



**Rural Municipality of Morris**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting September 14, 2022 - 09:30 AM**

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on September 14, 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, and Al Rowe were present with Reeve Groening in the Chair.

CAO, Larry Driedger, Recording Officer, Rosella Janz, Urban Works Manager, Mike Carriere for the Public Works Report, and Building Inspector/Fire Chief, Trevor Dackow, were also present at the meeting.

Mr. Cory Friesen attended the meeting in person. Councillor Scott Siemens sent his regrets.

**1 Agenda**

**1.1 Agenda Additions**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- 9.9 DEKALB / Morris Curling Club Sponsorship Request
- 9.10 Transfer of Municipal Properties - Lowe Farm
- 9.11 Transfer of Municipal Properties - Rosenort

**1.2 Adoption of Agenda**

2022-151

Mervin Dueck

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the September 14, 2022 Council Agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**2 Council Meeting Minutes**

**2.1 Previous Council Meeting Minutes**

2022-152

Al Rowe

Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on August 10, 2022 be adopted as presented.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a special meeting that was held on September 1, 2022 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Rural Municipality of Morris Council Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2022**

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

**3 Finance/Personnel**

**3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings**

2022-153

Mervin Dueck

Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 202201390 to 202201644 totalling \$2,318,011.11;  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the payroll earnings as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3.2 Supplementary Property Taxes**

2022-154

Mervin Dueck

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adjust the following supplementary tax accounts as per the attached lists;  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT all supplementary taxes are due November 30, 2022.

**CARRIED**

**3.3 Transfer From General Reserve Fund to the General Operating Fund**

2022-155

Stan Siemens

Rick Giesbrecht

WHEREAS when the Rural Municipality of Morris prepared its unaudited year end General Operating Statement for 2021 a surplus of \$8,784.48 was shown;

AND WHEREAS after the BDO year end audit for 2021 was completed Schedule 14 of the Audited Financial Report for the General Operating Fund now shows a deficit of \$82,065;

AND WHEREAS the deficit can be directly attributed to an additional amount of approximately \$170,000 that was incurred in the restructuring of our commercial recycling efforts;

AND WHEREAS the General Reserve Fund has a balance of \$1,524,974 as shown on Schedule 6 of the Consolidated Financial Statements as at December 31st, 2021;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Relations requesting authorization to transfer an additional amount of \$82,065 from the General Reserve Fund to the General Operating Fund to offset the 2021 Deficit.

**CARRIED**

**3.4 Miscellaneous Posting to Property Tax Accounts**

2022-156

Rick Giesbrecht

Shane Kroeker

**Rural Municipality of Morris Council Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2022**

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

Roll Number	Description	Amount
144900000	Tax Sale Costs	\$565.00
275450000	Tax Sale Costs	\$545.00
275450000	Tax Sale Costs	\$371.00

**CARRIED**

**3.5 Riverview Golf Course DFA Claim**

2022-157

Al Rowe

Shane Kroeker

WHEREAS the RM of Morris is participating in the Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) Program for the 2022 Spring Flooding Event;

AND WHEREAS ownership of the Riverview Golf Course property resides with the RM of Morris;

AND WHEREAS the Riverview Golf and Country Club has requested participation in the RM of Morris DFA claim;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Morris Council approve payment of DFA-eligible costs with respect to Riverview Golf Course, as presented;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Morris Council approve payment of ongoing costs incurred by the Riverview Golf Course with respect to the 2022 Spring Flooding Event, subject to DFA-eligibility.

**CARRIED**

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

2022-158

Al Rowe

Shane Kroeker

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:

1. Proposal to Subdivide File No. 4152-21-8147 - Dee Zed Holdings Ltd.
2. Variation Order No. 02/2022 - Kendall Goossen & Paula Goossen
3. Variation Order No. 03/2022 - Kaleb Alvin Penner & Crystal Leanne Penner
4. Conditional Use No. 01/2022 - Anthony John Dyck, Katherine Joyce Dyck, & RM of Morris

**CARRIED**

**4.1 Proposal to Subdivide File No. 4152-21-8147 - Dee Zed Holdings Ltd.**

The CAO gave a brief overview of the possible new public roads and lots that will be the result of proposed subdivision no. 4152-21-8147, located at NE 1/4 6-6-1E, in the RM of Morris.

No written letters were received opposing the proposed subdivision.

**4.2 Variation Order No. 02/2022 - Kendall Goossen & Paula Goossen**

**Rural Municipality of Morris Council Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2022**

The CAO briefly reviewed the variation request relating to constructing a shop contained in Application for Variation no. 02-2022, located at NE 28-5-1, in the RM of Morris. No written letters were received opposing the proposed subdivision.

**4.3 Variation Order No. 03/2022 - Kaleb Alvin Penner & Crystal Leanne Penner**

The CAO reviewed the variation request relating to a shipping container contained in Application for Variation no. 03-2022, located at Lot 3, Plan 693, in the RM of Morris. Mr. Cory Friesen attended the meeting in person and expressed concern about the variance. Mr. Bob Martens submitted a concern in writing which is attached to the minutes.

**4.4 Conditional Use No. 01/2022 - Anthony John Dyck, Katherine Joyce Dyck, & RM of Morris**

The CAO reviewed the plan to expand Lowe Farm Cemetery that will be the result of conditional use no. 01-2022, located at Pt. N1/2 31-4-1W, in the RM of Morris. No written letters were received opposing the proposed subdivision.

**4.5 Close Public Hearing**

2022-159

Stan Siemens

Mervin Dueck

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

**CARRIED**

**5 Delegations - 10:45 a.m.**

**5.1 Lorne Hamblin - DEKALB/Morris Curling Club**

Mr. Lorne Hamblin attended the meeting and gave a brief presentation regarding the 2022 DEKALB SuperSpiel which will take place December 2-5, 2022. Mr. Hamblin request the RM of Morris consider contributing to the event as an official host sponsor and would like a 1 year commitment.

**6 Action Correspondence**

**6.1 New Horizons Golden Corner Property Tax Forgiveness**

2022-160

Shane Kroeker

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council forgive the 2022 property tax bill as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6.2 Morris Museum - Request for Board Representative**

The Council reviewed the request for a board representative. The Committee of the Whole will follow up regarding the request at its next meeting.

**7 Reports**

**7.1 Reeve Report**

**Rural Municipality of Morris Council Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2022**

The Reeve Report was reviewed.

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

The report was reviewed.

**7.3 Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report**

The Building Inspector / Fire Chief noted some additions to his report:

- four new building permits have been issued
- one additional property has passed inspection
- Steckley Consulting Engineers Inc. has been contracted for tendering the Sperling Fire Hall addition
- Rosenort Fire Hall is planning an Open House on Thursday, October 27

A question was posed about the Development Agreement requirements for the Brandt Road / Greenbank Farms subdivision. A copy of the Development Agreement is attached to the minutes.

**7.4 Public Works Manager Report**

Stan Siemens  
Rick Giesbrecht

WHEREAS two quotations have been received for the construction of concrete pads for billboards at Sperling and Riverside;  
AND WHEREAS Worthington Concrete Inc. submitted the lowest quotation;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Morris enter into a contract with Worthington Concrete Inc. for the construction of the concrete pads;  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer are hereby authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Morris.

**CARRIED**

**7.5 Flood Concerns - Preparation for Winter (discussion)**

The Council briefly discussed flood-related preparedness for the upcoming winter and spring. The CAO provided an update on flood costs incurred to-date and amounts recovered via the Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) program. The RM of Morris Council deferred further discussion to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

**7.6 Drainage Plan Master Listing**

The listing was reviewed. The RM of Morris Council expressed concern that progress of the plan was not acceptable and asked the CAO to investigate actions to move the plan along.

**7.7 Lowe Farm Subdivision**

The reports were reviewed.

**8 Information**

**8.1 Proposal to Subdivide No. 4152-20-8044 - Jennifer Nicole Loewen - Final Approval**

The proposal to subdivide was reviewed.

**Rural Municipality of Morris Council Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2022**

**8.2 RM of Ritchot Notice of Public Hearing - September 21, 2022**

The notice of public hearing was reviewed.

**8.3 RRVSD Board Meeting Minutes - April, May, June, 2022**

The minutes were reviewed.

**8.4 PRSD Board Meeting Highlights - Aug 28 & Sept 12, 2022**

The meeting highlights were reviewed.

**8.5 Rosenort Conceptual Plans - Landmark Planning**

The conceptual plans were reviewed. Several financing options were presented. The RM of Morris Council noted that the plans do not address their economic concerns. The CAO was asked to follow up with Landmark Planning to inquire about the plans for Main St. in Rosenort.

**8.6 FCM Email - September 6, 2022**

The email from FCM was reviewed. The RM of Morris Council discussed recent changes in policing.

Currently, the Province of Manitoba negotiates policing with the RCMP for all rural areas in Manitoba. Urban areas over a certain population base are required to supply their own policing, either through a contract with the RCMP or their own police force.

In recent years, the concern around the Province has been about the inability of the RCMP to provide "adequate" policing. There have also been suggestions that rural municipalities may be responsible for some of the increased policing costs.

**8.7 Proposed Recovery Strategy for the Bobolink - August 22, 2022**

The information was reviewed. No action to be taken at this time.

**8.8 Morris District Handivan Service Meeting Minutes - August 30, 2022**

The minutes were reviewed.

**8.9 Sperling Arena Fire Inspection - June 22 & August 24, 2022**

The attachments were reviewed. The Fire Chief / Building Inspector noted that most of the issues have been addressed. He recommended that the Sperling community group install someone to conduct regular inspections of the properties and keep good records. Until the position can be permanently filled, a short-term solution may be to ask for help from the Sperling Fire Department Chief. The Fire Chief / Building Inspector will forward standard inspection checklists to Council for review, and the matter will be discussed further at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

**8.10 By-law Order for Long Grass/Noxious Weeds Violation - Roll No. 35906.000**

The report was reviewed. The RM of Morris Council advised the CAO that, in the event of non-compliance, the By-Law Enforcement Officer is authorized to contract a mower for the job.

**8.11 M.A.S.S. Directors Meeting Minutes - August 30, 2022**

**Rural Municipality of Morris Council Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2022**

The minutes were reviewed. It was added that the meal program may be cut if M.A.S.S. is not able to hire cooks.

**9 Other Business**

**9.1 Proposal to Subdivide File No. 4152-21-8147 - Dee Zed Holdings Ltd.**

2022-161

Mervin Dueck

Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the application for Subdivision File No. 4152-21-8147 for Dee Zed Holdings Ltd., 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**

**9.2 Variation Order No. 02/2022 - Kendall Goossen & Paula Goossen**

2022-162

Shane Kroeker

Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve Variation Order No. 02/2022 for Kendall Goossen and Paula Goossen, owners and applicants of NE 28-5-1E, Roll No. 182300, to vary the front yard requirement from 125' to 60' in an "AR" Restricted Agricultural Use Zone to allow for the construction of a shop.

**CARRIED**

**9.3 Variation Order No. 03/2022 - Kaleb Alvin Penner & Crystal Leanne Penner**

The discussion of Variation Order No. 03/2022 was deferred to the next Committee of the Whole meeting. The Building Inspector will meet with the applicant to discuss some options.

**9.4 Conditional Use No. 01/2022 - Anthony John & Katherine Joyce Dyck, RM of Morris**

2022-163

Rick Giesbrecht

Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve Conditional Use No. 01/2022 for Anthony John and Katherine Joyce Dyck, and the RM of Morris, owners and applicants of Pt. N1/2 31-4-1W, Roll Numbers 17000, 16900, 38850, 38800, 39200, 28710, 17100, to allow for the expansion of the Lowe Farm Cemetery.

**CARRIED**

**9.5 Proposal to Subdivide No. 4152-22-8231 Anthony John & Katherine Joyce Dyck, RM of Morris**

2022-164

Shane Kroeker

Mervin Dueck

**Rural Municipality of Morris Council Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2022**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the application for Subdivision File No. 4152-22-8231 for Anthony John and Katherine Joyce Dyck and the RM of Morris, 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**

**9.6 Proposal to Subdivide File No. 4152-22-8226 - John Martens (4631404 Manitoba Inc.)**  
2022-165  
Mervin Dueck  
Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the application for Subdivision File No. 4152-22-8226 for John Martens (4631404 Manitoba Inc.), 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**

**9.7 Tax Sale Designated Officer - amended Tax Sale Date**  
2022-166  
Stan Siemens  
Shane Kroeker

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 374 of the Municipal Act, a municipality may bid on and purchase property at a public auction and may direct a designated officer to bid on its behalf;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Rural Municipality of Morris appoint CAO, Larry Driedger, to bid on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Morris at the December 16, 2022, tax sale auction.

**CARRIED**

**9.8 Child Care Center Information**  
2022-167  
Mervin Dueck  
Shane Kroeker

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba is providing a capital funding grant to develop new child care spaces in new child care centres with licenced and approved operators.

AND WHEREAS the RM of Morris will be working in partnership with JohnQ Public Inc./ JQ Built Inc. Pilot Project, a collaborative replicable process to support and share community capacity in communities in Manitoba to build important community infrastructure

Be it resolved that the RM of Morris undertakes:

1. To provide a minimum of two acres of serviced land for the purpose of operating a child care centre and pay all acquisition and predevelopment costs.
2. To pay operational and maintenance costs as to be negotiated and detailed in a Financial Assistance Agreement with the Province of Manitoba.



**Rural Municipality of Morris Council Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2022**

3. To authorize the CAO to continue to work with JQ Public Inc./JQ Built and the Province of Manitoba to negotiate a Financial Assistance Agreement (FAA).  
And Further Be It Resolved that the CAO to bring forward the Financial Assistance Agreement (FAA) for council approval.

**CARRIED**

**9.9 Dekalb / Morris Curling Club Sponsorship Request**

2022-168

Al Rowe

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council grant \$3,000.00 for the DEKALB SuperSpiel for a 1-year commitment starting 2022.

**DEFEATED**

**9.10 Transfer of Municipal Property - Lowe Farm**

2022-169

Shane Kroeker

Stan Siemens

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris has been in the design phase of creating a new development in Lowe Farm;

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris created the Red River Valley Community Development Corporation (RRVDC) a few years ago;

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris Council deems it in the best interests of the municipality to now take the necessary steps to transfer ownership of the property, together with all costs incurred to date, to the Red River Valley Community Development Corporation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Morris Council hereby proceed with the following actions:

1. Transfer ownership of Lots 1 to 8 in Block 1 and Lots 1 to 13 in Block 2 all in Plan 69092 MLTO from the Rural Municipality of Morris to the RRVDC.
2. Transfer all costs associated with the purchase and design to date from the Rural Municipality of Morris to the RRVDC.
3. Authorize the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer to contact the Rosenort Credit Union and the Access Credit Union, and potential other financial institutions to arrange appropriate finances to allow for the orderly development of the said subdivision.
4. Authorize the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer to meet with Bruce Gregory Law Office to arrange for the ownership transfer as outlined in clause 1 above.

**CARRIED**

**9.11 Transfer of Municipal Properties - Rosenort**

2022-170

Mervin Dueck

Shane Kroeker

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris has been in the design phase of creating a new development in Rosenort;

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris created the Red River Valley Community Development Corporation (RRVDC) a few years ago;

**Rural Municipality of Morris Council Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2022**

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris Council deems it in the best interests of the municipality to now take the necessary steps to transfer ownership of the property, together with all costs incurred to date, to the Red River Valley Community Development Corporation; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Morris Council hereby proceed with the following actions:

1. Transfer ownership of Roll Numbers 198980.000 and 213380.000 from the Rural Municipality of Morris to the RRVDC.
2. Transfer all costs associated with the purchase and design to date from the Rural Municipality of Morris to the RRVDC.
3. Meet with the low tender bidder, namely Earthmax, as tendered on our behalf by Colliers Project Leaders and Barnes & Duncan to discuss the scheduling of works to be done.
4. Authorize the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer to contact the Rosenort Credit Union and the Access Credit Union, and potential other financial institutions to arrange appropriate finances to allow for the orderly development of the said subdivision.
5. Authorize the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer to meet with Bruce Gregory Law Office to arrange for the ownership transfer as outlined in clause 1 above.

**CARRIED**

**10 Adjournment**  
2022-171  
Stan Siemens  
Al Rowe

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 October 12, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

**CARRIED**

---

Reeve

---

Chief Administrative Officer