Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the RM of Morris held on Wednesday, August 13, 2014, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the RM of Morris Council Chambers. Reeve Ralph Groening, and Councillors Stan Siemens, Barry Fraese, Denis Robert, Brad Coulombe and Margaret Gluck were present with Reeve Groening in the chair. CAO Larry Driedger and Recording Secretary Kim Robert were also present at the meeting. Councillor Mervin Dueck has sent his regrets.

**Call to Order:**

**159/14 Denis Robert – Brad Coulombe**

Resolved that the August 13, 2014 Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

1. **Council Minutes:**
   1. **June 8th, 2014, Council Minutes**

**160/14 Margaret Gluck – Barry Fraese**

Resolved that the minutes of a meeting that was held on July 8th, 2014 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

* 1. **July 29th, 2014, Special Meeting- Council Minutes**

**161/14 Brad Coulombe – Barry Fraese**

Resolved that the minutes of a special meeting that was held on June 29th, 2014 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

1. **Finance/Personnel:**

(2.1) **Cheque Listing**

**162/14 Denis Robert – Brad Coulombe**

Resolved that the Rural Municipality of Morris approve the accounts as presented from cheque numbers 201400903 to 201401124 totalling $467,699.43.

Carried.

(2.2) **2013 Financial Statement – July 2014**

**163/14 Margaret Gluck – Stan Siemens**

Resolved that the RM of Morris Council adopt the Financial Statement for July 2014.

Carried.

(2.3) **Tax Adjustment**

**164/14 Brad Coulombe – Stan Siemens**

Resolved that the RM of Morris adjust the following accounts as per attached.

Carried.

1. **Committee & Reports:**

Council reviewed the following reports:

* 1. Reeve’s Report

3.2 2014 Building Permit Spreadsheet 3.3 Committee of the Whole Minutes – July 29, 2014 3.4 Devils Lake Tour

1. **Action Correspondence:**

**4.1 Subdivision 4152-14-7292 Ryan C. & Heather L. Plett**

**165/14 Stan Siemens – Barry Fraese**

Resolved that the RM of Morris Council approve application for subdivision number 4152-14-7292, SE ¼ 7-6-1E, being Parcel 1 of Plan 8774, R.M. of Morris (Rosenort).

Carried.

**4.2 Subdivision 4152-14-7291 RM of Morris**

**166/14 Stan Siemens – Denis Robert**

Resolved that the RM of Morris Council approve application for subdivision number 4152-14-7291, Lot 7, Plan 52846 in NE ½ 5-6-1E, R.M. of Morris (Rosenort).

Carried.

**167/14 Margaret Gluck – Barry Fraese**

WHEREAS the Pembina Valley Reeves and Mayors (PVRAM) Group applied for the provincial Partners 4 Growth Program to assist with a regional tourism study;

AND WHEREAS the group was approved for a grant in the amount of $8000 which represents half of the cost;

AND WHEREAS PVRAM is required to raise the remaining $8000 from contribution from its member municipalities

AND WHEREAS the RM of Morris is a member of the PVRAM and would like to support this study;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we agree to provide a grant in the amount of 20 cents per capita to the PVRAM Group to assist with the funding of the study.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the funding be paid to the City of Winkler who has agreed to provide administration and accounting support for the project at no charge to PVRAM;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding paid to the City of Winkler be used exclusively for the tourism study project in accordance with the application submitted to the Partners 4 Growth Program.

Carried.

1. **By-Laws:**

**5.1 By-Law No. 1697/13 – Rural Water Debenture**

**168/14 Brad Coulombe – Stan Siemens**

Resolved that the RM of Morris Council give third reading to and pass By-Law No. 1697/13, being a By-law of the Rural Municipality of Morris to authorize the expenditure and borrowing of money for the installation and connection of properties to a water & sewer line system as a local improvement.

**In Favour:** Reeve Ralph Groening and Councillors Stan Siemens, Barry Fraese, Denis Robert, Brad Coulombe and Margaret Gluck

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstained:** 0

Carried.

1. **Delegations:**

**10:00 a.m.**

**6.1 Lorne Hamblin – Sponsorship Confirmation -Dekalb**

Lorne Hamblin attended the meeting at 10:00 a.m. to formally thank the RM of Morris for becoming Gold Sponsors for the upcoming Dekalb. The event will now be held at the Morris Curling Club Nov 20-24th and at the Rosenort Arena for the first time on Friday, Nov 21 and Saturday, Nov 22. He also mentioned that there will also be special guests including Team Jennifer Jones.

**11:00 a.m.**

**6.2 MLA Shannon Martin Visit**

MLA Shannon Martin attended the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Martin and Council had good discussions on issues within the RM. Mr. Martin looks forward to building strong relationships with all towns and RM’s in the Morris Constituency.

**11:30 a.m.**

**6.3 Public Works Manager, Don Harder’s report**

Here are a few items discussed:

* Drainage: -12 miles completed.
* Roads: -dirt roads shaping up quite well.

-roadside weed spraying is done for now. -roadside mowing, all dirt and gravel roads are mowed from mile 31 north to north boundary.

* Water Works: -2 new rural water services to be done.

-2 new services in Rosemor Industrial Park.

-1 new service on Brandt Road.

- Various: -Sperling sidewalk removal this fall.

**6.4 Building Inspector, Ed Penner went over his report with Council.**

1. **Other Business:**

7.1 Website Analytics

7.2 Event Calendar

7.3 Dueck Memorial Batting Cage Contribution

**169/14 Barry Fraese – Denis Robert**

Resolved that the RM of Morris contribute $500. to the batting cage in honour of the memory of Calvin Dueck.

Carried

1. **Information Package:**

**Information Correspondence Items**

8.1 Minister of Municipal Government 2014 Payment

8.2 Manitoba Infrastructure & Transportation Traffic Board Hearing

8.3 Minister of Municipal Government Second Intake Approval

8.4 RM of Morris Public Works Vehicle Count

8.5 Red River Wild Sponsorship Request

8.6 Community Planning Certificate of Approval File No. 4152-14-7212

8.7 Rescind CN Rail Resolution No. 42/14:

Notice of Motion was given that Council would like to reconsider Council Resolution No. 42/14 regarding the CN Rail Proposal to apply for an exemption to the 5 minute blocking crossing regulation. The resolution will be on the agenda for the next meeting of Council.

8.8 Set a Date for COTW September 2, 2014 9:00 a.m.

1. **In Camera: 10:25 a.m.**

**169/14 Brad Coulombe – Denis Robert**

RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris go into camera to discuss the development issues.

Carried.

1. **Open Meeting: 11:00 a.m.**

**170/14 Margaret Gluck – Brad Coulombe**

RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council go back into open meeting.

Carried.

1. **Adjournment Resolution:**

**171/14 Stan Siemens – Brad Coulombe**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 11:50 a.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

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