



**Rural Municipality of Morris**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Council Meeting July 12, 2023 - 09:00 AM**

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on July 12, 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, and Building Inspector/Fire Chief, Trevor Dackow were also present at the meeting.

**1 Agenda**

**1.1 Agenda Additions**

**1.2 Adoption of Agenda**

2023-148

Al Rowe

Larry Skoglund

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the July 12, 2023 Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2 Council Meeting Minutes**

**2.1 Previous Council Meeting Minutes**

2023-149

Mervin Dueck

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on June 14, 2023 be adopted with the following amendments:

7.3 Gillis name correction & Heppner Estates name correction

7.4 Add in June 14, 2023

**CARRIED**

**2.2 Business Arising From Previous Minutes: None**

**3 Finance/Personnel**

**3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings**

2023-150  
Shane Kroeker  
Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 202301157 to 202301330 totalling \$4,967,386.20  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the payroll earnings as presented.

**CARRIED**

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

2023-151  
Shane Kroeker  
Larry Skoglund

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adopt the June 30, 2023, Financial Statements as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3.3 Miscellaneous Posting to Tax Accounts**

2023-152  
Rick Giesbrecht  
Mervin Dueck

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

Roll Number	Description	Amount
35902.000	Tax Sale Costs	\$604.00

**CARRIED**

**4 Public Hearings : None**

**5 Delegations : 10:00 am Pamela Dupuis, BDO**

Ms. Pamela Dupuis, CPA, and Mr. Earl Villafuerte, CPA, from BDO Canada LLP attended the meeting via video conference to present the RM of Morris Draft Consolidated Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2022 and their Independent Auditor's Report.

**6 Action Correspondence**

**6.1 Rosenort Summer Festival**

2023-153  
Shane Kroeker  
Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council grant \$2,000 to the Rosenort Summer Festival and that 50% of the said grant be charged to the LUD budget.

**CARRIED**

**7 Reports**

**7.1 Reeve Report**

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

**7.3 Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report**

In addition to the report, Mr. Dackow noted that the Sperling Fire Hall renovations are going well.

There was one additional motor vehicle collision. Mr. Dackow will be contacting the Province to update them on the safety concerns for the intersection of Hwy 75 & Hwy 205.

**7.4 Public Works Manager Report**

- Contacted H. Baudry about doing the CYPHER project. They will be available to start once the product is delivered to the RM.

- July 5th, Larry and Paul met with Albert Frechette about the wood waste that will be coming to the landfill.

- We had a request for four benches to be installed at the Rosenort tennis court. We will need to find a way to mount them; concrete anchors cannot be installed on an asphalt surface.

- Trail maintenance in Lowe Farm will be starting.

- Tree water in Rosenort will start soon if we don't get any rain.

- We hauled for two days from the Hwy 75 milling machine, we should have hauled more. We used the material in the landfill.

- We may be able to haul from PR 23 when they start the milling process. We will then haul that material to the Lowe Farm landfill.

**7.4.1 Wood Waste Update**

Mr. Driedger and Mr. Robert met with Mr. Frechette at the Steinbach landfill. Mr. Frechette's owns a mobile grinder for wood waste and shingles. The Rosenort landfill would require a solid base approximately 30,000 square feet to house the wood waste. Mr. Driedger gave Council options for financing this project.

**7.5 Prairie Hearth Developments Update**

Manitoba Hydro provided the following update:

-Rosenort Day Care connection scheduled for the end of July 2023

-Heppner Estates hydro installation to start mid August 2023

-Prairie Hearth Development conduit materials to be delivered the week of July 10th, 2023

-Rosenort Industrial Park they are waiting for the contract and payment from the RM.

Prairie Hearth Development construction progress is on target. Mr. Driedger signed the mortgage documents last week for both Prairie Hearth Development and Heppner Estates.

**8 Information**

**8.1 Valley Regional Library 2022 Audited Financial Statements**

**8.2 By-Law Enforcement**

**8.3 Water System Inspections**

The RM of Morris reservoirs were inspected by Kale Black, Senior Regional Drinking Water Officer. In 2024, the RM will need a water assessment completed. This is required every 5 years by a qualified engineer. A listing of non-compliance items was provided to Public Works for correction.

**8.4 Rural Water Connections**

**8.5 Water Loss Consumption Report**

**8.6 Valley Ag Society Budget**

**8.7 Notice of Public Hearing - Carman Dufferin**

**8.8 Prairie Rose School Division - Response to Delegations**

**8.9 Katie Cares Fashion Show Invite**

**8.10 CFS - 2023 Summary Report**

**8.11 Service Tracker Report - 30166 PR 246**

**8.12 Service Tracker Report - 41 Henry Street**

**9 Other Business**

**9.1 Audited Report & Financial Statements for 2022**

2023-154

Mervin Dueck

Larry Skoglund

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adopt the draft Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 as presented, subject to auditor adjustments.

**CARRIED**

**9.2 Prairie Hearth Developments - Barnes & Duncan Change Order 1: Additional fees required to complete phase 1**

2023-155

Mervin Dueck

Rick Giesbrecht

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

Upon motion by Councillor Skoglund, Resolution 2023-155 was tabled. Councillor Rowe second that.

**TABLED**

**9.3 Daycare Lease Agreement with Operators**

2023-156

Mervin Dueck

Al Rowe

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris is the recipient of a new daycare for Rosenort;  
AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris has determined that it is in the best interests of the municipality to enter into a lease agreement with Small Town Kids Daycare for them to operate the said daycare;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we enter into a lease agreement with Small Town Kids Daycare as attached;

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

**CARRIED**

**9.4 Manitoba Hydro - Electrical Service Agreement - Rosenort Industrial Park**

2023-157

Shane Kroeker

Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Morris enter into an Electrical Service Agreement with Manitoba Hydro to pre-service 18 commercial lots, namely 118 to 138 Industrial Drive and 113-144 A.D. Plett Boulevard, with 3 phase O/H system, in the Rosenort Industrial Park, for a total cost of \$63,087.00, such costs to be recovered by the sale of development properties.

**CARRIED**

**9.5 RM of Roland Boundary Road Ditch Clean-Out**

2023-158

Mervin Dueck

Larry Skoglund

BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Morris Council authorize Kody Webber to apply for a drainage licence to complete ditch clean-out on our behalf, for the following roads:

- West ditch of road 12W from road 19N North until the provincial water way system
- West ditch of road 12W from road 27N to road 28N

**CARRIED**

**10 Adjournment**

2023-159

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 August 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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Reeve

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Chief Administrative Officer