



**Rural Municipality of Morris**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Council Meeting April 12, 2023 - 09:30 AM**

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on April 12, 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 and Trevor Dackow were also present at the meeting. Public Works Manager, Paul Robert and Urban Works Supervisor, Michel Carriere attended the meeting until 11:45 a.m.

**1 Agenda**

**1.1 Agenda Additions**

9.10 RM of Morris By-Law 1775-23 - Fines, Fees and Charges

9.11 RM of Morris By-Law 1776-23 - Council Remuneration

**1.2 Adoption of Agenda**

2023-063

Mervin Dueck

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the April 12, 2023 Council Agenda be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**2 Council Meeting Minutes**

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

2023-064

Mervin Dueck

Larry Skoglund

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

**CARRIED**

**2.2 Previous Special Council Meeting Minutes - March 22, 2023**

2023-065

Cory Friesen

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a special meeting that was held on March 22, 2023, be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2.3 Business Arising From Previous Minutes - None**

**3 Finance/Personnel**

**3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings**

2023-066

Larry Skoglund

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 202300430 to 202300655 totalling \$3,169,193.22;  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the payroll earnings as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3.2 RM of Morris Financial Statements - January 2023**

2023-067

Shane Kroeker

Larry Skoglund

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adopt the January 31, 2023, Financial Statements as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3.3 RM of Morris Financial Statements - February 2023**

2023-068

Mervin Dueck

Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adopt the February 28, 2023, Financial Statements as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4 Public Hearings**

**4.1 Open Public Hearing**

2023-069

Shane Kroeker

Al Rowe

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:

Conditional Use Application No. 03-2023

Conditional Use Application No. 04-2023

Variation Use Application No. 02-2023

**CARRIED**

**4.2 Conditional Use No. 03/2022 - Dennis Penner and Monica Penner**

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Conditional Use Application No. 03/2022, to allow for a 45 metre self-support telecommunication tower in an "AG" General Agricultural Use zone. No persons attended the hearing and no written objections were received.

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**4.3 Conditional Use No. 04/2023 - Joel & Andrea Maendel**

RM of Morris Council reviewed the Conditional Use Application No. 04/2023, to allow for an auto dealership in a "GD" General Development zone. No persons attended the hearing and no written objections were received.

**4.4 Variation Order No. 02/2023 - Matthew Manness**

RM of Morris Council reviewed the Variation Application No. 02/2023, to vary the required front yard set-back from 125' to 100' and the side yard set-back from 50' to 25' in an "AR" Restricted Agricultural zone. Mr. Manness attended the meeting. No written objections were received.

**4.5 Close Public Hearing**

2023-070

Mervin Dueck

Larry Skoglund

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

**CARRIED**

**5 Delegations - None**

**6 Action Correspondence**

**6.1 Medical First Responders Program**

2023-071

Larry Skoglund

Rick Giesbrecht

WHEREAS the Medical First Response (MFR) program was established in 2012 and is an essential part of emergency medicine in rural Manitoba, fully funded by Municipalities and operating successfully since early 1990's;  
AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba established the College of Paramedics in legislation, providing the College with the ability to amend the training requirements for Emergency Medical Responders (EMR), including those volunteering in MFR programs;  
AND WHEREAS the College of Paramedics increased the required training time for an EMR from 120 hours to 312 hours without any consultation with Municipalities or the existing MFR programs running successfully throughout the province;  
AND WHEREAS the increased training time has made it virtually impossible for MFR programs to attract new volunteers, thus ensuring that no EMR courses offered have enough students to proceed, so even willing volunteers cannot be trained;  
AND WHEREAS MFR volunteers play an important role in providing patient care while waiting up to 60 minutes or more for an ambulance to arrive, performing delegated acts including administration of specific medications, checking vital signs and blood sugar, providing oxygen and regular communication with the paramedic team through the Medical Transportation Coordination Centre (MTCC);  
AND WHEREAS Shared Health has proposed that Municipalities choose between a Fire First Response program dispatched through 9-1-1, with a greatly reduced scope of delegated tasks, and no support from an EMR trained dispatcher or a Medical First Response program dispatched through MTCC, requiring compliance with all regulations set by the College of Paramedics, including the increased training time and additional licensing and insurance costs,  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed model for Fire First Response be

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amended to include dispatch by the Medical Transportation Coordination Centre, ensuring Municipally-funded First Response services do not require licensing by the College of Paramedics and allow additional designated acts to be included in the scope of practice for these services.

**CARRIED**

**6.2 OE987 Operating Engineers Collective Agreement**

2023-072

Rick Giesbrecht

Larry Skoglund

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the Union Agreement as presented.

**CARRIED**

**7 Reports**

**7.1 Reeve Report**

**7.2 Public Works Manager Report**

The trash compactor is at the Rosenort landfill. We loaded the crawler up and are bringing it to Baudry Construction for their mechanic to take a look at.

Snow ditching is on going We will start switching graders over to road blading mode in the following week.

Our seasonal operator will not be returning. We will post the position.

Utility Operator is taking vacation from April 13th and returning May 23rd.

We interviewed the only 3 applicants for green team positions.

Culvert request for proposals were sent out.

**7.3 Urban Works Supervisor Report**

**7.4 Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report**

In addition, Mr. Dackow reported that the Sperling Fire Hall renovation was listed on Merx, the site visit was held this week however there is not much interest in the project from contractors.

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

**7.6 2022 Flood Update**

A DFA update meeting was held last week. 217 culvert sites are complete with 2 remaining. Sixty-five percent of ditch cleanout has been completed and sixty-five percent of road repairs. Farmers are expected to spread debris from ditch cleanout as this is a benefit to owners and would not be a claimable expense. Council instructed the CAO to review this with Mr. Boissioneault.

RM of Morris Council reviewed the reports presented. Staff reported that claim #18 was submitted to the province since this report and a payment will be deposited this week.

**7.7 Prairie Hearth Developments**

The CAO reported that the project is on schedule. Three additional lots were sold last week.

**7.8 Rural Utility Application Listing**

**7.9 RM of Morris Water Consumption Report - 2023 1st Quarter**

**7.10 2022 Audit Update**

The CAO reported that the 2022 regular audit will be complete this week with the 2022 flood audit being complete by the end of June.

**8 Information**

**8.1 Rosenort Chamber Minutes - 2022 AGM**

**8.2 Morris & District Centennial Museum**

**8.3 Morris District Handivan Service**

**8.4 Red River Valley School Division Minutes**

The Red River Valley School Division has provided us with a tax insert.

**8.5 Border Land School Division**

**8.6 Letter from Minister of Environment and Climate - Recycling Rebate**

**8.7 Minister of Municipal Relations Message - Municipal Operating Fund 2023**

The CAO reported that the Municipal Operating Funding for 2023 is approximately \$153,000 more than 2022.

**8.8 Aubigny CCD Minutes - March 16, 2023**

**8.9 Message from the House of Commons**

**8.10 Subdivision No. 4152-21-8070 - Lawrence & Naomi Dueck - Final Approval**

**8.11 Subdivision No. 4152-22-8190 - Jean-Paul Joseph Bernard Roy - Final Approval**

**8.12 Subdivision No. 4152-22-8259 Midland Manufacturing - Conditional Approval**

**8.13 Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure - Access Onto and/or Structures Adjacent to a Provincial Highway in a Controlled Area Permit - Patrick and Kimberly Siemens**

**8.14 Manitoba Good Roads Association - April 2023 AGM Minutes**

**8.15 Manitoba EM Quarterly - Spring 2023**

**9 Other Business**

**9.1 Town of Morris - Morris Pool**

2023-073

Al Rowe

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council will grant \$2,000.00 to the Town of Morris for the operation of the Morris Pool in 2023.

**CARRIED**

**9.2 Weed Inspection Supervisor**

2023-074

Larry Skoglund

Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council appoint Paul Robert, Public Works Manager, as the 2023 Weed Inspection Supervisor for the RM of Morris.

**CARRIED**

**9.3 Conditional Use No. 03-2022 - Dennis Penner and Monica Penner**

2023-075

Al Rowe

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve Conditional Use Application No. 03/2023 for Dennis Penner and Monica Penner, owner and Lesley Koopman, applicant of NE 1/4 36-6-2W, Roll No. 150300, to allow for a 45 metre self-support telecommunication tower in a "AG" General Agricultural Use Zone. With the following conditions:

(a) The tower be located 150' from any boundary lines

**CARRIED**

**9.4 Conditional Use No. 04/2023 - Joel & Andrea Maendel**

2023-076

Cory Friesen

Larry Skoglund

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris approve the Conditional Use Application 04-2023, to allow for an auto dealership in a General Development "GD" Zone with the following condition:(a) A privacy fenced storage compound to the rear of the property to store non-registered vehicles.

(b) Any displayed vehicles must be either registered with MPI or registerable.

(c) The maximum number of display vehicles would be 6.

**CARRIED**

**9.5 Variation Order No. 02/2023 - Matthew Manness**

2023-077

Mervin Dueck

Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve Variation Order No. 02/2023 for Matthew Manness, owner and applicant of Lot 442 Plan 4121, 30094 Road 11E, Roll No. 277225, to vary the front yard requirement from 125' to 100' in an "AR" Restricted Agricultural Zone.

**CARRIED**

**9.6 Rosenort Industrial Park - Installation of Granular Road**

2023-078

Shane Kroeker

Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED that Dirt Pro Inc. be awarded the contract as the lowest proposal for the base work extension for a portion of A.D. Plett BLVD and Industrial Drive.

**CARRIED**

**9.7 Proposal to Subdivide File No. 4152-23-8274 - Jason Holdings Ltd.**

2023-079

Mervin Dueck

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the application for Subdivision File No. 4152-23-8274, 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 separate water, utility, sewer or other infrastructure, which may be required.

**CARRIED**

**9.8 AMM Resolutions for June 2023 District Meetings**

**9.8.1 Modify Assessment System**

2023-080

Rick Giesbrecht

Shane Kroeker

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba provides services to determine market value assessments for properties in Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba Regulation 184/98, under The Municipal Assessment Act of Manitoba provides for various classification portioning percentages to determine what the 'portioned' or 'taxable' assessment should be for properties;

AND WHEREAS the current 'Tax Tools' that the Province of Manitoba allows municipalities to use are fairly burdensome to implement;

AND WHEREAS there are some municipalities within the Province that would like to have some flexibility in determining what the portioning percentages should be;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba is currently working at modification of the Assessment System;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to amend Regulation 184/98 to reflect a 5% variation either above or below the portioning percentage as shown in the following portioning structure:

Class	Provincial Recommendation	Municipal Range Allowance
Residential 1	45%	40% to 50%
Residential 2	45%	40% to 50%
Residential 3	45%	40% to 50%
Farm Property	26%	21% to 31%
Institutional	65%	60% to 70%
Pipeline	50%	45% to 55%
Railway	25%	20% to 30%
Designated Recreational	10%	5% to 15%
Other	65%	60% to 70%

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT municipalities that desire to choose a portioning factor other than the factor recommended by the Province of Manitoba, must do so by creating a by-law stating those percentages as given within the allowable 'Municipal Range Allowance' given above.

**CARRIED**

**9.8.2 DFAA & DFA Program Modification to Include Carrying Costs**

2023-081

Shane Kroeker

Cory Friesen

WHEREAS the current Federal DFAA system provides funding to municipalities for many natural disasters that occur;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are thankful for this funding program;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are required to work with the individual Provinces, such as the Province of Manitoba via the Disaster Financial Assistance Program;

AND WHEREAS there is a time lag between the payments that municipalities must pay for restoration and the time they submit expense claims to the Province under these programs;

AND WHEREAS the local municipalities are then required to carry these costs, thereby incurring Interest Charges;

AND WHEREAS these interest charges can negatively affect the local municipalities and their ratepayers;

AND WHEREAS local municipalities only have one way of raising funds, namely via taxation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we request the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) to lobby the Province of Manitoba to continue to lobby the Government of Canada to amend the Federal DFAA Program to include eligibility for 'Carrying Costs' (or Interest) as a part of the program;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we request the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to lobby the Government of Canada on behalf of all Canadian Municipalities to have the Government of Canada amend the DFAA Program to include eligibility for 'Carrying Costs' (or Interest) as a part of the program;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we request the AMM to lobby the Province of Manitoba to re-imburse municipalities for any carrying costs that they have incurred for disasters that have occurred over the past five years.

**CARRIED**



**9.9 Culvert Proposal Quotations**

2023-082  
Rick Giesbrecht  
Larry Skoglund

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris purchase the 2023 culvert supplies from Armtec.

**CARRIED**

**9.10 RM of Morris By-Law 1775-23 - Fines, Fees and Charges - Second Reading**

2023-083  
Mervin Dueck  
Al Rowe

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1775-23, to establish fines, fees, and charges payable to the Rural Municipality of Morris for services rendered, be now given second reading.

**CARRIED**

**9.11 RM of Morris By-Law 1775-23 - Fines, Fees and Charges - Third Reading**

2023-084  
Al Rowe  
Rick Giesbrecht

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1775-23, to establish fines, fees, and charges payable to the Rural Municipality of Morris for services rendered, be now given third reading.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Mervin Dueck	✓			
Cory Friesen	✓			
Rick Giesbrecht	✓			
Shane Kroeker	✓			
Al Rowe	✓			
Scott Siemens	✓			
Larry Skoglund	✓			

**CARRIED**

**9.12 RM of Morris By-law No. 1776-23 - Council Remuneration - Second Reading**

RM of Morris Council discussed By-law No. 1776-23. The by-law will be revised and brought to the next council meeting.

**9.13 Equipment Purchase**

2023-085

Mervin Dueck

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the purchase of the Kubota Rotary Cutter from Keystone Agri-Motive in the net amount of \$5,200.00, plus applicable taxes, as presented;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we purchase a Schulte hydraulic snow blower attachment from Flaman Sales Ltd. in the net amount of \$15,700, plus applicable taxes, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**10 Adjournment**

2023-086

Shane Kroeker

Cory Friesen

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 12:27 and the next regular meeting of Council be held on May 10, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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**Reeve**

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**Chief Administrative Officer**