



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

PRESENT: Reeve, Scott Siemens and Councillors Mervin Dueck, Rick Giesbrecht, Shane Kroeker, Al Rowe, Larry Skoglund and Cory Friesen.

REGRETS: None

STAFF: Wes Unrau, Marley Wiebe, Paul Robert.

1 Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2 Adoption of the Agenda

2024-133

Mervin Dueck

Larry Skoglund

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

CARRIED

3 Adoption of the Minutes

2024-134

Shane Kroeker

Larry Skoglund

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on May 22, 2024, June 12, 2024, and June 26, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3.1 Business Arising From Previous Minutes

3.1.1 Lowe Farm Landfill Site

4 Finance/Personnel

4.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings

2024-135

Rick Giesbrecht

Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 202400875 to 202401065 totalling \$747,343.09.

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

CARRIED

4.2 Financial Statements - June 2024

5 Action Correspondence

5.1 Subdivision 4152-24-8398 - Brandon Loewen

2024-136

Shane Kroeker

Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council Approve the application for Subdivision File No. 4152-24-8398, NE 23-05-01-W, Roll No. 47400.000, for Brandon Loewen, subject to the property owner being responsible for the following:

- Any and all costs related to the installation of additional access driveways and roadways that will be required as a result of this subdivision;
- Installation, removal or relocation of any water, utility, sewer or other infrastructure, which may be required.

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

6 Reports

6.1 Reeve Report

6.2 Building Permit Value Report & Building Permit Listing - Administration

6.3 Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report

6.4 Public Works Manager Report

6.5 CAO Report

7 Information

7.1 Water Shed District

7.2 Subdivision 4152-23-8315 - E&T Properties Ltd & RRVCDC

7.3 The Rural Municipality of Ritchot - BL 6-2024

- 7.4 **Food Cyclor Program**
- 7.5 **Ptarmigan Swine Inc. - Repair Authorization for Earthen Manure Storage Facility**
- 7.6 **Pembina Valley Water Cooperative - MOU Update Correspondence**
- 7.7 **Lowe Farm/Kane Recreation Committee - Thank you**

8 Other Business

8.1 Tax Sale Designated Officer

2024-137

Rick Giesbrecht

Cory Friesen

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 374 of the Municipal Act, a municipality may bid on and purchase property at a public auction and may direct a designated officer to bid on its behalf;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Rural Municipality of Morris appoint CAO, Wes Unrau, to bid on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Morris at the October 24, 2024, tax sale auction.

CARRIED

8.2 Tax Sale Reserve Bid

2024-138

Mervin Dueck

Larry Skoglund

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 372 of the Municipal Act, a municipality may set a reserve bid in the amount of tax arrears and costs in respect of the property.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Morris place a reserve bid on all properties in the amount of all arrears and costs in respect of each property.

CARRIED

8.3 Audited Report & Financial Statements for 2023

8.4 By-Law 1787/2024 - Fire Department Reserve Funds - 1st Reading

2024-139

Shane Kroeker

Cory Friesen

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 1787/2024, for surplus fire department budgeted funds to be transferred to the fire department reserve fund, be now given first reading.

CARRIED

8.5 By-Law 1788/2024 - Sperling Fire Hall Borrowing By-Law

8.6 Tractor Museum

8.7 Municipal Board Mandate, Role, Function and Practices

2024-140

Mervin Dueck

Shane Kroeker

WHEREAS the Municipal Board Act, the Municipal Act, the Planning Act, and other legislation sets out the mandate, role, function, and general practices of the Municipal Board; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba recognizes municipalities as a mature order of government; and

WHEREAS Municipalities are experiencing significant and costly delays as a result of outdated, bureaucratic, paternalistic, and wasteful processes in their interactions with the Municipal Board as prescribed in legislation and regulation; and

WHEREAS these delays and processes generate valueless workloads for municipal administration and wasted tax dollars due to redundant work, higher interest rates on borrowing, unnecessary legal fees, and delayed procurement; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has demonstrated its interest in reducing red tape and improving the efficiency and effectiveness of municipalities by creating the Municipal Service Delivery Improvement Program which provides financial support to complete value-for-money service delivery reviews of programs and services to improve service delivery, streamline functions, and find cost efficiencies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to undertake a comprehensive review of the mandate, role, and function of the Municipal Board to evaluate its relevance and actual value in today's municipal sector; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Manitoba complete a third-party value-for-money service delivery review of the Municipal Board processes and undertake process improvements to streamline functions, reduce red tape, and reduce municipal costs; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Manitoba engage AMM and MMA to participate as key stakeholders in the preparation of terms of reference for these efforts and any steering or oversight body for this work.

CARRIED

8.8 LUD Crosswalk

8.9 Water Coop Repayment

9 Adjournment

2024-141

Mervin Dueck

Cory Friesen

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 11:40 a.m.
and the next regular meeting of Council be held on August 14, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

CARRIED

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer