



**Rural Municipality of Morris**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting of Council April 17, 2024 - 09:00 AM**

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on April 17, 2024, 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, Wes Unrau, CFO, Marley Wiebe, and Public Works Manager, Paul Robert were also present at the meeting.

**1 Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

**2 Adoption of the Agenda**

2024-56

Larry Skoglund

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the April 17, 2024 Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3 Adoption of the Minutes**

2024-57

Mervin Dueck

Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of meetings that were held on March 13, 2024 and March 21, 2024 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3.1 Business Arising From Previous Minutes**

**4 Finance/Personnel**

**4.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings**

2024-58

Rick Giesbrecht

Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 202400410 to 202400563 totalling \$627,267.23

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

**CARRIED**

**4.2 Miscellaneous Posting to Property Tax Accounts**

2024-59  
Rick Giesbrecht  
Cory Friesen

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

Roll Number	Description	Amount
109100	Tax Sale Costs	\$147.00
143600	Tax Sale Costs	\$147.00
202940	Tax Sale Costs	\$10.50
203338	Tax Sale Costs	\$10.50
275450	Tax Sale Costs	\$10.50
281900	Tax Sale Costs	\$10.50

**CARRIED**

**4.3 Financial Statements**

2024-60  
Mervin Dueck  
Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adopt the December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2024, Financial Statements as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5 Public Hearings - 10:00 a.m.**

**5.1 Open Public Hearing**

2024-61  
Shane Kroeker  
Mervin Dueck

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. 01-2024

**CARRIED**

**5.2 Conditional Use No. 01-2024 Rural Municipality of Morris/Cole and Mace Law Office**

**5.3 Close Public Hearing**

2024-62  
Mervin Dueck  
Rick Giesbrecht

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

**CARRIED**

- 6 Delegations**
- 7 Action Correspondence**
- 8 Reports**
  - 8.1 Reeve Report**
  - 8.2 Building Permit Value Report & Building Permit Listing - Administration**
  - 8.3 Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report - None**
  - 8.4 Public Works Manager Report**
  - 8.5 CAO Report**
- 9 Information**
  - 9.1 Red River Valley Designated Flood Area Permit 2781-2**
  - 9.2 Community Futures - Triple R**
  - 9.3 Morris District Handivan Service**
  - 9.4 Valley Regional Library**
  - 9.5 Morris Area Senior Services**
  - 9.6 Red River Basin**
  - 9.7 Valley Agricultural Society**
  - 9.8 Aubigny CCD**
  - 9.9 Minister of Municipal Relations Message - Municipal Operating Fund 2024**
  - 9.10 Minister of Environment & Climate Change - Recycling Rebate**
  - 9.11 Province of Manitoba Budget 2024**
  - 9.12 Reconciliation Through Education Series**
  - 9.13 Royal Canadian Legion - Morris Branch Decoration Day Service**
- 10 Other Business**
  - 10.1 River Road South New Cross Walk**
    - 2024-63
    - Shane Kroeker
    - Cory Friesen

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Morris Council deems it in the best interests and safety of the residents of Rosenort to install a crosswalk at the Prairie Hearth Development;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we seek permission from Manitoba Infrastructure in order to install, at municipal expense, a crosswalk in order to ensure the safety of the community;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT upon receipt of approvals the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the appropriate documentation to allow this said crosswalk to be installed.

**CARRIED**

**10.2 Morris Manor RM Board Representation**

2024-64  
Al Rowe  
Cory Friesen

WHEREAS Council may add or change members to a committee or a board by resolution;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris representation permanently be removed from the Morris Manor Board.

**CARRIED**

**10.3 Rosenort Industrial Park Proposal**

2024-65  
Al Rowe  
Shane Kroeker

WHEREAS the RM of Morris received 3 proposals for the Marketing and Sales Strategy of the Rosenort Industrial Park lots owned by the municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council award the contract to Avison Young for a one-year term.

**CARRIED**

**10.4 Lot Pricing**

2024-66  
Mervin Dueck  
Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the proposed Rosenort Industrial Lot Pricing adjustments.

**CARRIED**

**10.5 Landfill Rate For Concrete**

2024-67  
Mervin Dueck  
Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council set the concrete tipping fee rate at \$80/tonne for clean concrete and \$160/tonne for dirty concrete;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED concrete is only accepted at the Rosenort Landfill.

**CARRIED**

**10.6 Dust Suppressant Chemical Fee**

2024-68

Shane Kroeker

Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the rate of \$520.00 plus GST for dust suppressant chemical for a 12-foot wide by 500-foot length application.

**CARRIED**

**10.7 2024 Straw Coverage Exemption Request**

2024-69

Rick Giesbrecht

Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve Kenton Penner's request for straw cover exemption during 2024 for their manure storage lagoon.

**CARRIED**

**10.8 Conditional Use No. 01-2024 Rural Municipality of Morris/Cole and Mace Law Office**

2024-70

Cory Friesen

Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve Conditional Use Application No. 01-2024 for the RM of Morris, owner and Cole & Mace Law Office, applicant of Pt. NE 33-4-2 W, Roll No. 287119, to allow for a 'public works yard, public utilities/communications' (booster station) in the "AG" General Agricultural Use Zone.

**CARRIED**

**10.9 Subdivision No. 4152-24-8381 - Kenton Fast/Laryssa Bogucki and Corey & Jessica Paetkau**

2024-71

Shane Kroeker

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council Approve the application for Subdivision File No. 4152-24-8381, RL 337, 339, & 341 Parish of St Agathe, Roll No. 256000, for the RM of Morris;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the applicant is responsible to comply with all conditions and clauses set forth by the Manitoba Community and Regional Planning Branch and the commenting agencies on the response to the application.

**CARRIED**

**10.10 RM of Morris By-law No. 1780-2023 -Daycare Reserve By-law Second Reading**

2024-72

Rick Giesbrecht

Larry Skoglund

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give second reading to RM of Morris By-law No. 1780-2024, being a by-law to establish a Reserve Fund for the replacement of the daycare facility located at 12 Spark Street in Rosenort.

**CARRIED**

**10.11 RM of Morris By-law No. 1780-2023 -Daycare Reserve Third Reading**  
 2024-73  
 Mervin Dueck  
 Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give third and final reading to RM of Morris By-law No. 1780-2024, being a by-law to establish a Reserve Fund for the replacement of the daycare facility located at 12 Spark Street in Rosenort.

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

**CARRIED**

**10.12 RM of Morris Proposed 2024 Drainage Plan**  
 2024-74  
 Cory Friesen  
 Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the proposed 2024 Drainage Plan, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**10.13 Rosemor Economic Development**  
 2024-75  
 Shane Kroeker  
 Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council, being Directors for the Rosemor Economic Development, authorize the complete transfer of funds to the RM of Morris and the closure of all bank accounts.

**CARRIED**

**10.14 Rosenort Lagoon - Wetlands**  
 2024-76  
 Cory Friesen  
 Larry Skoglund

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the proposed Rosenort Wastewater Lagoon Wetland Commissioning Proposal from Ducks Unlimited Canada operating as Native Plant Solutions.

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**10.15 Asset Retirement Obligations**

**10.16 Tax Levy By-law No. 1784/2024 - First Reading**

2024-77

Rick Giesbrecht

Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 1784-2024, being a By-law to adopt the 2024 RM of Morris financial plan and provide for the levying and collection of taxes, be given first reading.

**CARRIED**

**10.17 Water's Edge - Added April 15**

**11 Notice of Motion - Added April 16**

RESOLUTION # :

2023-171

Moved By :

Mervin Dueck

Seconded By :

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

**12 In Camera**

**12.1 Enter into Camera**

2024-78  
Cory Friesen  
Al Rowe

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**

**12.2 Exit in Camera**

2024-79  
Larry Skoglund  
Al Rowe

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

**CARRIED**

**13 Adjournment**

2024-80  
Mervin Dueck  
Cory Friesen

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 11:25 a.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on May 8, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

**CARRIED**

