



**Rural Municipality of Morris**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Council Meeting August 9, 2023 - 09:00 AM**

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on August 9, 2023, commencing at 9:00 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.

CAO, Larry Driedger, CFO, Marley Wiebe, Public Works Manager, Paul Robert and Building Inspector/Fire Chief, Trevor Dackow were also present at the meeting.

**1 Agenda**

**1.1 In-Camera Meeting**

2023-160

Rick Giesbrecht

Larry Skoglund

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council go in-camera for discussion.

**CARRIED**

**1.1.1 Close In-Camera**

2023-161

Shane Kroeker

Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council return to open meeting.

**CARRIED**

**1.2 Chief Administrative Officer Position**

2023-162

Shane Kroeker

Larry Skoglund

WHEREAS current Chief Administrative Officer, Larry Driedger has previously verbally provided his intentions to retire from the Rural Municipality of Morris at the end of 2023;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the letter of resignation/intention to retire as submitted by Chief Administrative Officer, Larry Driedger.

**CARRIED**

**1.3 Hiring of Chief Administrative Officer**

2023-163

Mervin Dueck

Al Rowe

WHEREAS the current Chief Administrative Officer has previously provided his intention to retire at the end of 2023;

AND WHEREAS Council has been involved in the recruiting process for several months;

AND WHEREAS Council has agreed upon a candidate to fill the role of Chief Administrative Officer;

AND WHEREAS the candidate has agreed to start employment December 1, 2023, thereby providing some overlap period;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the hiring of Mr. Wes Unrau to fill the position of Chief Administrative Officer effective December 1, 2023.

**CARRIED**

**1.4 Agenda Additions - None**

**1.5 Adoption of Agenda**

2023-164

Larry Skoglund

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the August 9, 2023 Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2 Council Meeting Minutes**

**2.1 Previous Special Council Meeting Minutes - June 28, 2023**

2023-165

Shane Kroeker

Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a special meeting that was held on June 28, 2023, be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2.2 Previous Council Meeting Minutes - July 12, 2023**

2023-166

Mervin Dueck

Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on July 12, 2023 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2.3 Business Arising From Previous Minutes**

**2.3.1 Asset Retirement Obligations**

Staff will meet with BDO to discuss requirements and bring this information to the Committee of the Whole meeting.

**3 Finance/Personnel**

**3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings**

2023-167

Rick Giesbrecht

Larry Skoglund

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 202301331 to 202301587 totalling \$5,382,389.31.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the payroll earnings as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3.2 RM of Morris Financial Statements - July 2023 - Not Submitted**

**4 Public Hearings - None**

**5 Delegations: 10:00 a.m. Suzanne Houlind - Geolind Mapping Solutions**

Due to technical issues, Suzanne was unable to connect with Council virtually. This item is moved to the August Committee of the Whole meeting.

Council would like details on the mapping software and a Civil Engineer Technologist job description.

**6 Action Correspondence**

**6.1 Red River Basin - Sponsorship Packages**

Council will purchase a table for this event.

**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**

**7.5 Drainage Plan Update**

**7.6 Prairie Hearth Developments**

Prairie Hearth Development concrete curbs are in, with asphalt happening the week of August 7th. The RM is getting quotes for drilling the hydro conduit under the road, at our expense.

To be consistent between purchase agreements, lots purchased by Derek Loewen on Ash Bay will have a refundable deposit if undeveloped within the time line agreed upon.

**7.7 2022 Flood Update**

Council was advised that the DFA/Flood Committee has set priority of flood repairs as follows:

-Site specific first

-Non-site specific as crops are harvested. Flood debris will be placed on field and leveled by contractor. There will be no hauling of debris.

**8 Information**

**8.1 Subdivision No. 4152-23-8316 Silverstone Properties Inc. - Revised Conditional Approval**

**8.2 LUD of Rosenort Minutes**

**8.3 Rosenort & District Chamber of Commerce**

**8.4 Signed Lease Agreement with Small Town Kids Daycare**

**8.5 Letter from Minister of Education & Early Childhood Learning - Daycare**

**8.6 Municipality of Rhineland Public Hearing Notice for Re-zoning**

**8.7 Carman Dufferin Grey Planning District - Notice of Public Hearing for Conditional Use**

**8.8 Municipality of Macdonald - Notice of Public Hearing**

**8.9 RM of Montcalm Flood Resiliency/Drainage Improvement Preliminary Design**

**8.10 RCMP Reports**

**8.11 Red River Valley Palliative Care Butterfly Golf Tournament Sponsorship**

Council will sponsor 1 hole, at a cost of \$200 as per policy.

**8.12 Manitoba Emergency Management Organization**

**8.12.1 Email from MEMO - Regional Emergency Managers**

**8.13 Easement Agreements with Ag Growth**

**8.14 Valley Regional Library - Special Meeting Minutes - July 31, 2023**

The Library Board requested a representative from the RM for their board. Reeve Siemens will make inquiries of those recommended for the position.

**8.15 Valley Agricultural Society Letter**

**8.16 Minister of Municipal Relations**

**9 Consideration of By-laws**

**9.1 By-Law No. 1778/2023 - Procedures By-law**

2023-168

Shane Kroeker

Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1778/2023, being a by-law to regulate the proceedings of Council and other Meetings, be now given third reading, as amended.

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

**CARRIED**

**10 Other Business**

**10.1 RM of Roland Boundary Road Ditch Clean-out**

**10.2 Prairie Hearth Developments - Change Order 1: Additional fees required to complete phase 1**

2023-169

Mervin Dueck

Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rm of Morris Council approve the Change in Scope from Barnes & Duncan, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**10.3 All-Net Connect Renewal**

2023-170

Rick Giesbrecht

Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the renewal agreement with All-Net Connect to provide mass notification service to the municipality for a 4-year term.

**CARRIED**

**10.4 Expansion of the LUD of Rosenort**

2023-171

Mervin Dueck

Shane Kroeker

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris is a municipality created by the Government of Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS the community of Rosenort is an urban community within the boundaries of the Rural Municipality of Morris;

AND WHEREAS the community of Rosenort also has a Local Urban District area and associated LUD Committee;

AND WHEREAS the community of Rosenort has grown significantly over the past number of years, both in residential development and also the expansion of the Rosenort Industrial Park areas;

AND WHEREAS the current boundary of the Local Urban District of Rosenort requires an adjustment;

AND WHEREAS the community of Rosenort is in the Red River Valley flood plain;

AND WHEREAS after the 1997 Flood there was a new expanded 'Water Control Structure' or Community Ring Dyke constructed in order to allow the community of Rosenort to grow and expand;

AND WHEREAS both the Local Urban District of Rosenort Committee and the Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris are in agreement that the boundaries of the Local Urban District should be expanded to include all properties situated inside the Community Ring Dyke;

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris Council deems it in the best interest of the municipality to have the Local Urban District of Rosenort boundaries adjusted;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Morris make application to the Government of Manitoba to adjust the boundaries of the Local Urban District of Rosenort to follow the current boundaries of the Community Ring Dyke.

**CARRIED**

**10.5 Subdivision No. 4152-23-8315 - Eric Beaudette**

2023-172

Shane Kroeker

Larry Skoglund

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the application for Subdivision File No. 4152-23-8315, Lot 1-11, Block 5, Plan 71256, for Eric Beaudette, 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.
- Enter into a development agreement with the RM of Morris

**CARRIED**

**10.6 Subdivision No. 4152-23-8322 - RM of Morris - Lowe Farm Industrial Park**  
2023-173  
Rick Giesbrecht  
Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the application for Subdivision File No. 4152-23-8322, Lot 2,3,6,7 Plan 48487, for 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**

**10.7 RM Office - Eagle Edge Exterior Quote for Eavestrough**  
2023-174  
Cory Friesen  
Larry Skoglund

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris approve the quote from Eagle Edge Exterior for exterior improvements to the RM Office building.

**CARRIED**

**10.8 Watershed District Information**

Council would like Watershed District Sub-committee RM Representatives in place by next Council meeting. This item will be brought to the September Council meeting.

**11 Adjournment**  
2023-175  
Larry Skoglund  
Al Rowe

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 12:04 p.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on September 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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Reeve

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Chief Administrative Officer