



**Rural Municipality of Morris**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Special Council Meeting March 22, 2023 - 11:30 AM**

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on March 22, 2023, commencing at 1:47 p.m. in the RM of Morris Council Chambers. Reeve, Scott Siemens and Councillors, Rick Giesbrecht, Shane Kroeker, Al Rowe, Larry Skoglund and Cory Friesen were present with Reeve Siemens in the Chair. Councillor, Mervin Dueck joined the meeting by zoom. CAO, Larry Driedger and Recording Officer, Marley Wiebe, were also present at the meeting.

**1 Call To Order**

2023-049

Al Rowe

Rick Giesbrecht

WHEREAS all members of Council have been notified of this Special Meeting called for the purpose of the following item:

Reserve allocations for the 2022 fiscal year

Offer to Purchase Property - Rosenort Industrial Park Lots

Offer to Purchase Property - Ember Drive in Rosenort

Lot Purchase Adjustment - Ash Bay in Rosenort

Small Town Kids Daycare Agreement

RM of Morris Abuse Policy

RM of Morris Proposed 2023 Drainage Plan

RM of Morris By-Law 1775-2023

RM of Morris By-Law 1776-2023

Rosenort Industrial Park Water and Sewer Line Expansion

Red River Valley Community Development Corporation - Prairie Hearth Developments

Red River Valley Community Development Corporation - Heppner Estates

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Special Meeting be now called to order.

**CARRIED**

**2 Item**

**2.1 Reserve Allocations for the 2022 Fiscal Year**

2023-050

Shane Kroeker

Al Rowe

WHEREAS based on the preliminary year end projections it is estimated that the Utility Operating Fund will have a surplus of approximately \$508,000.00 for 2022;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed in the best interest of the Rural Municipality of Morris to transfer some of these surplus funds to the Reserve funds instead of leaving them to be allocated to the accumulated surplus;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we transfer the following additional amounts into the corresponding reserve funds for 2022:

Utility Reserve Fund - up to \$508,000.00

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in the event that, if during the course of an audit review this transfer results in a deficit to the Utility Operating Fund, the Auditor may transfer some funds back to the Utility Operating Fund to avoid creating such an operating deficit.

**CARRIED**

**2.2 Offer to Purchase Property - Rosenort Industrial Park Lots**

2023-051

Mervin Dueck

Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council enter into a sales agreement with Cody Reimer for the purchase of 2 lots in the Rosenort Industrial Park for the total amount of \$53,800.00 plus applicable tax, effective May 1, 2023.

**CARRIED**

**2.3 Offer to Purchase Property - Ember Drive in Rosenort**

2023-052

Rick Giesbrecht

Mervin Dueck

WHEREAS we have received an offer from **1049017 Manitoba Ltd.** to purchase lots #41 and #40 on Ember Drive South;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we accept the offer from **1049017 Manitoba Ltd.** subject to the following conditions:

1. That the purchaser be responsible for any and all legal and transfer costs;
2. That the purchase price be set at \$53,000.00 per lot for a total purchase price of \$106,000.00 plus GST;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reeve and CAO be authorized to sign any required documentation on behalf of the RM of Morris.

**CARRIED**

**2.4 Lot Purchase Adjustment - Ash Bay in Rosenort**

2023-053

Shane Kroeker

Cory Friesen

WHEREAS we have received an offer from 10149101 Manitoba Ltd. (Silverstone Properties)

January 9, 2023 to purchase lots 1, 2, 3, & 4 in Block 6 of Original Deposit No. 1336/2022;

AS WHEREAS the purchaser would like to adjust that offer to purchase lots 2, 3, 6 & 7 in Block 6 of Original Deposit No. 1336/2022;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we accept the revised offer from 10149101 Manitoba Ltd. (Silverstone Properties) subject to the following conditions:

1. That the purchaser be responsible for any and all legal and transfer costs;
2. That the purchase price be set at \$50,000.00 per lot plus GST; date of possession shall be within one month of the registration of the overall subdivision plan.
3. That the purchaser would have 'first right of refusal' for Lots 2, 6 & 7 of Block 6 of Original

Deposit No. 1336/2022. The Rural Municipality of Morris guarantees that it will not entertain any other offers on these lots during this time period.

4. That the purchase price for lot 3 shall be due on the date of possession or earlier and 10% deposit on lots 2, 6 & 7 be due on July 1, 2023 with the balance due July 1, 2024 or earlier if the possession date is earlier.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reeve and CAO be authorized to sign any required documentation on behalf of the RM of Morris.

**CARRIED**

## **2.5 Small Town Kids Daycare Agreement**

2023-054

Cory Friesen

Shane Kroeker

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba is providing a capital funding grant to develop new child care spaces in a new child care centre in partnership with JohnQ Public Inc./JQ Built Inc. and the Rural Municipality of Morris;

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris passed a resolution on September 14, 2022 to enter into a Financial Assistance Agreement (FAA) with the Province of Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS JQ Built Inc. was established by the Board of JohnQ Public Inc. to develop a replicable process for facilitating the development of community infrastructure with local governments across Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris passed a resolution on November 8, 2022 to enter into a General Service Agreement with JQ Built Inc.;

AND WHEREAS on November 15th 2022, JQ Built Inc. issued a public Request For Proposal (RFP) for licenced Non-profit Child Care Service Organization(s) to operate the Daycare Facilities in the nine (9) communities as identified by the Province's Early Learning and Childcare Program;

AND WHEREAS on December 12th 2022, JQ Built Inc. submitted the proposal(s) from;

- Small Town Kids Daycare

to operate the Daycare Facility at 4 Spark Street, Rosenort;

AND WHEREAS on February 8, 2023, Council evaluated all received proposals as indicated above and found the proposal from Small Town Kids Daycare to score high, based on the selection criteria, as already determined and indicated in the public RFP;

AND WHEREAS Early Learning and Childcare Division has reviewed the application of Small Town Kids Daycare and has no concerns from a licensing perspective;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Rural Municipality of Morris accept the proposal from Small Town Kids Daycare as the Child Care Service Organization to operate the Daycare facility in 4 Spark Street, Rosenort and authorize the CAO to negotiate a lease agreement with the Small Town Kids Daycare that addresses the following:

- Fifteen (15) years of rent-free to the Rural Municipality of Morris,
- Rural Municipality of Morris to provide building support services, maintenance, and repairs.
- Rural Municipality of Morris to provide site maintenance, snow clearing, and grass cutting.
- Small Town Kids Daycare to pay for utilities.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED the negotiated lease agreement be brought forward for Council approval.

**CARRIED**

**2.6 RM of Morris Abuse Policy**

2023-055

Rick Giesbrecht

Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the Rural Municipality of Morris Abuse Policy, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2.7 RM of Morris Proposed 2023 Drainage Plan**

2023-056

Shane Kroeker

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the proposed 2023 Drainage Plan, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2.8 RM of Morris By-Law 1775-2023 - Fines, Fees and Charges - First Reading**

2023-057

Rick Giesbrecht

Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give first reading to By-law No. 1775-2023, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 1751-2020, and subsequent amendments thereto, to establish fines, fees, and charges payable to the Rural Municipality of Morris for services rendered.

**CARRIED**

**2.9 By-Law 1776-2023 - Council Remuneration - First Reading**

2023-058

Rick Giesbrecht

Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1776-2023 being a By-law to provide for the remuneration of members of Council, be given first reading.

**CARRIED**

**2.10 Rosenort Industrial Park Water and Sewer Line Expansion**

2023-059

Shane Kroeker

Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the change notice from Barnes & Duncan and D3 Excavating to allow for water and sewer line extension into the Rosenort

Industrial Park.

**CARRIED**

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

2023-060

Mervin Dueck

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 credit in the amount of \$6,000,000 at Rosenort Credit Union for the Red River Valley Community Development Corporation.

**CARRIED**

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

2023-061

Shane Kroeker

Cory Friesen

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 in the amount of \$1,000,000 at Rosenort Credit Union for the Red River Valley Community Development Corporation.

**CARRIED**

**3 Adjournment**

2023-062

Cory Friesen

Al Rowe

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 2:19 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