



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

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on March 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 and Recording Officer, Marley Wiebe were also present at the meeting. Public Works Manager, Paul Robert attended the meeting from 10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

**1 Agenda**

**1.1 Agenda Additions**

**1.2 Adoption of Agenda**

2023-038

Shane Kroeker

Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the March 8, 2023 Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2 Council Meeting Minutes**

**2.1 Previous Council Meeting Minutes - February 8, 2023**

2023-039

Mervin Dueck

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on February 8, 2023 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2.2 Previous Special Council Meeting Minutes - February 21, 2023**

2023-040

Larry Skoglund

Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a special meeting that was held on February 21, 2023, be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2.3 Business Arising From Previous Minutes**

**2.3.1 Conditional Use No. 02-2022 - Juergen & Julia Gellert**

2023-041  
Mervin Dueck  
Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve Conditional Use No. 02/2022, for Juergen Gellert & Julia Gellert, owners and applicants of Lot 5&7, Block 1, Plan 16469, 28031 + 28037 River Road South, Roll Number 185000, in the RM of Morris, to allow for a car dealership in an 'AR' Restricted Agricultural Use Zone with the following conditions:

- (a) There be no more than 6 display vehicles located on the property;
- (b) All unregistered vehicles be stored in a fenced compound hidden from the road;
- (c) Any vehicles visible from the roadway must have a safety certification so that they can be registered by MPI;
- (d) The attached garage not be used for commercial purposes;
- (e) A non-attached permanent structure be used for commercial purposes;
- (f) Signage is limited to requirements as set out in the R.M. of Morris Zoning By-law for Home Occupations;
- (g) This conditional use expire December 31, 2024 at which time a new application would be needed.

**CARRIED**

**3 Finance/Personnel**

**3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings**

2023-042  
Larry Skoglund  
Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 202300258 to 202300429 totalling \$1,527,876.84  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the payroll earnings as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3.2 Miscellaneous Posting to Property Tax Accounts**

2023-043  
Rick Giesbrecht  
Cory Friesen

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

Roll Number	Description	Amount
36600	Transfer From Accounts Receivable Account to Property Tax Account	\$893.28
146440	Transfer From Accounts Receivable Account to Property Tax Account	\$781.64

**CARRIED**

**4 Public Hearings - None**

**5 Delegations - None**

**6 Action Correspondence**

**6.1 The Morris Area Foundation Inc. - Grant Request**

2023-044

Shane Kroeker

Larry Skoglund

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 Proposal to Subdivide File No. 4152-22-8267**

2023-045

Mervin Dueck

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the application for Subdivision File No. 4152-22-8267, 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;
- A shared driveway or right-of-way agreement between proposed lot 2 and the adjoining lot, Roll 192400, may be required if one is not already in place.
- Installation of separate water, utility, sewer or other infrastructure, which may be required; and
- The applicant enter into a development agreement with the RM of Morris to address the lot siting and grading requirements and any other matters identified in Section 135 of the Planning Act.

**CARRIED**

**7 Reports**

**7.1 Reeve Report**

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

No Report

**7.3 Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report**

**7.4 Public Works Manager Report**

I attended the MWWA Conference in Winnipeg

Trash compactor arrived March 1, we will be going through it.

Staff will start opening ditches towards the end of the week.

Drainage program – we are looking at roughly 4.5 miles of Hwy carry-over and 6 miles of new applications. I will be adding 6 miles on the Moyer Drain from 332 going West

Flood contractor's excavator was blocking a municipal road. They will be reminded that road

closed signs must be set up in the future.

**7.5 2022 Flood Update**

The CAO updated Council on the 2022 flood work in progress, financial situation and the lobbying of the Federal Government efforts to cover interest charges.

**7.6 Prairie Hearth Developments**

The CAO reported to Council on the progress of Prairie Hearth Developments. A Sod Turning and Launch Party will take place March 16, 2023.

Council approved Change Notice No. 2 for the revised road structure utilizing Titan Swam Grid 30 Biaxial Geogrid Composite as recommended by the engineers.

Council agreed to 10149101 Manitoba Ltd.'s request to purchase Lots 2, 3, 6, and 7, Block 6 of Original Deposit No. 1336/2022; instead of lots 1-4 with the condition that payment be made upfront for the first lot and a 50% deposit for the other three lots.

**8 Information**

**8.1 Morris District Handivan Service Inc. 2022 Financial Statements**

Not all 2022 grants have been received, leading to a deficiency.

**8.2 Valley Agricultural Society Board of Directors Meeting - January 19, 2023**

Council expressed concern regarding the potential conflict of interest due to the General Manager and the Head of Finance having signing authority together.

**8.3 Rosenort Chamber Minutes - February 24, 2023**

**8.4 Notice of Public Hearing - Ritchot Municipality**

**8.5 Subdivision No. 4152-22-8258 - Patrick Boyd & Kimberly Siemens, and Henry & Judy Friesen - Conditional Approval Amendment**

**8.6 Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure - Access Onto and/or Structures Adjacent to a Provincial Highway in a Controlled Area Permit - RM of Morris**

**8.7 Notice of Public Hearing - MacDonald-Ritchot Planning District Development Plan**

**8.8 Manitoba Good Roads Association - April 2023 Agenda**

**9 Other Business**

**9.1 AMM General Insurance Program - Abuse Policy Revision**

Council reviewed the Abuse Policy Revision and will join the webinar.

**9.2 Canada Community-Building Fund Municipal Agreement Amendment**

2023-046

Shane Kroeker

Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris acknowledge and accept the amendments to the Canada Community-Building Fund Municipal Agreement (Municipal Gas Tax Agreement) between Manitoba and the RM of Morris.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO sign on behalf of the RM of Morris.

**CARRIED**

**9.3 RM of Morris By-law No. 1774-2023 - Canon School Cemetery Reserve Fund By-law - First Reading**

2023-047

Rick Giesbrecht

Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give first reading to RM of Morris By-law No. 1774-2023, being a by-law to establish a Reserve Fund for the Canon School Cemetery.

**CARRIED**

**10 Adjournment**

2023-048

Shane Kroeker

Cory Friesen

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 11:15 p.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on April 12, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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**Reeve**

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**Chief Administrative Officer**