



**Rural Municipality of Morris**  
**Special Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 26, 2025 - 09:00 AM**

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

REGRETS: Councillor Shane Kroeker.

STAFF: Wes Unrau, Marley Wiebe, Trevor Dackow, and Michel Carriere.

**1 Call To Order**

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

**2 Adoption of the Agenda**

2025-43

Larry Skoglund

Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the February 26, 2025, Special Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3 Reports**

**3.1 Building Inspector/Fire Chief Report**

**3.2 Public Works Manager Report**

**3.3 Urban Works Report**

**3.4 CAO Report**

**3.5 Task Listing**

**3.6 Utility Meter Repair List**

**4 Public Hearing - 11:00 a.m.**

**4.1 Close Special Meeting for Public Hearing**

2025-44

Larry Skoglund

Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the RM of Morris close their Special Council Meeting to hold the required Public Hearing.

**CARRIED**

**4.2 Open Public Hearing**

2025-45

Larry Skoglund

Cory Friesen

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:

- 2025 Financial Plan

- Variation Order No. 02-2025

**CARRIED**

**4.3 2025 Financial Plan**

**4.4 Variation Order No. 02-2025 - Horizon Agro Holdings Inc./Terry Rempel**

**4.5 Close Public Hearing**

2025-46

Mervin Dueck

Larry Skoglund

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

**CARRIED**

**4.6 Open Regular Meeting**

2025-47

Rick Giesbrecht

Larry Skoglund

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Special Meeting of Council resume.

**CARRIED**

**5 Business**

Councillor Friesen left the meeting.

**5.1 By-Law 1792-2024 - LUD of Rosenort Procedural - Second Reading**

2025-48

Rick Giesbrecht

Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give second reading to the RM of Morris By-law 1792-2024, being a by-law to establish and regulate the proceedings and code of conduct of the elected officials of the LUD of Rosenort.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 By-Law 1792-2024 - LUD of Rosenort Procedural - Third Reading**

2025-49

Mervin Dueck

Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give third reading to the RM of Morris By-law 1792-2024, being a by-law to establish and regulate the proceedings and code of conduct of the elected officials of the LUD of Rosenort.

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

**CARRIED**

**5.3 By-Law 1793-2024 Rural Right of Way - Second Reading**

2025-50

Mervin Dueck

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give second reading to the RM of Morris By-law 1793-2024, being a by-law to maintain Municipal Right of Way and to regulate nuisances or encumbrances that impact the safety and ongoing operations and maintenance of Municipal roads, drainage and other right of ways.

**CARRIED**

**5.4 By-Law 1793-2024 Rural Right of Way - Third Reading**

2025-51

Al Rowe

Larry Skoglund

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give third reading to the RM of Morris By-law 1793-2024, being a by-law to maintain Municipal Right of Way and to regulate nuisances or encumbrances that impact the safety and ongoing operations and maintenance of Municipal roads, drainage and other right of ways.

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

**CARRIED**

**5.5 By-Law 1797-2025 Urban Right of Way - Second Reading**

2025-52

Mervin Dueck

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give second reading to the RM of Morris By-law 1797-2025, being a by-law to provide for the care and maintenance of Right of Ways within the LUD of Rosenort, Aubigny, Lowe Farm and Sperling.

**CARRIED**

**5.6 By-Law 1797-2025 Urban Right of Way - Third Reading**

2025-53

Larry Skoglund

Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give third reading to the RM of Morris By-law 1797-2025, being a by-law to provide for the care and maintenance of Right of Ways within the LUD of Rosenort, Aubigny, Lowe Farm and Sperling.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Mervin Dueck	✓			
Cory Friesen				✓
Rick Giesbrecht	✓			

Shane Kroeker		✓
Al Rowe	✓	
Scott Siemens	✓	
Larry Skoglund	✓	

**CARRIED**

**5.7 By-law 1795-2025 - Council Renumeration - Second Reading**

2025-54

Mervin Dueck  
Larry Skoglund

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give second reading to By-law 1795/2024, being a by-law to provide for the remuneration of members of the RM of Morris Council.

**CARRIED**

**5.8 Councillor Friesen returned to the meeting.**

**5.9 By-Law 1795/2024 - Council Renumeration - Third Reading**

2025-55

Larry Skoglund  
Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give third reading to By-law 1795/2024, being a by-law to provide for the remuneration of members of the RM of Morris Council.

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

**CARRIED**

**5.10 By-Law 1799-2025 - Agreement with Centra Gas Manitoba LTD. - Second Reading**

2025-56

Larry Skoglund

Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give second reading to the RM of Morris By-law 1799-2025, being a by-law to authorize the replacement of the April 27, 1995 Franchise Agreement enacted with Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. with a new, updated Franchise Agreement and thirty year term.

**CARRIED**

**5.11 By-Law 1799-2025 - Agreement with Centra Gas Manitoba LTD. - Third Reading**

2025-57

Rick Giesbrecht

Cory Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council give third reading to the RM of Morris By-law 1799-2025, being a by-law to authorize the replacement of the April 27, 1995 Franchise Agreement enacted with Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. with a new, updated Franchise Agreement and thirty year term.

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Mervin Dueck	✓			
Cory Friesen	✓			
Rick Giesbrecht	✓			
Shane Kroeker				✓
Al Rowe	✓			
Scott Siemens	✓			
Larry Skoglund	✓			

**CARRIED**

**5.12 By-Law 1800-2025 - 2025 Tax Levy**

2025-58

Rick Giesbrecht

Mervin Dueck

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 1800-2025, being a By-law to adopt the 2025 RM of Morris financial plan and provide for the levying and collection of taxes, be given first reading.

**CARRIED**

- 5.13 Variation Order No. 02-2025 - Horizon Agro Holdings Inc./Terry Rempel**  
2025-59  
Mervin Dueck  
Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve Variation Order No. 02-2025, for owner, Horizon Agro Holdings Inc. and applicant, Terry Rempel, of NW 17-5-1E, Roll No. 170400, to vary the site width requirements from 600 feet to 243.88 feet, in a "AR" zone.

**CARRIED**

- 5.14 Subdivision No. 4152-24-8432 Steve Tapley & Melody Caron/Heather Bunkowsky**  
2025-60  
Cory Friesen  
Al Rowe

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council Approve the application for Subdivision File No. 4152-24-8432, NW 22-6-1W, Roll No. 72100, for owner Heather Bunkowsky and applicant Steve Tapley & Melody Caron;

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 Information**

- 6.1 Subdivision No. 4152-24-8398 - Brandon Loewen Final Approval**
- 6.2 Letter from EMO - Emergency Plan Approval**
- 6.3 Valley Agricultural Society**
- 6.4 Seine Rat Roseau Watershed**
- 6.5 Rosenort Chamber**
- 6.6 Small Town Kids Daycare**
- 6.7 Rosenort Community Center District**
- 6.8 Morris Museum**
- 6.9 EMO Spring Conditions Seminar**
- 6.10 Healthy Aging in Central Manitoba Event Invitation**

- 7**     **Adjournment**  
2025-61  
Larry Skoglund  
Cory Friesen

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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**Reeve**

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**Chief Administrative Officer**