



**Rural Municipality of Morris**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Council January 10, 2024 - 09:00 AM**

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on January 10, 2024, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the RM of Morris Council Chambers with Deputy Reeve Mervin Dueck in the Chair.

Councillors Mervin Dueck, Rick Giesbrecht, Shane Kroeker, Al Rowe, Larry Skoglund and Cory Friesen were present. Reeve, Scott Siemens attended virtually.

CAO, Wes Unrau, 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**

2023-247

Rick Giesbrecht

Shane Kroeker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the January 10, 2024 Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2 Council Meeting Minutes**

**2.1 Previous Council Meeting Minutes**

2023-248

Larry Skoglund

Cory Friesen

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

**CARRIED**

**2.2 Business Arising From Previous Minutes**

**2.2.1 Subdivision No. 4152-23-8361 - Reginald & Marilyn Giesbrecht**

2023-249

Shane Kroeker

Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council **Conditionally Approve** the application for Subdivision File No. 4152-23-8361, Lot 2, Block 2, Plan 16236, for Reginald and Marilyn Giesbrecht with the following conditions;

- Based on the approval of Variation Orders ??/24 and ??/24 by the registered owner;
- A development agreement with the RM of Morris be signed and become a caveat on the newly acquired title;
- Any and all taxes for the current year, plus any arrears have been paid;

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- Enter into an Easement Agreement with Manitoba Hydro/Centra Gas, if required by Manitoba Hydro;
- Enter into a right-of-way agreement with Bell MTS, if required by Bell MTS;
- Enter into a right-of-way agreement with Valley Fiber, if required by Valley Fiber;
- Submit compliance confirmation from Manitoba Environment and Climate Change;
- Installation, removal or relocation of any water, utility, sewer or other infrastructure, which may be required;
- Contacting the Office of Drinking Water, prior to construction;
- Contacting Manitoba Environmental and Climate Change prior to installation of any septic system.

**CARRIED**

**3 Finance/Personnel**

**3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings**

2023-250

Larry Skoglund

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 202302387 to 202400018 totalling \$2,059,481.58;  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the payroll earnings as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4 Public Hearings : None**

**5 Delegations: 11:00 a.m. Les McEwan, Tobacco Creek Watershed**

**6 Action Correspondence**

**6.1 AMM Municipal Visit - February 20, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.**

**7 Reports**

**7.1 Reeve Report - No Report**

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

**7.3 Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report**

**7.4 Public Works Manager Report**

**8 Information**

**8.1 Valley Agricultural Society**

**8.2 Subdivision No. 4152-23-8305 Rudolph and Kathleen Gross - Conditional Approval**

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

**8.4 Valley Regional Library - Meeting Minutes December 11, 2023**

- 8.5 **Manitoba EM Quarterly - December 2023**
- 8.6 **Rosenort Chamber Minutes - November 30, 2023**
- 8.7 **Pembina Valley Water Co-op Board Meeting Minutes - December 1, 2023**
- 8.8 **Morris Manor Meeting Minutes - December 13, 2023**
- 8.9 **Rhineland Municipality Notice of Public Hearing for Re-Zoning**

**9 Other Business**

- 9.1 **RM of Morris By-Law 1779-2023 - To Establish a Rate for the Collection of Solid Waste for Rosenort, Sperling and a Rural Loop as a Special Service for the Years 2023 to 2026 Inclusive - Second Reading**  
2023-251  
Al Rowe  
Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give second reading to By-law No. 1779-2023, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Morris to establish a rate for cart collection of residential solid waste for Rosenort, Sperling and a rural loop as a special service for the years 2024 to 2026 inclusive.

**CARRIED**

- 9.2 **RM of Morris By-Law 1779-2023 - To Establish a Rate for the Collection of Solid Waste for Rosenort, Sperling and a Rural Loop as a Special Service for the Years 2023 to 2026 Inclusive - Third Reading**  
2023-252  
Shane Kroeker  
Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give third and final reading to By-law No. 1779-2023, being a by-law of the Rural Municipality of Morris to establish a rate for cart collection of residential solid waste for Rosenort, Sperling and a rural loop as a special service for the years 2024 to 2026 inclusive.

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

**CARRIED**

**9.3 RM of Morris By-Law 1773-2023 - Amendment**

2023-253

Larry Skoglund

Al Rowe

WHEREAS the RM of Morris By-Law 1773-2023, being a by-law to establish water & sewer rates for the municipal utility requires an amendment to Schedule "A" & "B";  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council amend and approve Schedule "A" to correct the final rates for 2024 and 2025;  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council amend and approve Schedule "B" to correct Quarterly Minimum charges as per Schedule "A" final rates.

**CARRIED**

**9.4 Subdivision No. 4152-23-8315 - Eric Beaudette Development Agreement**

**9.5 Board of Revision**

2023-254

Shane Kroeker

Al Rowe

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council hold the 2025 Board of Revision for the RM of Morris on October 9, 2024 at 11:00 AM in the Council chambers of the RM of Morris's municipal office.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council be appointed the Board of Revision for the RM of Morris, providing there are 7 members of Council eligible to sit on said board. In the event that less than 7 members of Council are eligible, Council may appoint members to the board from the community at large, to make up a board of 7 members,  
AND BE IT YET FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CAO be the Secretary to the Board of Revision.

**CARRIED**

**9.6 RM of Morris Deputy Reeve**

2023-255

Rick Giesbrecht

Al Rowe

WHEREAS stated in the Organization bylaw (1743/2019) of the RM of Morris that the Reeve must recommend a Councillor to the position of Deputy Reeve;  
AND WHEREAS this recommendation must be passed by resolution;  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mervin Dueck be appointed as Deputy Reeve for the RM of Morris.

**CARRIED**

**9.7 2024 Blue Cross Rates**

**TABLED**

**9.8 Tax Sale Year Designation**

2023-256

Rick Giesbrecht

Cory Friesen

WHEREAS Section 365(2) of The Municipal Act provides that Council may in any year designate the immediately preceding year, or any earlier year, as the year for which properties, the taxes

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in respect of which are in arrears for the year, must be offered for sale by auction to recover the tax arrears and costs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Designated Year for which properties in arrears be offered for sale by auction, be 2023(meaning all properties with outstanding taxes from the year 2022or prior); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in accordance with s. 363 (1) of the Municipal Act, “costs” shall be the actual costs incurred by the municipality for each parcel listed for the tax sale plus an administration fee of \$50.00 per roll as set forth in Manitoba Regulation 50/97;

**CARRIED**

**10 In Camera**

**10.1 Enter In Camera**

2023-257

Larry Skoglund

Cory Friesen

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council move in Camera to discuss legal and/or personnel matters.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any matters discussed while In Camera, be held confidential until such time as discussed in an open meeting of Council.

**CARRIED**

**10.2 Exit In Camera**

2023-258

Larry Skoglund

Al Rowe

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council now move out of Camera and resume the Regular Meeting of Council.

**CARRIED**

**11 Adjournment**

2023-259

Shane Kroeker

Cory Friesen

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 10:48 a.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on February 14, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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**Deputy Reeve**

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**Chief Administrative Officer**