

Rural Municipality of Morris Council Minutes
August 9, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.
RM of Morris Council Chambers

Minutes of the RM of Morris Council Meeting held on Wednesday, August 9, 2017, commencing at 9:00 a.m., in the RM of Morris Council Chambers. Reeve, Ralph Groening, and Councillors Stan Siemens, Mervin Dueck, Rick Giesbrecht, Denis Robert, Barry Fraese and Michael Toews were present, with Reeve Groening in the Chair. CAO, Larry Driedger, Public Works Manager, Don Harder and Recording Officer, Kim Robert, were also present at the meeting.

1. Adoption of Agenda:

159/17 Denis Robert – Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the August 9, 2017, Council Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried.

2. Council Minutes:

2.1 Council Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2017:

160/17 Mervin Dueck – Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of a meeting that was held on July 12, 2017, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

3. Finance/Personnel:

3.1 Cheque Listing and Employee Earnings:

161/17 Mervin Dueck – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the accounts as presented from cheque number 201701088 to 201701226 totalling \$478,304.46. AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the payroll earnings as presented.

Carried.

3.2 RM of Morris Financial Statements – July 2017:

162/17 Mervin Dueck – Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adopt the July, 2017 Financial Statements as presented.

Carried.

3.3 Miscellaneous Postings to Property Tax Accounts:

163/17 Denis Robert – Barry Fraese

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council approve the adjustments of the following Property Tax Accounts.

Account Number	Description	Amount
26500	Tax Sale Costs	\$60.00
142400	Tax Sale Costs	\$216.00

Carried.

3.4 Miscellaneous Posting to Utility Accounts:

164/17 Rick Giesbrecht – Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council adjust the following Utility Accounts:

Account Number	Description	Amount
230465	Payment Returned NSF	\$115.82
230465	Penalty Adjustment	\$1.45
230465	NSF Fee	\$40.00
25249000	Penalty Reversed-Account Closed	\$0.54
251110	Transfer From Bulk Water	\$276.26
252698	Transfer From Bulk Water	\$593.84

Carried.

4. Public Hearings: None

5. Delegations: None

6. Action Correspondence: None

7. Reports:

7.1 Reeve Report – July 2017:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Reeve Report.

7.2 Public Works Manager Report:

Drainage:

- 22 ½ miles completed.

Roads:

- Gravel and dirt roads are ready for harvest;
- Roadside mowing approximately ¼ completed on 2nd round of gravel and 1st round of dirt roads.

Various:

- Brandt Street sewer and water mains are completed. There are 8 more lots to service later this year;
- Lowe Farm Industrial Park street extension nearing completion. Ditching on both sides of the new street will be done after harvest.
- Currently crack filling on asphalt streets in Rosenort and Lowe Farm;
- Lowe Farm lagoon waiting on pricing on alum system;
- River Lot 503 washout; no word on assistance yet;
- 2 rescue vehicles for sale by tender. August 11 deadline;
- Green Team is staying caught up with urban mowing.

Landfill:

- Landfill Operator Training Course. The Rosenort Landfill Operator will need to be signed up for the Training Course that takes place in November. All Class 2 Landfill employees are mandated by the Province to take the training.

Additions:

- Repair work is still waiting to be completed on Oak Bay in Rosenort. The contractor doing the repair is still committed to do the work. The CAO will communicate with the property owners that are waiting to get an update on the situation;
- Due to Provincial regulations alum must be added to the new Lowe Farm lagoon every time water is released. Public Works Manager, Don Harder will get a price on the appropriate 10,000 litre storage tank and a 1,000 litre wagon trailer that is equipped with a pump;
- Rosenort water plant upgrades are almost complete. Next year the Lowe Farm water plant will require upgrades;
- CAO, Larry Driedger will communicate with Ouimet Road residents to give them an update on the status of the road.

7.3 Public Works Employee Discussion:

165/17 Stan Siemens – Michael Toews

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council go in-camera to discuss a personnel issue.

Carried.

166/17 Denis Robert – Rick Giesbrecht

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris Council return to open meeting.

Carried.

8. Information:

8.1 Promissory Note:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the information. The Public Works Manager advised that the work will be done this year.

8.2 Notice of Public Hearing – Rural Municipality of Macdonald:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the information.

8.3 By-law Enforcement Orders & Reports:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Orders & Reports.

8.4 Animal Control Correspondence:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the correspondence.

8.5 Red River Basin Commission Tour, Ex Officio & Board Meeting:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the information and it was determined that 2 representatives would attend.

8.6 Emergency Medical Services in Rural Manitoba – Information Pack:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the information.

8.7 Taxes Paid by June 30th – Five Year Comparison:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the information.

8.8 Minister of Indigenous & Municipal Relations – 2017 Municipal Operating Grant:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the information.

9. Other Business:

9.1 Council Event Listing:

The RM of Morris Council reviewed the Event Listing.

9.2 Auditor Appointment:

167/17 Barry Fraese – Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris appoint Sharpe & Company as the Auditors for the 2017 fiscal year.

Carried.

9.3 Way To Go Consulting Inc. – Utility Rate Study Quote Discussion:

168/17 Mervin Dueck – Stan Siemens

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Morris hire Way to Go Consulting Inc., to provide the Utility Rate Study as presented.

Carried.

9.4 Red River Valley School Division Fibre Optic Cable Discussion:

The RM of Morris Council will contact the Minister of Education to obtain more information regarding the fibre optic cable being installed across the RM of Morris.

9.5 Morris District Handi-Van Service Discussion:

Councillor Barry Fraese reported the following:

- The Handi-Van transported approximately 344 people during the Manitoba Stampede;
- There is approximately 55,000 kilometers on the van;
- The new garage has been started and they anticipate that a ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at the beginning of October;
- The Board is looking at purchasing a new bus for next year;
- Morris District Handi-Van Service employs 16 drivers at this time.

9.6 Valley Agricultural Society Discussion:

Councillor Denis Robert reported that the Manitoba Stampede preliminary numbers are looking favourable.

9.7 RM of Morris Fire Hall Discussion:

There are no updates as this time.

10. Adjournment Resolution:

169/17 Stan Siemens – Rick Giesbrecht

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting is now adjourned at 11:30 a.m. and the next regular meeting of Council be held September 13, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

Carried.

REEVE

CAO

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