



**Rural Municipality of Morris**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Council Meeting February 8, 2023 - 09:30 AM**

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on February 8, 2023, commencing at 9:30 a.m. in the RM of Morris Council Chambers.

Reeve, Scott Siemens and Councillors Mervin Dueck, Rick Giesbrecht, Shane Kroeker, Al Rowe, Larry Skoglund and Cory Friesen were present with Reeve Siemens in the Chair.

CAO, Larry Driedger joined the meeting by Zoom. Recording Officer, Marley Wiebe, and Building Inspector/Fire Chief, Trevor Dackow, were also present at the meeting.

**1 Agenda**

**1.1 Agenda Additions**

**1.1.1 6.3 Rosenort Lift Station Upgrade - Funding Increase Based on Tender Results**

**1.2 Adoption of Agenda**

2023-015

Al Rowe

Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the February 8, 2023 Council Agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**2 Council Meeting Minutes**

**2.1 Previous Council Meeting Minutes**

2023-016

Larry Skoglund

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on January 11, 2023 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2.2 Business Arising From Previous Minutes**

**2.2.1 Prairie Hearth Developments - Residential Criteria Amendment**

**3 Finance/Personnel**

**3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings**

2023-017

Mervin Dueck

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 202300044 to 202300257 totalling \$4,766,094.67  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the payroll earnings as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

2023-018

Rick Giesbrecht

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:

Variation Order No. 01/2023, RM of Morris  
Conditional Use No. 01/2023, Ernst & Helena Loewen  
Conditional Use No. 02/2023, RM of Morris

**CARRIED**

**4.1 Variation Order No. 01/2023 - RM of Morris (Sperling Fire Hall)**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Sperling Fire Hall Variation Application which proposed a variance in the front yard from 30' to 15' in a General Development "GD" zone. No persons attended the hearing and no written letters were received by the RM of Morris opposing to the variation.

**4.2 Conditional Use No. 01/2023 - Ernst & Helena Loewen**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Conditional Use Application to allow the operation of a custom meat cutting business as a home occupation in a General Development "GD" Zone, located at 23 3rd Street West, in Lowe Farm.

Mr. Ernst Loewen attended the meeting in person, presenting a summary of the business proposed.

The CAO read two written objection letters received by the RM of Morris from Maureen Fitzpatrick and Paul & Jeanine Thomlinson.

Brian and Alice Brown also attended the meeting in person and P. Thomlinson attended via Zoom.

**4.3 Conditional Use No. 02/2023 - RM of Morris**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Conditional Use Application to establish an institutional building (day care) in a residential "UR" zone.

No persons attended the meeting and no written letters were received by the RM of Morris opposing to the variation.

**4.4 Close the Public Hearing**

2023-019

Larry Skoglund

Al Rowe

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

**CARRIED**

**5 Delegations - None**

**6 Action Correspondence**

**6.1 Valley Agricultural Society Partnership Book**

2023-020

Mervin Dueck

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RSOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council sponsor the Valley Agricultural Society in 2023 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**

**6.2 Morris & District Centennial Museum - Funding Request**

2023-021

Cory Friesen

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM support the Morris & District Centennial Museum with a grant of \$500 for 2023 and review annually.

**CARRIED**

**6.3 Manitoba Water Services Board - Rosenort Lift Station Upgrade - Funding Increase Based on Tender Results**

2023-022

Rick Giesbrecht

Mervin Dueck

WHEREAS the R.M. of Morris (RM) has entered into an agreement with the Manitoba Water Services Board (MWSB) for the upgrade of the Rosenort Lift Station;  
AND WHEREAS the agreement with MWSB was for a project cost of \$5,000,000, of which the RM is responsible for 50%;  
AND WHEREAS the lowest acceptable bid exceeds our current agreement by approximately \$900,000;  
AND WHEREAS the MWSB has committed to increasing the provincial funding to \$2,950,000 to provide 50% funding on a \$5,900,000 project;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM authorize the increase of funding to this project by \$900,000, on a 50/50 basis between MWSB and the RM.

**CARRIED**

- 7 Reports**
- 7.1 Reeve Report**
- 7.2 Building Permit Value Report & Building Permit Listing - Administration**
- 7.3 Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report**
- 7.4 Public Works Manager Report**  
No Report was submitted.
- 7.5 Drainage Plan Master Listing**
- 8 Information**
- 8.1 Statistics Canada - Census Count Adjustment**
- 8.2 Rural Utility Application Listing**
- 8.3 RM of Morris Water Consumption Report - 2022**
- 8.4 RM of Morris Public Water System Annual Report**
- 8.5 MB EMO - Emergency Management Program Guide**
- 8.6 AMM - Council Member's Guide**
- 8.7 Subdivision No. 4152-22-8258 - Patrick Boyd & Kimberly Siemens, and Henry & Judy Friesen - Conditional Approval**
- 8.8 Subdivision No. 4152-22-8189 RM of Morris - Final Approval**
- 8.9 Notice of Public Hearing - Ritchot Municipality**
- 8.10 Notice of Public Hearing - RM of Macdonald**
- 8.11 Valley Agricultural Society Board Minutes**
- 8.12 Valley Regional Library - Meeting Minutes & Correspondence - November & December 2022**  
Councillor Giesbrecht reported that the library will be proposing an increase in their municipal support for 2023.
- 8.13 Pembina Valley Reeves and Mayors Notes - January 28, 2023**  
Council will identify three priorities to share with PVRAM with the intention of lobbying the Provincial Government together.
- 8.14 Manitoba Good Roads Association - January Newsletter**
- 8.15 Prairie Rose School Division Meeting Highlights - January 16, 2023**

**8.16 Sperling Community Centre District - AGM Minutes**

Councillor Rowe reported that the Sperling CCD held a fundraising curling bonspiel with approximately 200 people in attendance. The Sperling CCD will be increasing their budget in 2023.

**8.17 Rosenort Rec Committee - Minutes November 24, 2022**

Reeve Siemens reported an increase to the Rosenort CCD levy request for 2023.

**9 Other Business**

**9.1 Variation Order No. 01/2023 - RM of Morris**

2023-023

Al Rowe

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve Variation Order No. 01/2023 for the RM of Morris, owners and applicants of Lot 13 Block 10 Plan 916, Roll No. 145000, to vary the front yard requirement from 30' to 15' in an "GD" General Development Zone to allow for an addition to the Sperling Fire Hall.

**CARRIED**

**9.2 Conditional Use No. 01/2023 - Ernst & Helena Loewen**

2023-024

Shane Kroeker

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve Conditional Use No. 01/2023 for Ernst & Helena Loewen, owners and applicants of Lot 16-3 Plan 522, 23 3rd Street West Lowe Farm, Roll Number 313000, to allow for the operation of a custom meat cutting business as a home occupation in a "GD" General Development Zone.

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**9.3 Conditional Use No. 02/2023 - RM of Morris**

2023-025

Mervin Dueck

Larry Skoglund

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve Conditional Use No. 02/2023 for the RM of Morris, owners and applicants of NW 5-6-1E, Roll Number 198980, to allow for the establishment of an institutional building (daycare) in an "UR" Urban Residential Zone.

**CARRIED**

**9.4 By-Law 1773-23 - Utility Rate Increase as a Result of Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Inc. Increase - Second Reading**

2023-026

Al Rowe

Larry Skoglund

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give second reading to By-law No. 1773/2023, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 1763/21, and subsequent amendments thereto, to establish water & sewer rates for the municipal utility, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**9.5 By-Law 1773-23 - Utility Rate Increase as a Result of Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Inc. Increase - Third Reading**

2023-027

Larry Skoglund

Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give third and final reading to By-law No. 1773/2023, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 1763/21, and subsequent amendments thereto, to establish water & sewer rates for the municipal utility.

**CARRIED**

**9.6 RM of Morris By-law 1751/2020 - Schedule "B" Amendment**

2023-028

Mervin Dueck

Rick Giesbrecht

WHEREAS the Pembina Valley Water Co-op (PVWC) has implemented a connection fee for all new services as of January 1, 2023;

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris deems it in the best interest of the municipality to transfer these costs to the applicant;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Schedule "B" to By-law 1751/2020 be amended to provide for the PVWC connection fees to be charged to applicant;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the new water service applicant be charged the PVWC Connection fees as outlined in Schedule "B".

**CARRIED**

**9.7 Red River Valley Community Development Corporation Line of Credit Guarantee - Prairie Hearth Development**

2023-029

Cory Friesen

Rick Giesbrecht

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris has created a new development in Rosenort, namely Prairie Hearth;

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Morris guarantee the line of

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credit at Rosenort Credit Union for the Red River Valley Community Development Corporation.

**CARRIED**

**9.8 Red River Valley Community Development Corporation Line of Credit Guarantee - Heppner Estates**

2023-030

Cory Friesen

Al Rowe

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris has created a new development in Lowe Farm, namely Heppner Estates;

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Morris guarantee the line of credit at Rosenort Credit Union for the Red River Valley Community Development Corporation.

**CARRIED**

**9.9 Small Town Kids Daycare Proposal**

2023-031

Mervin Dueck

Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Morris recommend and submit the Small Town Kids Daycare Proposal to ELCC's Licensing and Compliance Branch for their review and approval.

**CARRIED**

**9.10 Colliers Brokerage Service Agreement - Prairie Hearth Development**

2023-032

Mervin Dueck

Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we enter into an agreement with Colliers International to provide brokerage services as attached;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT any sales agreements that the municipality negotiates directly with potential purchasers prior to January 31st, 2023 shall be exempt from this agreement.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reeve and Chief Financial Officer be authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Morris.

**CARRIED**

**9.11 Prairie Hearth Developments - Residential Criteria**

Residential criteria will be reviewed for the lots North of Ember Drive and a proposal will be brought to the next Council meeting.

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**9.12 Child and Family Services - Ownership Questionnaire**

Council was directed to answer the questionnaire and submit to CFO.

**10 Adjournment**

2023-033

Larry Skoglund

Cory Friesen

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 12:03 p.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on March 8, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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Reeve

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Chief Administrative Officer