe Farm Subdivision Street Construction**

2022-121

Shane Kroeker

Al Rowe

WHEREAS a few quotations have been received for the installation of Sewer, Water, roads, etc. for the 21 lot residential subdivision in Lowe Farm;

AND WHEREAS Giesbrecht Excavating Ltd. submitted the lowest quotation;

AND WHEREAS a contract has been written by Genco Engineering

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we enter into two contracts with Giesbrecht Excavating Ltd. for the installation of various works on this subdivision;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer are hereby authorized to execute the contracts on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Morris.

**CARRIED**

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A question was raised about pricing and selling lots. The CAO shared a cost analysis spreadsheet with various pricing alternatives. A realtor has been contacted to act on behalf of the RM of Morris when lots are ready for sale.

**9 Information**

Items 9.1 to 9.8 were reviewed.

**9.1 Manitoba Association for Resource Recovery Corp. (MARRC) 2021 Annual Report**

**9.2 Carman-Dufferin Notice of Hearing - August 9, 2022**

**9.3 Chronic Wasting Disease Detection**

**9.4 Valley Regional Library 2021 Audit**

**9.5 Morris District Handivan Service Meeting Minutes - June 28, 2022**

**9.6 Red River Valley Palliative Care Butterfly Golf Tournament - September 10, 2022**

It was noted that sponsorship of this golf tournament is within the RM of Morris granting policy.

**9.7 Septic Clean-out Email & Invoice - June 2022**

The CAO is aware of similar requests regarding septic clean-outs. The Recording Officer was asked to add this to the agenda of the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

**9.8 Subdivision No. 4152-22-8149 Bunkowsky - Final Approval**

**10 Other Business**

**10.1 Quote for Administration Office Generator**

2022-122

Rick Giesbrecht

Scott Siemens

WHEREAS recent technological changes have allowed the Rural Municipality of Morris to save funds on providing network, internet and phone services to buildings owned by the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS these technological changes result in the need for a continuous power supply to the Administration Office to ensure network, internet, and phone services are available in the event of a power failure.

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris has received two (2) quotes for a generator to power the Administration Office.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipality of Morris hire Jablonski Electric Ltd. to supply and install a generator as per the attached quote.

**DEFEATED**

- 10.2 Close Canola Drive, Rosenort By-law No. 1772/2022 - Second Reading**  
2022-123  
Mervin Dueck  
Scott Siemens

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1772/2022, to close Canola Drive, Rosenort, be now given second reading.

**CARRIED**

- 10.3 Close Canola Drive, Rosenort By-law No. 1772/2022 - Third Reading**  
2022-124  
Stan Siemens  
Mervin Dueck

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris give third reading and pass By-law 1772/2022, being a by-law to close Canola Drive, Rosenort.

**CARRIED**

- 10.4 Open Ag West Drive, Rosenort By-law No. 1771/2022 - Second Reading**  
2022-125  
Scott Siemens  
Shane Kroeker

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1771/2022, to open Ag West Drive, Rosenort, be now given second reading.

**CARRIED**

- 10.5 Open Ag West Drive, Rosenort By-law No. 1771/2022 - Third Reading**  
2022-126  
Stan Siemens  
Mervin Dueck

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris give third reading and pass By-law 1771/2022, being a by-law to open Ag West Drive, Rosenort.

**CARRIED**

- 10.6 Mitigation and Preparedness Program Proposal**  
2022-127  
Mervin Dueck  
Al Rowe

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has established a Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) program that is cost-shareable with Canada under the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements;

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris has experienced a significant event that qualifies for DFA funding;

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris has the option, under the Mitigation and Preparedness Program (MPP), to receive 100 percent of eligible DFA costs back from Manitoba and invest the amount that would have been the municipal DFA deductible into an approved disaster mitigation and preparedness project.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the MPP proposal as presented.

**CARRIED**

- 11**      **Adjournment**  
2022-128  
Stan Siemens  
Scott Siemens

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 11:38 a.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on August 10 at 9:30 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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Reeve

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Chief Administrative Officer