



Rural Municipality of Morris
Meeting Minutes
Council Meeting October 11, 2023 - 09:00 AM

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on October 11, 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 Agenda Additions

1.2 Adoption of Agenda

2023-201

Larry Skoglund

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the October 11, 2023 Council Agenda be adopted as amended with 'Golden West Christmas Greetings from the RM' being added.

CARRIED

2 Council Meeting Minutes

2.1 Previous Council Meeting Minutes - September 13, 2023

2023-202

Mervin Dueck

Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on September 13, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2.2 Previous Special Council Meeting Minutes - September 27, 2023

2023-203

Rick Giesbrecht

Larry Skoglund

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a special meeting that was held on September 27, 2023, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2.3 Business Arising From Previous Minutes

3 Finance/Personnel

3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings

2023-204

Mervin Dueck

Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 202301828 to 202301980 totalling \$3,290,694.72;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the payroll earnings as presented.

CARRIED

3.2 RM of Morris Financial Statements - September 2023

2023-205

Shane Kroeker

Larry Skoglund

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

CARRIED

4 Public Hearings - None

5 Delegations - None

6 Action Correspondence

6.1 DEKALB Super Spiel Sponsorship Request

2023-206

Larry Skoglund

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Morris sponsor the Dekalb Super Spiel.

CARRIED

6.2 DEKALB Super Spiel Sponsorship Request -2

2023-207

Larry Skoglund

Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Morris approve a gold level, one year sponsorship for the DEKALB Super Spiel.

CARRIED

6.3 Royal Canadian Legion - Morris Branch Remembrance Day Service

Larry Skoglund will represent the RM of Morris Council at the November 11, 2023 Royal Canadian Legion - Morris Branch Remembrance Day Service.

6.4 Golden West Christmas Greetings from the RM

Council will not proceed with a radio Christmas greeting for 2023.

7 Reports

7.1 Reeve Report - Added October 10, 2023

7.2 Building Permit Value Report & Building Permit Listing - Administration

7.3 Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report

Mr. Dackow reported that 23 3rd Street West in Lowe Farm has been sold. This terminates Conditional Use 2023-01.

7.4 Public Works Manager Report

Processing concrete has started at the Rosenort Landfill. Two rates will be established for the disposal of concrete. No fee would be charged for concrete in 2' x 2' or smaller pieces, but disposal of larger concrete will be charged to cover cost of the contractor processing fees. Surveying of the Penner's lot for the Rosenort South dyke trail has been completed. Planning for crushed rock to be laid this fall.

Public Works will do a cleanup of the drainage ditch behind properties on the West side of Brandt Street. Staff will contact Harry Brandt for an agreement on the cost as he owned the property.

Drainage will need to be completed along the CP rail tracks between Road 28 & Road 29. Staff will notify WSP as this is flood related.

Council would like to see pot holes refilled in Sperling due to the recent rain in the community. Mr. Robert reported that Road 2E is set to be graveled today or tomorrow and Cypher product will be applied after.

The Rosenort CCD requested their lane and parking lot be graded to fix potholes.

7.5 Drainage Plan Update

7.6 2022 Flood Update

7.7 Red River Supportive Housing Committee

Designs for the project were presented to the Valley Ag Society. Their preference was option 2. The Red River Supportive Housing Committee and the Valley Ag Society have agreed upon a fair value for the land which will be taken to the Valley Ag Society membership for a vote. The project is estimated to cost 9 million dollars. Funding will come from the Province of Manitoba and through fundraising. Lorne Hamblin is the head of fundraising for this project with an estimated 2-4 million required.

8 Information

8.1 By-Law Enforcement - Dog Complaint 7243 Rd 29 NE

8.2 Pembina Valley Water Co-op Pass Through Water Rates 2024

8.3 Pembina Valley Water Co-op Board Meeting Minutes - September 22, 2023

8.4 Rosenort & District Chamber of Commerce Minutes - September 29, 2023

Mr. Siemens advised that Valley Fiber was contacted for the Rosenort park's wi-fi problems. It was recommended that Valley Fiber be contacted prior to large events in order to increase wi-fi capacity.

8.5 Valley Agricultural Society Board Finance Report - October 5, 2023

8.6 Morris District Handivan Service Meeting Minutes - October 3, 2023

This committee is assessing their fleet for replacement. Wages for the drivers were increased along with the increase of minimum wage.

8.7 RCMP Quarter 3 Report

A request was made for increased policing in our urban centers.

8.8 Rosenort Co-op Special Meeting Notice - September 28, 2023

8.9 Child and Family Services - Annual Report 2022-2023

9 Other Business

9.1 By-Law 1746-2019 Amendment

2023-208

Shane Kroeker

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Schedule "A" to By-law 1746/2019 be amended to include newly constructed streets;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the speed limit on Ember Drive, Spark Street, Ash Bay, Burntwood Crescent, Wildfire Lane, Crackle Bay, Fireside Crescent and Charcoal Lane in Rosenort, Manitoba be set at 50 km/h;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the speed limit on Heppner Lane in Lowe Farm be set at 50 km/h.

CARRIED

9.2 RM of Morris Wage Scale

2023-209

Rick Giesbrecht

Larry Skoglund

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the Chief Financial Officer Wage Scale as presented.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Morris Council approve said wage scale rates be increased annually as determined by the Consumer Price Index for Manitoba as of October of each year for 2024, 2025 and 2026.

CARRIED

9.3 River Road South Speed Reduction

2023-210

Mervin Dueck

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request the Manitoba Transportation & Infrastructure to approve a speed limit reduction on River Road South starting at PR 205 running South to Road 29 NE from 80 kilometres per hour to 60 kilometres per hour.

CARRIED

9.4 Fall 2023 - Spring 2026 Snow Removal for Sperling

2023-211

Al Rowe

Rick Giesbrecht

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris requested proposals for urban snow removal in the community Sperling starting the fall of 2023 until the spring of 2026;
AND WHEREAS we received two proposals;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Morris Council award the snow removal contract for the community of Sperling to Russell Construction LTD.

CARRIED

10 Adjournment

2023-212

Mervin Dueck

Cory Friesen

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 11:26 a.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on November 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer